

Healing & Comfort

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

- Nick and Dorothy Wagstaff's great nephew, Ben (15) (leukaemia)
- John Shackford who is unwell
- Ruth Collett (cancer).
- Bella (aged 12) (cancer).
- Angela Miles (recovering from foot operation)
- Stephanie Ruse (awaiting brain surgery).
- 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 (born very prematurely).

World Events

Pray particularly this month for:

- **Asia Bibi**, the Pakistani Christian who spent eight years on death-row for blasphemy, before her conviction was overturned. Thank God that the Pakistan Supreme Court has upheld the decision to quash her conviction.
- **Yemen** - continue to pray for this poverty-stricken and war-torn country in which an estimated 85,000 children under the age of five may have died from acute malnutrition in three years of war.

Renewal

Use these words from the song 'I Surrender' as your prayer:

Here I am
Down on my knees again
Surrendering all.

Drench my soul
As mercy and grace unfold
I hunger and thirst.

Like a rushing wind
Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way in me.

Like a mighty storm
Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way in me.

I surrender all to you.

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following the way of

loving God, one another
and the world



praying together at TBC

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TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Media, Design & Creative

My name is Annalisa Thompson and with my husband and two children, I moved to Thornbury from London just over a year ago. I studied fashion/textiles at Ravensbourne College and worked in the industry for five years, after which time, I decided the Fashion Industry was not for me. When time allows, however, I love to create my own textile art work.

As a Christian, I have found that I can use my work as a way to bless people. Nature is my main inspiration and as I work, I feel closer and more connected to God. He makes beautiful things. It is my intention for my work to represent that.

My other passion is people. I now work at New Siblands school as a learning support assistant, which I love. I have always been intrigued by the idea of using my art in a more therapeutic way to benefit others. Marrying my two passions.

I have worked with adults with autism in the past and have had the opportunity to facilitate art workshops in schools, which I find very rewarding.



Prayer Points:

- I will be exhibiting for the second time, in the Severn Vale Art Trail later this year.
- Prayers for help with finding a good home/work balance would be great. And that doors would open for the opportunity to work with young people on art projects in the future.
- Pray for all others in our church who use their God-given creative skills to bless others, serve God - and earn a living.

Community Mission

Thornbury Baptist Church Football Club is a missional activity that seeks to involve people with no other connection with Church. As a team we play in the Bristol Churches Association Football League which is affiliated the Gloucester Football Association (GFA). This means that we compete mostly against other church teams but also other teams in Bristol when we play in GFA Cup competitions.

Come along and see us in action!
Fixtures are on the church noticeboard.

Please pray for:

- The vision and purpose of the team which is to live out the gospel on the football field.
- Those in the team who would not otherwise attend church.
- An outreach event called "Pastor and a Pint" where David Lawrence will share the gospel with some of our "not yet Christians" in March.
- Wisdom for Chris Beddoes, manager and Dave Finney, Chairman, as they put much time, effort and commitment into running the team.
- Great, ongoing relationships with all those involved in providing facilities for the Club i.e. Marlwood School and Alveston Parish Council.

Local & UK Mission

We are members of TBC and Paul works as an army chaplain. I (Paul) have just moved to my new appointment as 'Senior Chaplain' at the Army Foundation College (AFC) in Harrogate. The AFC is a Training environment for approx. 1300 recruits (16-year-old boys and girls) who spend 12 months at the college before moving to their first regular unit.



Paul &
Michelle
Green

Please pray:

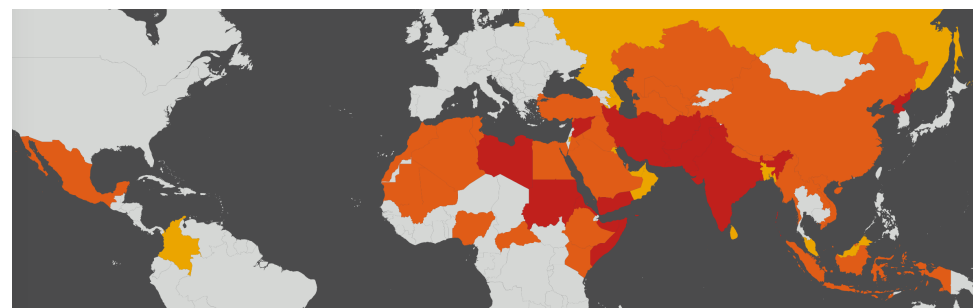
- Moving will inevitably bring added stresses on family life. Pray for Michelle and I as a couple as we begin this new chapter in our lives.
- My new post comes with greater responsibility – Senior Chaplain. That means that in addition to the normal day to day chaplain stuff, I will now have a small team of chaplains to manage as well.
- The Army Foundation College is very different to any other environment in which I have served before as a Chaplain. Please pray for wisdom as I deal with the challenges that lie ahead.

Mission Partners: The Persecuted Church

According to Open Doors, the persecution of Christians is getting worse. Five years ago only one country – North Korea – was ranked in the 'extreme' category for its level of persecution of Christians. This year, 11 countries score enough to fit that category.

Please pray for:

- Those Christians living in the most persecuted countries in the world, as indicated on Open Doors' World Watch List 2019 (see map below, and visit opendoorsuk.org for detailed information of each country).
- Our own Mission Partners working with persecuted Christians e.g. ELAM and SAT-7 (pick up more information from the Mission display stand in TBC).



Children & Youth

Pray for:

- Basement (school years 7 to 9, Fridays) as Youth Alpha is being offered as part of Club, that there will be interest and engagement.
- Those struggling at school as a result of special needs, that they will receive the support they require at a time of pressure on resource availability.
- Jesse Winter, a stalwart of SNG who has returned to YWAM in Tasmania for a further 18 months that this will be a time of formation for the future.

Talking of Jesus

Pray for:

- The ALPHA Course has started! Pray for those on the course to be drawn to faith by God's Spirit at work in them.
- The many contacts that we have through Coffee Shop every week. Pray that we find ways of 'talking Jesus' with them.
- Your own friends and frontline acquaintances. Ask for God-given opportunities to share your faith with them.