

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.
- 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:

- 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 innocent people of Idlib Province in North Syria, caught up in the fighting between government forces and rebel fighters.
- The Christians under threat in north Burkina Faso, where 24 worshippers were recently killed by ISIS-linked attackers.
- The growing unrest amongst those trapped in refugee camps in Lesbos and other parts of Greece.

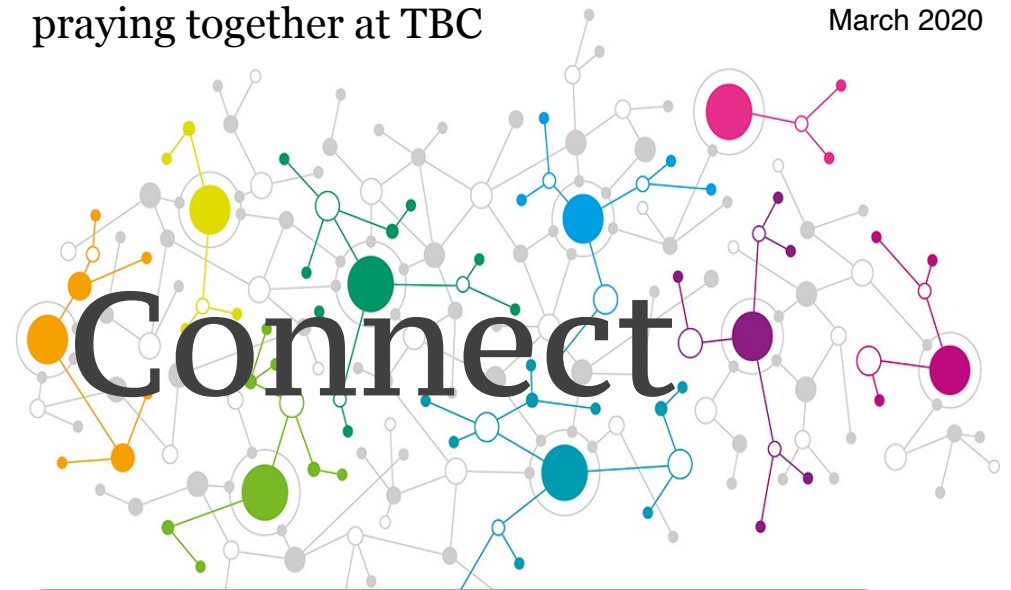
Renewal

Use these words from Psalm 51 as your personal prayer for renewal:

Oh, give me back my joy again;
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.
Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.

praying together at TBC

March 2020



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Retired & Home Makers



Hello, I'm Rod, and together with my wife Mairi I moved to Thornbury from the North East in 1984. Mairi and I have been coming to TBC since the late 1980s. I have been made redundant twice, and when my job was terminated the second time I was nearing retirement age so decided to call it a day! I only had a vague idea of what to expect from retirement, but appreciated being liberated from the daily commute, office politics, and difficult colleagues. After a period of adjustment, I became involved in setting up and running the Foodbank here in Thornbury, and also spent some time working in the church office at TBC. Mairi and I have three children and six grandchildren, and we thank God for them and the love we have for each other. We also are grateful for the fellowship we have here at TBC.

Please Pray for those who are retired:

- that doors to new opportunities will be opened to serve the church and the wider community.
- for time to spend with friends and family.
- to give thanks for all that is past, and confidence and strength for all that is to come.

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Community Mission

The church football club aims to represent TBC in the Bristol Churches Football League. The club plays on a Saturday morning at the Jubilee Fields at Alveston. We have some players who regularly attend church alongside others who have no other connection with church, and these guys are happy to bring their friends along. So we are an outreach project seeking to promote a Christian ethos and introduce people to Jesus.

We are undergoing a major change at present as Chris Beddoes is stepping down as manager after 12 seasons. Praise God that five people have stepped forward to form a new management team, a real answer to prayer.

Please pray:

- As Chris Beddoes steps down, that the new management team will capture the vision for the club and work well together.
- Good opportunities to share the gospel with team members who are not regular churchgoers.
- Maintaining a positive spirit in the club, inclusive of new members.
- The right result in the semi-final of the Churches Cup on March 7. We play Woodlands away!

Local / UK Mission

I (Paul Green) have now been an army chaplain for 10 years during which time I have deployed on operations or exercise to Afghanistan, Canada, Kenya, and Oman to name just a few. I took up my current appointment as the Senior Chaplain at the Army Foundation College in Harrogate in January 2019.

Following their first church service at the college, (which takes place during their first six weeks) Junior Soldiers are 'invited' to find out more about the Christian Faith by attending a (voluntary) short, two session, alpha course. In 2019 we had just over 200 recruits express an interest with 130 of them going on to complete the two evening sessions.

Please pray:

- For wisdom - as we counsel many young Junior Soldiers struggling with enormous pressures and issues.
- For spiritual awakening - particularly for those who attend the Alpha evenings.
- For good health - as my (ageing) body struggles to cope with the physical demand of this environment.
- For God's guidance - with retirement (from military life) now only a few years away.

World Mission

The work of our mission partners, Jews for Jesus:

Raises awareness of Jesus as the Jewish Messiah

because every Jewish person has the right to make up their own mind about Jesus.

Facilitates Jewish community

because faith in Jesus is a viable and thriving expression of Jewish life.

Provides spiritual care and local services

because loving our neighbours is what being Jewish and for Jesus is all about.

Please pray for their work, carried out in 20 cities throughout the world. Find more at jewsforjesus.org.

Pioneer Family Minister

Please continue to pray for our new Pioneer

Family Minister, Heather Scora, her husband Chris and their girls. Pray especially about the logistics of relocating to Thornbury from Warminster.



Children & Youth

Please pray for:

- The SNG (school year 10 to age 19) youth group on their week-end away on 13 to 15 March, may they encounter God in a fresh and exciting way as they look at the life of Joshua.
- For those in school years 11 and 13 who have exams in March, that they will know the peace of God in their exam pressure.
- Give thanks for a thriving Children and Youth Ministry but pray for more people to step up and step out into the Ministry, we have the following needs - could this be you?
- **Creche** (age 0 to 3) during the 9.15am service.
- **Bubbles** (age 2 and a half to 4) during the 9.15 am service.
- **X Stream** (School year 3 to 6) during the 9.15 am service.
- **Basement** (School year 7 to 9) our Missional group at 7.00pm on a Friday Evening.

Talking of Jesus

Please pray:

- For good conversations at our next Dad's morning on March 7th.
- For all of those who attend the weekly outreach activities run on our premises.
- For opportunities to talk about faith with specific friends and colleagues on your frontline.