

Healing & Comfort

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

- David Chatt (cancer).
- Ruth Collett (cancer).
- Debby Collett (foot operation)
- Bella (aged 12) (cancer).
- Stephanie Ruse (recovery following brain surgery).
- John Calder.
- Sue Hallett (awaiting knee surgery).
- 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)
- John Shackford (in Southmead)

Please pray for the members of our Pastoral team as they visit and support those in need. If you become aware of a need contact Paul Ferguson.

World Events

Pray particularly this month for:

- An easing of tensions between Iran, and the USA.
- A peaceful end to the protests in Hong Kong.
- The people of Democratic Republic of Congo where one of the biggest Ebola outbreaks in history is threatening thousands of people.
- Church leaders in Mexico, where there has been a spate of kidnappings, attacks and murders of Pastors.
- Eritrea, where in recent months, a 32 year old Muslim man died after severe torture while in detention; five Orthodox monks and at least 171 Evangelical Christians were arrested, and 21 Catholic health centres located in remote areas of the country were closed,

Renewal

As TBC ministries relaunch after the Summer, pray for those who help to lead or run all of our activities.

Pray for:

- a renewal of their love for God.
- a deeper awareness of God's presence in their planning and doing.
- a freshness in their sense of calling to their particular ministry.

praying together at TBC

September 2019



Connect

TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Students

Hi all, my name is James and I am currently on an internship program in the USA as part of my university course. I'm studying International Hospitality Management at Cardiff University. Before departing for the USA I was a fairly regular attendee of SNG at TBC.

The wild and busy life of Uni can lead into being tempted to live a "normal" student life of partying, drinking & other worldly things, so the question that I and many Christians face is, 'how do I maintain a good Christian life while enjoying aspects of Uni life?'

Some of the methods that I and a lot of my friends have found helpful in maintaining a good Christian life have been, attending church, going to events put on by the Christian Union and taking part in Story (a week long event where all of the CUs in Cardiff unite together to work to spread God's message). One of the most important things that we've found, however, is to develop a network of supportive people, whether they be through Uni, church, CU or through friends at other Uni social activities. Having good Christians friends means that when you're feeling tempted or struggling with things, you know that there are people who want to support you, pray for you and help you through. The best way to live and maintain a good Christian life while enjoying aspects of Uni life is just simply to have a good group of friends and people who you can talk to & pray with.

Please Pray for:

- Students going to University or College, and especially for those going for the first time. Pray too for those left at home.



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Community Mission

Inside Out is a social group run by: Bev and Helen Hope-Bell, Kathryn Strode, Juliet and Kevin Goodman and Sheila Tattersall. The name was chosen to illustrate several concepts: looking out to friends and neighbours who don't regularly come to TBC, to encourage fellowship outside of church, to encourage those who might not readily attend church. We have seen deep links grow between folk as we enjoy going on outings, where it's more fun to be with friends than alone, or have speakers at TBC with the added treat of afternoon tea!

Please pray for:

- Thank God for someone responding to the need for a new minibus driver.
- Health and well being of the Inside Outers - many have had serious illnesses or experience difficulties as they get older.
- Continued good fellowship with opportunities to pray for each other and to speak of Jesus.
- More helpers to join the team.

Please pray for the TBC Football Team as they start the new season. Pray that the players feel welcomed when they come along on Sunday 8th September.

Local & UK Mission

One25 is a Bristol-based Christian charity that reaches out to women trapped in, or vulnerable to, street sex work, supporting them to break free and build new lives away from violence, poverty and addiction.

One25 works non-judgementally and with unconditional love to build a relationship with each woman. The outreach van meets women on the streets at night, a daytime drop-in centre offers a safe space, the casework team give one-to-one specialist support and the Peony service helps women to move on from recovery and into the community.

Please Pray:

- For the women who are trapped in, or vulnerable, street sex work – that they may break free, and build new and positive lives.
- For the staff and volunteers of One25 – that they may have strength, wisdom, compassion and an endless supply of unconditional love, as they support the women in a range of ways.
- For abundant provision of funds – to enable the current work to continue and grow, and for new projects to be set up in line with needs.

World Mission

ELAM continue to reach out into Iran and the Persian speaking communities of the world. We praise God that, among other encouraging highlights, in the first half of 2019 we've seen:

- 46 leaders graduate from our three-month leadership and church planting course to serve in Iran and the wider region;
- 60,000 copies of the Bible/New Testament reach the hands of Iranians;
- 240+ teenagers grow in their passion for Jesus through youth discipleship conferences.

Please pray for:

- Our increasing investment in the next generation of Iran's church through youth and children's ministries and resources;
- Protection, strength and courage for our church planters inside Iran, who have been facing a particularly harsh wave of persecution since late 2018;
- Ongoing positive impact of our Safar 1-to-1 discipleship initiative, which is already fostering increased spiritual maturity in the Iranian church, and enabling more fellowships to be planted inside Iran.

Children & Youth

Please pray for:

- Charlotte, our new youth worker, as she begins her ministry working alongside Mike
- All young people starting school, moving to secondary school or off to University, that they would settle well and make good friendships
- All those who work in our Children and Youth Ministry, for energy, ideas and strong relationships

Please pray for the speakers and contributors to our Prayer Conference, taking place over the first weekend of October.

Talking of Jesus

Please keep praying for:

- Specific opportunities to share your faith on your frontline. Ask God for the openings and see what he provides!
- Your own friends, neighbours, family and frontline connections. Pray for them by name. Pray for the opportunity to share Jesus with at least one of them in this coming month.
- All those coming onto the TBC premises through the week in this new season. Pray that meaningful conversations develop.