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-inlaw, 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.

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World Events

Pray particularly this month for:

- An easing of tensions the Middle East, especially between Saudi Arabia and Iran.
- The UK and its Parliament as the Brexit deadline approaches.
- Displaced people. According to UNHCR, there are 70.8 million forcibly displaced people in the world. Pray for the refugees and for the countries where they are being accepted.
- The continuing tensions in Hong Kong.
- Pray for Christians in India as strict new anti-conversion laws put Christians at risk of a jail term of up to seven years.

Renewal

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. (Ephesians 1:17)

Reflect on this prayer from the Bible. Let it inspire you to:

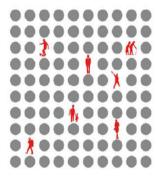
- · Pray for yourself.
- Pray for a family member.
- Pray your small group friends.





TBC's Frontline Missionaries - YOU!

If you have joined TBC in the past year or so, you may wonder why you hear us talk about our **Frontlines** so much. The reason is, because we recognise the significance of our individual daily lives as a big part of our mission as a church. Our Frontlines are 'wherever we spend significant amounts of time with non-Christians'. For many of us that will be work; for others social time or in volunteering activities. These Frontlines are not 'dead space' as far as God is concerned, but rather 'Sacred Space' where God is present and active through and around us all every day.



Our Frontlines are places to live as '6M Disciples': Modelling Godly character; Making good work; Ministering grace and love; Moulding the culture around us with the standards of God's kingdom; being a Mouthpiece for truth and justice and speaking up as a Messenger of the Gospel when God provides the opportunity.

Where is your Frontline this week. And how could you be a '6M Disciple' there?

Please Pray for:

- Eyes to see what opportunities God is providing for you on your Frontline.
- Courage to respond with a bold '6M' life on your Frontline.
- People you know whose Frontlines are places of pressure and stress.
- Individual people on your Frontline that they might be open to God's work in their lives.

Community Mission

We have four youth clubs. Basement (School Years 7-9) and Attic (School Years 10-13) have been going for years and are open to anyone in the town. X Stream Club (School Years 3-6) and Ignite Club (School Years 7-9) are for those who come on a Sunday morning with attendees being encouraged to bring friends along.

Please pray for:

Basement & Attic:

- Young people, in particular those struggling with life.
- Leadership teams, for wisdom, creativity and for the building of relationships with young people.
- Pray for an openness to God in the hearts of the young people as they meet week by week.

X Stream Club:

- Give thanks for the way this Club has made a difference to young people and that many of their friends have come along.
- Pray for the new season now that a large number have moved on from Club but new ones join.

Ignite Club:

- Pray for the first meeting on 15 October that this will be a positive start to something new.
- Pray for the quick growth of a loving and supporting ethos as people get to know each other and invite friends.

Local & UK Mission

My name is Gloria Hammond and I have been involved in the Julian Trust Nightshelter for many years. This is the only emergency shelter open throughout the year in Bristol. I feel it is a privilege to be on the team regularly serving those with so many needs. Between 50 and 80 meals are served each night and we provide 18 beds. The first people who arrive are the ones who receive the beds. At 10.30pm those without beds have to leave. As we are an emergency shelter we take any person who applies for a bed and anyone is welcome to food. (Other shelters require referrals).

The shelter is run entirely by volunteers, nobody is paid. It has been operating for over 30 years.

Please Pray:

- For many opportunities to share about Jesus amongst guests and volunteers, many of the guests have tremendous needs.
- That our lives and attitudes may reflect His love.
- Thank God for his faithful provision for so many years, it costs over £1,000 a week to run.
- If you would like to help we would love to have you so contact the office at church. We go down every Saturday night.

World Mission

Mark & Tammy returned to work with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Malaysia at the end of February, reaching and discipling those within their district and nation, exchanging the cold, wet and mild for heat and humidity, English for the local language, cross-topped buildings for domed ones, etc.

Please join us in thanking God for:

- His protection in all our travels we have already flown multiple times, as we re-connect with our YWAM family both in East and West Malaysia.
- Opportunities to share life experiences with others.
- Provision.
- Answered prayers for our son David's transition into his Engineering Foundation Course, a new church, home group and life as a student

Please ask the Lord for:

- Our ex-staff to walk in 100% obedience fulfilling God's plans, His way, in His time.
- Us to stay on track with our Godgiven calling and priorities - time with Him, with one another, communicating and praying, mentoring the next generation, etc.
- Guidance for our daughter Bethany as she learns to listen to and trust God for her own future.

Children & Youth

Please pray for turning the vision of working with Castle School into reality:

- Creation of a Christian Union to support young people on their front line.
- Supporting RE by participating in lessons.
- Pastoral presence through:
 - Classroom and group-based support.
 - Lunchtime presence in the grounds and premises.
- Oversight and delivery of Christian assemblies.
- Working in partnership with the statutory youth provider (KRUNCH), the teachers, pupils and pastoral team of Castle School.

Talking of Jesus

Please pray:

- I hate to mention Christmas in October - but maybe it's time to start praying in a focused way for friends who you could invite to some of our Advent and Christmas services and events.
- For all those coming onto the TBC premises through the week in this Autumn season. Pray that meaningful conversations develop.
- That the Craft Fair being organised by Sue Dunn in November creates opportunities to share faith.