

Healing and Care

Please pray for:

- Hazel Staley, poorly in hospital.
- Sheila Down and the family following the death of Philip.
- Malcolm Read and his wife Beryl.
- Jo and Adam expecting a baby over the next few weeks.
- James, for healing.
- Kathryn Strode, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Ruth Collett diagnosed with cancer.
- Stephanie Ruse, please continue to pray through her recovery following brain surgery.
- Vanessa Burke with cancer.
- John and his daughter.
- Doreen.
- Wendy Titterton.
- Marie Merrick who has ongoing health problems.
- Brian.

Please note that this prayer list, and any other prayer needs mentioned in Connect is for sharing within this church fellowship. Details of the people mentioned must not be circulated or republished on social media.



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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Lockdown Prayer Chain

The TBC Prayer Chain is active throughout this time of need in our world. Please would you join us? Details are on the website.

Pray For:

- Those affected by the virus, either suffering from it, in quarantine with symptoms or who have been bereaved by it.
- Those working as key workers and those now returning to work.
- 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.
 - 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.
- Those working to provide tests, treatment and an effective vaccine.
- Those in political leadership in the UK and globally.
- Those experiencing financial challenges and/or loss of work.

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loving God, one another
and the world



praying together at TBC

June 2020



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Agricultural & Practical Trades

Hi there. My name is Sue. I am a farmer and I absolutely love my job. We have just finished silaging, hoping for a bit of rain to make the grass grow again and water the winter and spring crops.

During these chaotic times I find comfort in the natural rhythm of farming that goes on as before: Summer and Winter, Seedtime and Harvest - it is true that new every morning new mercies I see!

It is not all a bed of roses, farming is very tough now to actually make a living and our lives are The Farm, working long hours. It is nothing to work 80 to 100 hours a week and farmers don't factor in their time to get paid. Farming has its ups and downs and challenges like most things in life, but when I look back over things I can see God's hand time and time again rescuing us out of those situations and at just the right time things have worked out.

My Frontline is really my family because I live in a house of non-Christians. They see me at my worst but my prayer mainly is to keep my eyes on Jesus and let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me, his love and compassion to show.



Please Pray for those in Farming:

- Farmers feeling overwhelmed by the demands of the role and the unpredictability of weather, demand and production.
- To get a fair price from their buyers for their produce.
- For safety on the farm in a potentially dangerous working environment.

Community Mission

There are six Children and Youth groups that together are known as the Sunday Morning Groups (SMG). Between them they cover the age range from new born to school year 12.

Until we can meet again on a Sunday Morning SMG are meeting in the following ways:

- ◆ Creche, Bubbles and Splash (new born to school year 2) are mainly being resourced by Hev through the Families at Thornbury Baptist Church Facebook page, with additional material for Bubbles produced by Jude.
- ◆ X Stream (school yrs 3-6) are meeting on Zoom led by Mike and the X Stream Club Team
- ◆ Ignite (school year 7-9) are meeting on Zoom led by Charlotte and Team.
- ◆ Impact ((school year 10-12) are meeting as part of SNG (Sunday Night Group) on Zoom led by Mike and Team

Please pray for:

- Connections to be kept and faith to grow.
- Parents who share faith at home using the content provided.
- God-given ideas to flow through the Spirit for all SMG Leaders.

Local / UK Mission

Thornbury Foodbank has faced many changes over the past few months. We are now a 100% delivery service due to COVID19. We are blessed by being able to use the main hall space at TBC. We make up all our own parcels and no longer receive made up parcels from Yate. We also retain all donations received.

Vouchers come to us via e-mail through the week. The only contact with clients is briefly on the phone on Fridays to update their needs. We include a leaflet, signposting clients to help from other organisations, in each parcel.

213 adults 107 children fed and 3.2 tonnes of donations received since the crisis began!

Prayer requests:

- Thanks for the space we have available which keeps us safe, volunteers who come in on a Wednesday and Friday to help.
- Thanks for all who faithfully donate food and money. We live in a very generous community
- Safety and protection for volunteers.
- Wisdom for decisions that need to be made.
- That we will bring hope to those who are in such difficult circumstances.

World Mission

CRED Foundation is a small UK-based Christian charity that has 12 overseas Partners in Africa and Asia. Helen Harrison is Partner Liaison Manager, and Nicky Phipps is a trustee. All Partners are Christian organisations, working in various settings of great poverty and social need.

The coronavirus situation has hit the Partners and their beneficiaries very hard. Government restrictions mean no access to work, resulting in no income, no food, no opportunity for school meals, and many fearful communities, where clean running water is scarce. Our Partners have responded through provision of hand-washing facilities, prayer-support, and food parcels, as and when funds allow.

Please pray for:

- Finances and resources allowing the Partners to continue to serve their communities.
- The Trustees to have wisdom as they guide the direction of the organisation.
- That through this CV-19 pandemic stories of God's love in action will be shared, via the Partners in their work, and also to CRED donors who don't profess to having a faith.

Children & Youth

Please pray for:

- Please pray for the spiritual and mental health of children and youth as life with Coronavirus hits hard. Many young people are struggling with anxiety and fear, missing social contact, worried about the future, losing sleep, feeling tired, lethargic, lacking motivation and finding it hard to talk.
- Please also pray for parents and those in the TBC Children and Youth Ministry as we seek to support through this time.

Talking of Jesus

Please pray:

- For the four guests who have been attending our online Alpha Course.
- For all the people from the wider community who are connecting with our online services and social media postings.
- Pray for non-Christian friends or neighbours known personally to you. Pray for the opportunity to share Jesus with them in some way.
- Pray for the many people who, according to recent reports, have been searching online for help with how to pray. Pray that this crisis results in many finding true faith in Jesus.