

## Lockdown Prayer Chain

The TBC Prayer Chain is now live and will be running throughout this time of need in our world. Please would you join us? Here is the link with more details and how to sign up:

[www.thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk/prayer-chain-2020](http://www.thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk/prayer-chain-2020)

### Pray For:

- Those affected by the virus, either suffering from it, in quarantine with symptoms or who have been bereaved by it.
- Those working through the virus in shops, and services to keep the country going.
- Those working in healthcare and other emergency services.
- Those in isolation at home, especially those feeling lonely, and families needing to occupy children. Also remembering particularly:
  - those who usually come to Lunch Club but who are now indoors alone, often without the benefits of social media.
  - those who we would usually meet through the week especially through coffee shop and Two by Two.
  - children and young people missing their friends and the structure of school, especially those who were expecting to take exams and are now unsure about their future.
- Those working to provide tests, treatment and an effective vaccine.
- Those in political leadership in the UK and globally.
- Those experiencing financial challenges arising from loss of work.

### Pray also:

- That people's minds and hearts might be moved to consider deeper and eternal realities at this time.
- That in ways that may be currently unknown to us, God would be working his purposes out.
- That in the darkness, Christians' lives might shine with love, joy, peace and hope.
- For the various ways in which Christians are able to share the good news of Jesus through social media, including our own website and Facebook pages.



We are keen to support one another in this time of isolation. If you have concerns about anyone, please check on them if you are able, or please contact Paul Ferguson.

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praying together at TBC

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### TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Volunteering



Hello, I'm Graham. My wife, Carole and I have worshipped in TBC since arriving in 1980. I retired early, in 2005, partly due to health issues and partly because of the opportunities it offered to help at church, to learn at theological college and to support young people in education. My main volunteering contributions are helping with primary school 'Open the Book' assemblies, and hearing pupils read at Gillingstool School, together with being a Governor there. So my frontline as a volunteer has been wide, including children, school staff and fellow governors. As well as these support roles I have friends in a local choir and, like all of us, our neighbours. Now with all social closeness banned I've found phoning or emailing people is useful so we are all not forgotten or dismissed but are still part of a community. As people who are 'doers' it's a new feeling to be dependent on the care of younger friends and delivery drivers for shopping etc.. The upside is already being brought unexpected food and flowers from unexpected people. The great care they have shown to us has been a joy.

### Please Pray for those in Voluntary Roles:

- that we, with the extra time to pray, phone or write, recognise and take up opportunities to support others with vulnerabilities during these troubles.
- that we, like all of us, may be able to cast our fears onto our heavenly Father, especially those for whom family and friends are distant (1Peter 5:7).
- that all of us, in these difficult circumstances, know daily and freshly the love and hope that come from Jesus and are able to communicate this faithfully.

## Community Mission

Two by Two is the twice-weekly baby and toddler group run by the church for parents and carers and their children aged 0 – 4. We have playtime, art and craft, stories, songs and have lots of fun. We have about 50 families on our registers.

### Prayer requests:

- Give thanks for the faithful team who run each group.
- Pray that we find opportunities to share our faith with the parents and invite them to other outreach events in the church.
- Pray that the parents come to know Jesus.
- Pray that our church mums will build amazing bridges with other mums.
- Pray for more helpers to come forward.
- For emergency staff cover.

## Local / UK Mission

Nik & Tiff have sent these prayer requests from their work with people on the estates in Hull.

### Please pray:

- for the many local people who would normally attend Pennine and Bodmin Road Church across the week and at the Sunday services.
- for the Bridges Hull staff team and the many families that we support as we seek to continue to offer the hope and love of Jesus in practical ways through food deliveries as well as by offering emotional support when needed.
- that the regular contact that we are having with our young people through telephone calls and the internet will support them through this difficult time.
- for us as a family as we juggle the very different needs of Grandpa as well as Bethany and also Alfie (16) who we are fostering.

### Praise points:

- Grandpa being kept safe through isolation and having the garden to enjoy and Grandma responding well to her chemo.
- Beth and Alfie managing to engage with school work and some leisure activities in the house/garden.
- The council are funding our charity for 5 years from April 2020.

## World Mission

Dave and Rhi Day write: Many thanks for your generous support of our work in India. Your giving makes a significant impact in a Delhi slum where children are fed, taught and their families supported by our Health Care Workers.

### Please pray for:

- The slums where our partners, Love India Trust, work. The current lockdown is causing unimaginable hardship. The slums schools have been closed. Love India feeds 3,200 school children daily in their schools. There's now no guarantee that the children will have a substantial daily meal. The Health Care Workers doing such vital work are having to abide by the curfew rules.
- The effect of the virus which will be disastrous in the slums. Self-isolation is impossible. Everyone has to use communal water-pumps and toilets. Access to medical care is nearly impossible. The virus could run riot in the slums.
- Our Indian friends, whilst we endure our lockdown in relative peace.
- Some of our friends who actually live in the slums. Pray they will bring help and hope into some heartbreaking situations.

## Children & Youth

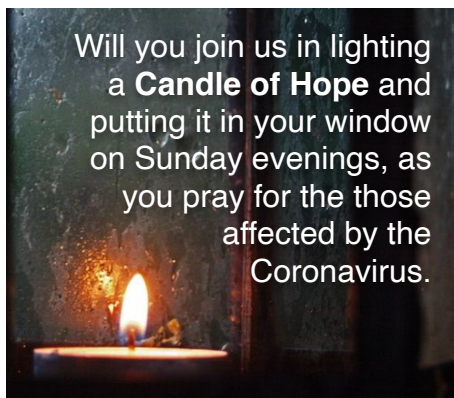
### Please pray for:

- The array of virtual Children and Youth Work within TBC and the wider community for:
  - Ideas to flow.
  - Relations with God and each other to deepen.
  - Hope to be maintained.
  - No one to be lost.
- Please also pray for Mike and Charlotte as they are able to continue to support Castle School with an in-school presence.

## Talking of Jesus

### Please pray:

- That our plans to run an online Alpha Course, attract people to explore Christianity during this time.
- For all of those who attend the weekly outreach activities run on our premises, who we currently have no face-to-face contact with. Pray for those who are connecting to some of our online postings, and pray that the challenges of Coronavirus might turn their minds and hearts towards Jesus.
- Pray for non-Christian friends you may know who are currently locked in. Could you ring, write or email and offer a word of encouragement and maybe a suitable Bible verse or prayer?



Will you join us in lighting a **Candle of Hope** and putting it in your window on Sunday evenings, as you pray for the those affected by the Coronavirus.