

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:

- Positive and lasting outcomes from the **talks between Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un**.
- A reduction of tensions between **India and Pakistan**.
- **UK & EU leaders** as Brexit reaches the significant deadline of March 29th.
- A peaceful way forward for the people of **Venezuela**.
- **Christians in Nigeria** during the elections. One church leader, Ibrahim Bakwe, told Open Doors, "Every time elections approach, there is so much fear of the unknown among Christians, because they have been targeted so often."

Renewal

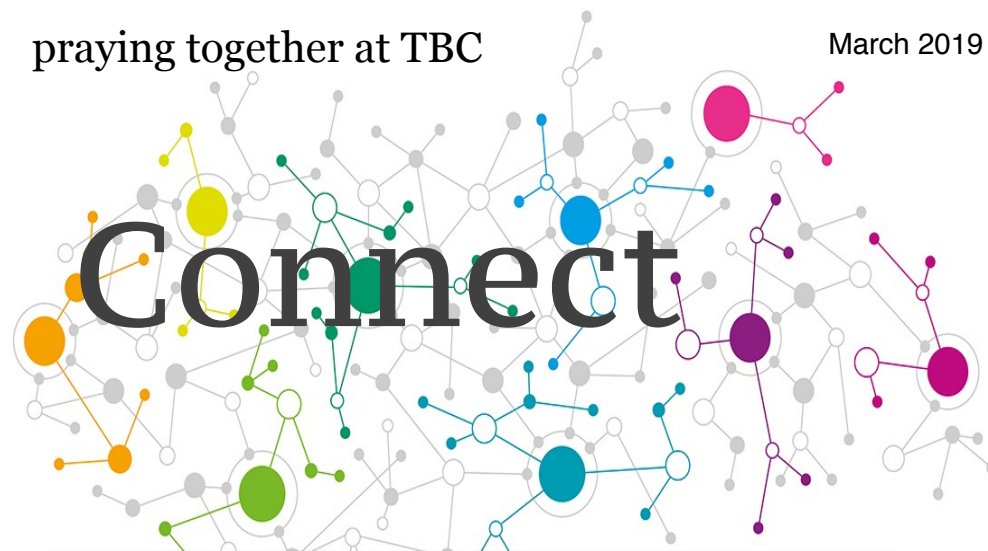
Do you know someone who is feeling particularly spiritually 'dried up' at the moment? Commit to pray for them daily this month.

Let your living water flow over their souls,
Let your Holy Spirit come and take control
Of every situation that has troubled their minds:
All their cares and burdens onto you, I roll.

Of course you could pray this for yourself too!

praying together at TBC

March 2019



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Retired and Home-makers

Hello. I'm Charles, married to Julie, and we have been part of TBC since October 2017. We took early retirement from our respective workplaces in 2017, having been involved in the NHS, teaching and horticulture. We moved to Thornbury to join family already living here, to allow us to be closely involved in all parts of family life, including much treasured time with our grandchildren.

Being newly retired opened up a wealth of possibilities, but at the same time was slightly daunting. A period of adjustment was needed and the welcoming embrace of TBC provided a most welcome introduction to this new chapter of our lives. Thus far our mission involvement has included Two by Two toddlers and the TBC Coffee Shop. We are extremely thankful for the opportunity retirement gives us to be available for new areas of mission, whatever God may have in store for our futures.



Prayer Points:

- To spend time listening to God's prompting for future roles and wait upon his guidance.
- For God to give us all his strength to face new challenges and be willing to step outside of our comfort zones.
- Thank God for all the retired members of our church, who serve the family in so many ways, that they may know God's blessing day by day and be strengthened in his love.

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Community Mission

Several times each year we hold Dads' Mornings for dads to bring their children along to a morning of soft play, craft activities and bacon rolls! This is an excellent opportunity to engage with the male millennials in the area in a fun and informal setting. It also provides a stepping stone to build on friendships with the men whose partners already attend Coffee Shop or Two by Two.

Please pray for:

- For the Dads' & Children's Morning coming up on 23rd of March.
 - Pray that it will be well attended.
 - That good conversations will spring up between the church men and the dads who come along.
- For the growth of an ongoing work to develop and continue with men in our community.

Talking of Jesus

Pray for:

- Those on the current ALPHA Course, who are moving towards faith.
- The many contacts that we have through Coffee Shop and our other community activities. Pray that we find ways of 'talking Jesus' with them.
- Your own friends, neighbours and frontline acquaintances. Ask for God-given opportunities to share your faith with them as Easter approaches.

Local & UK Mission

As a church community we have engaged with an exciting and challenging supported housing project in Thornbury. After four years of thorough preparation the Oasis project was launched in 2018 for formerly homeless individuals. There are a fantastic team of well-trained volunteers from the church who work to support the people for whom the house is home.

Please pray:

- That the residents find it a place to flourish and grow.
- That as new residents join the project, the transitions will go well.
- For God's help with the large amount of administration needed to run the project.
- For the team that have given themselves to the project.
- That God will overshadow all that takes place.

World Mission

Stephen & Deborah Pacht along with their four children Sam, Hannah, Gabrielle and Jessica live in Switzerland. Stephen and Deborah are part of the mission Jews for Jesus which is a mission mainly comprised of Jewish people who are committed to sharing the good news about Jesus to other Jewish people.

Stephen writes:

"We have been in Geneva for over eight years and are grateful to God for life and ministry here. Sam and Hannah are completing their Undergraduate studies. Gabrielle is taking a gap year and Jessica is persevering in her penultimate year at the "Gymnase" (Lycée).

Deborah is meeting Jewish women through an Israeli dance group in Geneva, and through Christian friends and contacts. We continue our animated bible studies with Jewish men, some believers, others not.

Do pray for our local but very international Jewish friends: Kohavit, Yael & Zohar from Israel, Yehuda from Egypt, Dustin from Germany, Amanda from the UK and Rabbi David from ... Switzerland!"

Children & Youth

Apart from on our frontlines the largest connections that TBC has with those who do not have a Christian faith are children, young people and families. The elders recently shared with the Family Forum that we believe God is calling us to invest more into these connections to provide greater opportunities for people to come to faith. With that in mind we are proposing to recruit a Youth Worker and a Families Worker to work alongside Mike and Sally. We ask that this month you pray for this exciting development in church life:

Please pray:

- for confidence that we will hear God together about this proposal.
- that God is already working in the heart of those who may be appointed.
- for fruit that will last.



The Pacht Family