

Healing & Comfort

Please pray for the following members and friends of our church family, who have long-term health needs.

- Ruth Collett (cancer).
- Bella (aged 12) (cancer).
- Angela Miles (recovering from foot operation)
- Stephanie Ruse.
- John Calder.
- Mickey Flight (recovering from knee op).
- Sue Hallett (knee operation).
- John & Sally Payne's son-in-law, Mike (cancer).
- Jean Cannon.
- Marie Merrick.
- Vanessa Burke (cancer).
- John and his daughter who has now made contact.
- Doreen & Michael, friends of Angela Symonds.
- Jasmine Coe, Joan Jones' great-granddaughter, who is now ready to accept help.
- . Baby twins Etori and Ariana and their family (born very prematurely).

World Events

Sunday November 18th is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

Pray particularly this month for:

- **Christians in Sudan.** Under the president's authoritarian rule, freedom of expression is highly curtailed and the persecution of Christians is reminiscent of ethnic cleansing: arrests with charges of espionage; churches demolished; indiscriminate attacks in areas like the Nuba Mountains. Believers are afraid to share their faith with their children or Muslim neighbours. Some disguise their identity even after death, being buried in Muslim cemeteries (source: Open Doors).

Renewal

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day..." (Exodus 16)

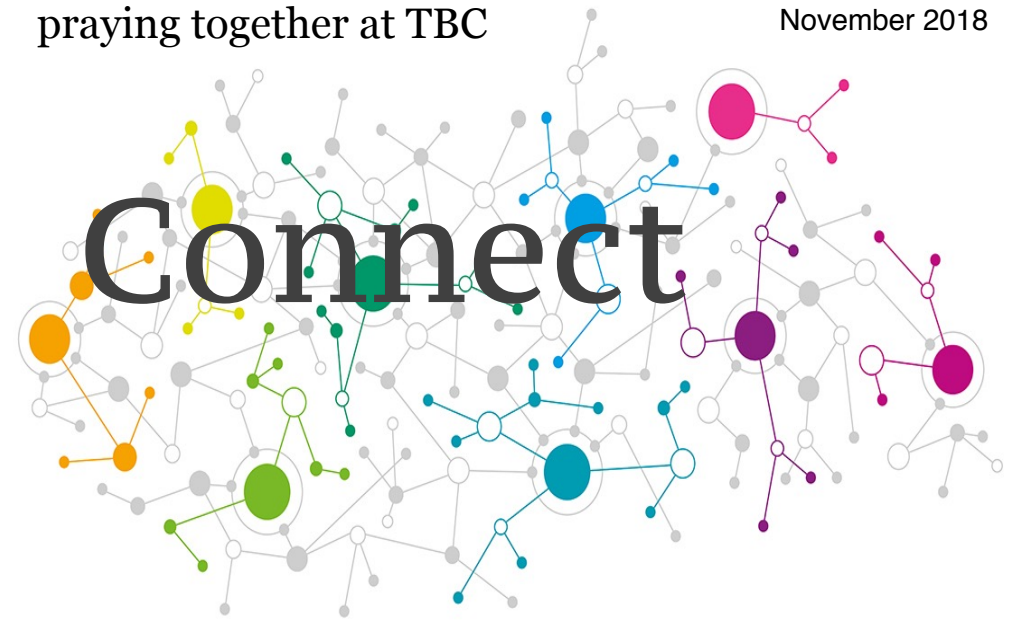
The provision of daily manna in the wilderness, is an image of God's provision for us in Jesus, "the bread who is come down from heaven".

Prayerfully reflect:

- How are you feeding daily on Jesus?
- How is Jesus sustaining your daily life?

praying together at TBC

November 2018



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Education & Childcare

Hi, I'm Carol, married to Dave, and I've been part of the TBC family for 15 years, since we moved to Thornbury from Cheshire with our two children. For the past seven years, I have worked in a local primary school as a Special Needs Teaching Assistant.

As a Teaching Assistant, I am often the first point of contact for a child who may be struggling with school, for whatever reason, so some of my time is spent as a listening ear, or offering emotional support, as well as providing classroom support for the children I work closely with. Whilst I love my job because I can be a positive role model and show love and care, it can be exhausting at times!

I am fortunate to work with some Christians, and it's wonderful to be able to support one another.

Prayer Points for those in education and childcare:

- For teachers, who work incredibly hard and give so much, that they would be able to balance work & family life.
- That God would give us His wisdom and love, especially as we try to help the growing number of younger children showing signs of anxiety / mental health issues.



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Community Mission

Basement (school year 7 to 9) and Attic Café (school year 10-13) are a long established bridge between the "street" and the "church". Over the last year some 100 young people have been part of the clubs. The teams that lead aim to build relationships with every young person that show the love of Jesus in an appropriate way and provide a safe place to grow.

Please pray for:

- More people to join the teams that lead the clubs: we are running on skeleton staffing - please speak to Mike.
- Those young people who are struggling with life in so many ways - that God will break through.
- Wisdom, strength, love and creativity for the teams that lead - especially when faced with what can seem an overwhelming need.
- For the wider youth provision in the town - under pressure in times of financial restraint.

All of our mission partners are listed under the 'mission' tab on our church website, so do search there for more information. Many also have their own websites, and you will find those links in their listing on the church website.

Local & UK Mission

Willow Tree supports and listens to women and their partners who are experiencing crisis pregnancy or are struggling after baby loss. Our work is under-pinned by prayer and we are continually aware of God's presence as we seek to be there in times of distress and desperation.

Please pray for:

- The advisors who will pilot the telephone counselling service and for the clients who have been offered this service.
- All the clients who are on our waiting list.
- All those who recently found understanding and opportunities to grieve during Baby Loss Awareness week. We remember our clients who continue to mourn the loss of their children.
- Organisations we work closely with: SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity), The Miscarriage Association (Bristol Branch) and The Mariposa Trust which organises 'saying goodbye' events all over the country and provides information about baby loss.
- New advisors to join us, including men, as we see couples both together and singly.
- The training course to be held in Newport in the February, we hope to send a group to join this course.

Mission Partners

In places where no other Christian witness is possible, behind closed doors in homes in countries that are officially closed to Christian witness and worship, people can access the Gospel through SAT-7's programmes and hear about God's love.

Please pray for:

- The thousands of SAT-7 viewers who watch SAT-7 secretly and praise God for the way He uses programmes to reveal Himself to them.
- Algeria's growing numbers of believers watching SAT-7's discipleship programmes. Please pray that the Government's church closures will cease and that God will raise up leaders to pastor the new churches.
- Syrian churches as new believers add to congregations that were decimated by the conflict there. For more information see <https://www.sat7uk.org/new-believers-fill-syrian-churches/>
- SAT-7's ACADEMY educational programmes, that benefit the millions of Arabic children in low quality schools in the MENA as well as the 13 million who cannot access schooling due to displacement, that the children will gain understanding in core primary subjects as well as the critical thinking and dialogue needed to build tolerant, diverse communities.

Children & Youth

Please pray for:

- Young people of all ages with mental health needs, that they will get timely help and that we will provide the best support that we can to them and to their parents/carers.
- Our Uni students as the days get shorter, the time away from home gets longer and the workload hits home.
- All those who work in the Children and Youth Ministry of TBC, give thanks for them and the love they show to young people.

Talking of Jesus

Pray for:

- God-given opportunities to speak about Jesus in your daily life.
- Courage to speak out.
- Individuals that you meet regularly on your frontline.
- Family members who have walked away from faith.
- Guests who you might invite to one of our Christmas services or events.
- Those attending TBC for our community events, such as Coffee Shop, Lunch Club, Goose Club, Community Choir, Two by Two. Pray that they meet Jesus here!