

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:

- Christians in North Korea, currently the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian. If a Christian is discovered, they will be arrested and imprisoned in one of the country's notorious labour camps. There, Christians are worked like slaves and often tortured; most never escape.
- Christians in Iraq, where there is a concerning re-emergence of ISIS.
- Those facing injustice as a result of India's new citizenship laws.
- Those suffering on account of the fires in Australia.

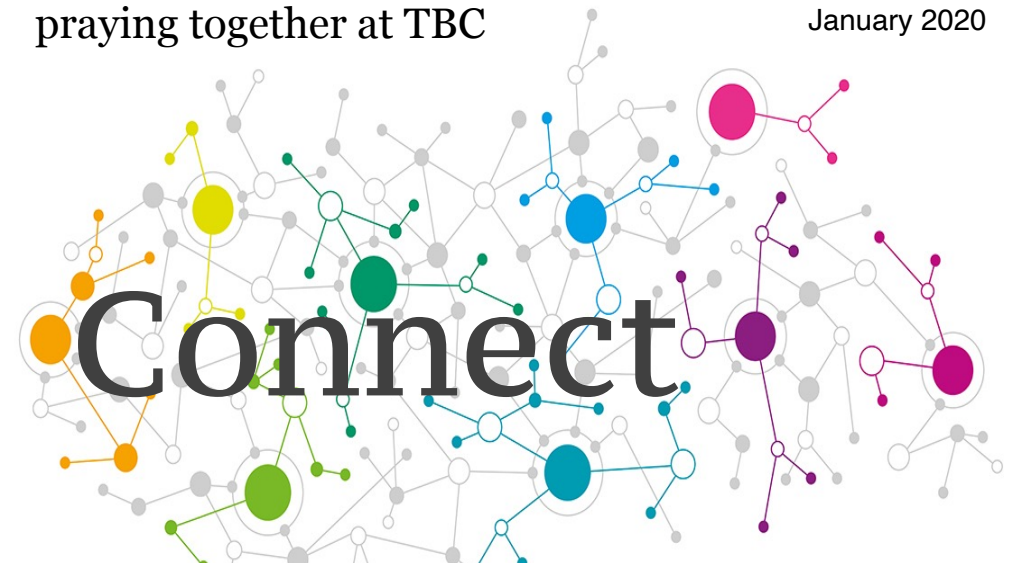
Renewal

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem... How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me." (Lk. 13:34)

The startling truth is that God's renewal can be resisted. We can grieve and frustrate the work of the Holy Spirit. Spend time in personal reflection, asking God to point out any ways in which you are resisting his embrace. (Psalm 139:23,24)

praying together at TBC

January 2020



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Healthcare

Hello, I am Jeannie, wife of Jonathan and mum to three young boys: Noah, Elijah and Amos. We've recently made the decision to join TBC and look forward to getting to know people better.

I've been a nurse for 20 years. I enjoy learning new things and meeting people from all walks of life. Healthcare work can be demanding and challenging and mistakes can have serious consequences. My goals are to be professional and kind and when appropriate to share my faith as a Christian both in words and as a witness through the care I can give patients.

Matt 5v16 "...let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven."

Please Pray for HealthCare workers::

- That despite heavy workloads we might be able to prioritise the need for kindness.
- For opportunities to reveal Jesus is the truth without stepping outside permitted boundaries.
- For safety and wisdom in decision-making and remaining above criticism.
- For good relationships with both staff and patients.



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Community Mission

Our next ALPHA course begins on Wednesday January 22nd, 7.30-9.30pm. It has been great to see people come to faith through our last Alpha Course and we pray that many more will make the decision for Jesus this time too.

Please pray:

- For anyone that you might invite to come.
- For those leading the course.
- For the practical arrangements for the course (including meals together).
- For those attending the course to have a real and life-changing encounter with God.



Children & Youth

Please pray for:

- Strength, for those who have a faith in Jesus, to stand for him amongst a crowd of peers.
- Growth, in depth of relationship with Jesus.
- Support, for each other in the ups and downs of life.

TEAR FUND

WE'RE CHRISTIANS PASSIONATE ABOUT ENDING POVERTY

We're following Jesus where the need is greatest, working through local churches to unlock people's potential and helping them to discover that the answer to poverty is within themselves. When disasters strike, we respond quickly. We won't stop until poverty stops.



CHRISTIAN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR

The people of Yemen are struggling to survive in what is currently the world's biggest humanitarian crisis. This crisis is growing worse by the moment.

Over 24 million people need urgent aid, including safe water, food and sanitation. The country is on the brink of famine. Tragically, over 85,000 children have already died from hunger or disease since 2015.

With our partners in Yemen, we are already responding, following Jesus where the need is greatest to reach those who are most vulnerable.

Pray that we will be able to continue helping protect people from diseases such as cholera, as well as providing safe water, food, and seeds and tools to enable people to grow their own vegetables.

World Mission

ARK Enterprises, run in Bulgaria by TBC member Carol Connelly continues to develop. 'The Ark' Refuge and Community Centre hosts conferences, offers space for Christian retreats and serves as a base for Carol's work with the local poor Roma communities.

Carol writes: "The new work in the Roma ghettos and the homeless shelter has once again reminded me there is much to do and we need many more workers. Most of the children do not go to school or go infrequently, so back to the work we did in Varna ghetto supporting and encouraging the families to prioritise education. Unfortunately with the poverty there, the children are needed to work the land and in the homes as many of the parents are away at work in Germany."

Please pray for:

- Carol's health through the winter months.
- The many contacts that she has with the Roma communities, and for provision of resources for her work with them.
- Increased resources to be released for the local homeless shelters where Carol helps.

XStream

XStream are a great bunch of children, aged between 7-11, who are growing in their relationship with Jesus.

We urgently need more team members to help run their group during the 9.15 Sunday service.

You would be part of a team, provided with training and support, and only be expected to be on the rota once a month.

PLEASE PRAY about this need, and if you can be part of the answer, then contact Mike Levy or Danny & Jo Bonnett. (mike@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk)

Talking of Jesus

Please pray:

- For friends who you could invite to our Alpha Course.
- For the opportunity for those at TBC through the week to share faith with people attending our weekly outreach activities.
- For opportunities to talk about faith with specific friends and colleagues on your frontline. Name names to Jesus in your prayer. Ask for specific opportunities to talk to specific people.