

Healing & Comfort

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

- Danny, Shannon and Dylan Lopes following family bereavements
- James, for healing
- Kathryn Strode, undergoing treatment for cancer
- Wendy Box
- Debby Collett following surgery on her foot, please pray for a quick and full recovery
- Ruth Collett diagnosed with cancer
- Stephanie Ruse, please continue to pray through her recovery following brain surgery
- Marie Merrick, recovering from surgery
- Vanessa Burke with cancer
- John and his daughter
- Doreen & Michael, friends of Angela Symonds
- Wendy Titterton

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, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya and Pakistan - the world's five hardest places to be a Christian. (See more at opendoorsuk.org).
- A rapid end to the spread of the coronavirus. Pray for those who are suffering from the virus or who have lost loved ones to it.
- The fragile peace process in Yemen, under threat because of a rise in violence between the Saudi-UAE coalition and Houthis.
- Those at the sharp end of negotiating the UK's relationships with the wider world, post-Brexit.

Renewal

The word 'renewal' is short-hand for an act of God which:

- brings jaded Christians to new levels of love, joy, peace and obedience.
- brings lost people to repentance and faith in Jesus.
- wakes the church up to its calling to be a light for the world.

Pray for renewal for yourself, your friends and the Church in this area in the light of these three statements.

praying together at TBC

February 2020



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Design & Creative

Hi, I'm Laura, wife to Richard, mum to Oscar and Phoebe, huge craft enthusiast and owner of All Sew Pretty, a handmade fabric gift and clothing company. I moved to Thornbury with my family four years ago and became a Christian after completing an Alpha Course at TBC in 2016.

I started All Sew Pretty over 8 years ago to fund my fabric habit but despite loving sewing and the sense of fulfilment it gave me, I struggled to find spare time to move things forward. However, it became clear the Lord had a plan for me when shortly after moving to Thornbury I suffered serious health problems which meant I was unable to continue working as I had been. The extra time I gained was ploughed into creating and sewing and recently the Lord has steered me towards creating reusable fabric alternatives to some plastic and single use items.

Please Pray for creative workers::

- That through our work, we can continue to create new and inventive ways to help people reduce waste, plastic use and the number single use items used every day.
- That everyone can enjoy the sense of peace, enjoyment and fulfilment that you get from engaging in creative activities.
- For people to experience and share God's love through creative activity.



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Community Mission

GOOSE is an OFSTED regulated Out of School club run here at Thornbury Baptist Church, for Gillingstool Primary school. We started in October 2012 and now have over forty children on the register, ranging from four to eleven years old.

Please pray:

- That through our actions we will show Gods love.
- For all the children and their families.
- For strength in managing unwanted behaviour.
- For staffing, that the right staff will be appointed as needs arise.
- For emergency staff cover.

Pioneer Family Minister

Heather Scolah has been appointed as our new Pioneer Family Minister. Heather is married to Chris, and they have two daughters Lydia (12) & Abigail (6). They currently live in Warminster and so will start making plans to relocate. Please do give thanks for this appointment and pray for them as they prepare to move.



Local / UK Mission

Oasis Thornbury opened its doors in July 2018, so we are now around 18 months into our project. We have had nine residents through the house with a tenth close to joining.

On average our residents have spent just under five months with us; our longest resident being with us for almost ten months whilst some residents only stayed a few nights. Green Pastures says that projects typically take two years to 'stabilise', so we feel that Oasis Thornbury is on the right track!

Please pray for:

- The happiness and well-being of all our residents, past, present and future.
- A period of resident stability.
- The right referrals - residents who we can support, and the right combination of residents.
- Peace, energy and wisdom for the 'front line' team.
- Mentor and Befrienders - a few more people with the heart and flexibility to support the project.
- Governance - support to ensure that all the stuff in the background is appropriate and working well.
- Unity with Green Pastures and the South West network.
- Continuing financial security for the project.

World Mission

Rope (Relief for Oppressed People Everywhere) believes that every person has worth. It works in partnership with Christian organisations in 16 countries to transform the lives of the poor and marginalised. 100% of all donations go directly to these projects.

Please pray for:

- Lauren Childs, Rope's former Marketing and Fundraising Coordinator, who has moved to Bolivia to minister to prostituted women, teaching tailoring skills, and supporting their children.
- The Chittagong Hill Tract Hostel in a very underdeveloped area of Bangladesh. Rope's partners run a residential hostel where children can stay and receive an education.
- Rope's partner, Hope for Widows, which works with widows in Cameroon, providing physical, emotional and spiritual support and working with churches to help them support their widows.
- Glad's House, which works with over 3000 street children in Mombasa, Kenya, who are imprisoned, often simply for being homeless. They aim to give the children and young people a sense of self worth, to keep them safe and ensure their legal rights are upheld.

Children & Youth

Please pray for:

- Ben Colwill, Ellie Colwill, Katherine Fraser and Ashleigh Bishop (all from SNG) as they build team with Charlotte and Mike for Mission Romania 2020.
- Castle School and Krunch (the statutory youth work provider for Thornbury) and the growing collaboration with the TBC Youth Ministry
- Those from TBC who provide mentoring to young people through the umbrella organisation, PHASE, that they will make meaningful connections with the young people they are paired with.

Talking of Jesus

Please pray:

- For all of those who attend the weekly outreach activities run on our premises.
- Give thanks for the record number of Dads attending our recent Dads' Morning.
- For opportunities to talk about faith with specific friends and colleagues on your frontline.

IDEA:

How about inviting some friends and neighbours round for a Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday, February 25th? Pray about it!

