

Healing & Comfort

Please pray for the following members and friends of our church family.

- Sue Todd
- Angus Macaskill (recovery from heart op)
- David Chatt (cancer).
- Ruth Collett (cancer).
- Debby Collett (recovery from foot operation)
- Bella (aged 12) (cancer).
- Stephanie Ruse (recovery following brain surgery).
- John Calder.
- Sue Hallett (recovering from knee surgery).
- Wendy Box
- John & Sally Payne's son-in-law, Mike (stage 4 cancer).
- Jean Cannon.
- Marie Merrick.
- Vanessa Burke (cancer).
- John and his daughter.
- Doreen & Michael, friends of Angela Symonds.
- Wendy Titterton.
- David Connelly (heart op)

If you become aware of a pastoral need, please contact Paul Ferguson.

World Events

Use the news as a prompt for prayer. Pray particularly this month for:

- Algerian Christians who are witnessing the forced closure of church buildings by the authorities. Videos on YouTube show congregations singing as they file out of doors to be locked, and a pastor telling officials "You can seal our churches but you can't seal our hearts".
- The people of the UK as we head for a General Election in December.
- Stability following the political turmoil in Lebanon.
- The people in India-administered Kashmir, being deprived of their human rights.

Renewal

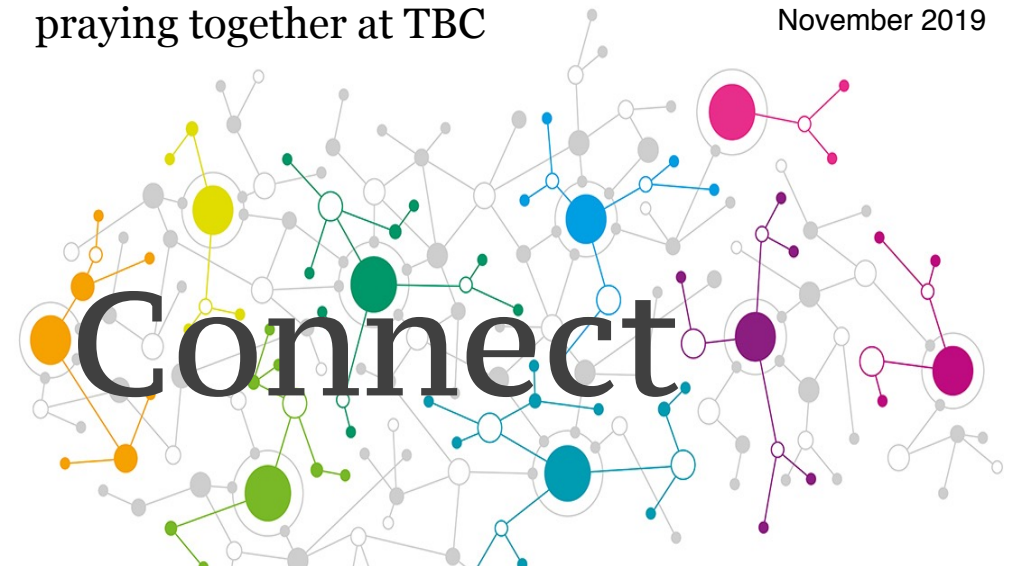
"Revival is the visitation of God which brings to life Christians who have been sleeping and restores a deep sense of God's near presence and holiness".
(J.I. Packer)

Pray for a fresh move of God's Spirit:

- in your own life.
- in the lives of your small group friends.
- in TBC as a whole.

praying together at TBC

November 2019



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Childcare & Education

Hello. My name is Lynn Bevan and I live in Thornbury with my husband Jon and our two daughters, Naomi and Alice.

I love my job as a local teacher and am currently relishing new challenges as 2½ years ago, I moved away from Mainstream Primary into Special Needs Education. I am now working with 16-19 year olds (known as Post 16) in New Siblands School.

I spend my day working alongside, and co-leading, a great team of caring and enthusiastic staff. We all strive to provide excellent opportunities for learning life skills and thriving in our local community.

Please Pray for:

- Creative ways to provide an outstanding education with an ever decreasing financial budget.
- Showing a strong Christian witness when leading in stressful situations.
- Opportunities to pray alongside Christian colleagues, within a busy day.



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Community Mission

We are a small team from TBC that serve as chaplaincy volunteers. Two members of the team go into the prison each Monday afternoon, to share Bible study with a group of women prisoners.

We have no set programme, but seek the Holy Spirit's leading on the words of Scripture, to take in. It is a great privilege to encourage those who have a faith, and to share with those who are seeking the Lord for the first time. The women come from many different backgrounds and ethnic groups. It is also a great opportunity to share the love of Jesus with women who have reached a very low point in their lives, and to pray with them.

Please pray:

- For us to be sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- For the Chaplains, who do an amazing job. Pray for strength and wisdom, as they encounter and deal with difficult situations.
- That funding will be released for the appointment of a C of E chaplain to reduce the burden on Head of Chaplaincy, Matthew.
- For all prisoners who come into the chapel, that they encounter God's love and find peace.

Local & UK Mission

The Willow Tree Pregnancy Crisis Centre offers free, unbiased, impartial and confidential support to women and men in South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Bath facing unplanned pregnancy and for those struggling after all types of pregnancy loss.

Please give thanks:

- for several new volunteers who want to train to support clients, especially for two men who want to work specifically with dads who are grieving.

Please pray for:

- The clients waiting for a first appointment with one of our volunteers.
- The continuing development and piloting of our telephone support service – an intensive six week support programme for women who are struggling with their emotions following an abortion.
- The developing relationship with specialist bereavement midwives at Southmead Hospital and the work we do in partnership with other support organisations.
- Our Director, Helen, as she co-writes a national accredited training scheme for pregnancy choices counsellors.
- wisdom, insight and compassion for each of our volunteers as they serve God by sharing His love and care with each of our clients.

World Mission

Through satellite television and digital media SAT-7 enables the Church in the Middle East And North Africa (MENA) to make known the love of Christ, to teach and encourage believers, and share a positive Christian vision for life and society. And all this in the privacy of people's homes. 25 million people across the region watch SAT-7's channels and around 900 people a day make contact with SAT-7.

Please pray for:

- Please pray for people caught up in the latest conflict in Syria; for peace and for those displaced to be able to return home. SAT-7 is supporting (through prayer and teaching) many people from the Kurdish, Druze and Yazidi populations who have become Christians.
- Please pray for SAT-7's finances; that we will receive enough funds to pay all broadcasting fees and staff salaries.
- Please pray for founder/president Dr Terry Ascott (who spoke at TBC recently) and family; that Terry's wife will defy the doctors prognosis and make a good recovery from her recent stroke and for the Lord to strengthen and protect Terry as he juggles supporting his wife and serving in SAT-7.

Children & Youth

Last month we asked you to pray for Mike and Charlotte's meetings with staff at the The Castle School. This month we are asking you to give thanks for answers to those prayers!

The meetings went very well and plans are now being made for:

- The creation of a Christian Union to support young people on their front line.
- Supporting RE by participating in lessons.
- Providing a pastoral presence through classroom and group-based support and a lunchtime presence in the grounds and premises.

Thank God and **continue to pray** for this new work as it gets going.

Talking of Jesus

Please pray:

- For friends who you could invite to some of our Advent and Christmas services and events.
- For the opportunity to share faith with people attuning our weekly outreach activities.
- That the Craft Fair being organised by Sue Dunn in November creates opportunities to share faith.
- For opportunities to talk about faith with specific friends and colleagues on your frontline