

## Healing and Care

### Please pray for:

- Hazel Staley, now at home.
- Sheila Down and the family following the death of Philip.
- Malcolm Read and his wife Beryl.
- Andrew in hospital following a recent stroke.
- Baby Coby with severe respiratory problems.
- Rachel King's Mum
- 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's family following her recent death.
- 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.

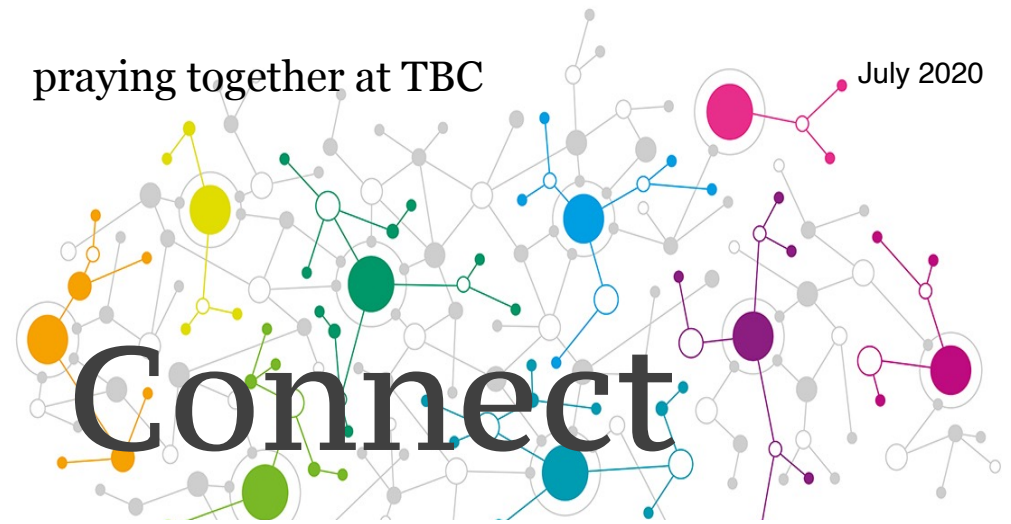
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loving God, one another  
and the world

## praying together at TBC

July 2020



## TBC's Frontline Missionaries - People working in Sales

My name is Richard and I'm married to Nicki with two sons, Jamie & Will at university. I fell into sales 20+ years ago - a happy accident following a job change from banking - and I immediately felt at home in that environment.

If someone asks me what my faith is about it's: "no guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me". This speaks to me of two great sources of hope that Jesus offers, not just life after death, but meaning and purpose right now.

Some of the best sales wisdom is encapsulated in Jesus' parable told in Matthew 13, Mark 4 and Luke 8. Often called the "Parable of the Sower" or the "Story of the Seeds". It's actually all about the ground. If the ground isn't prepared correctly, it doesn't matter how great your seeds are, they'll achieve nothing. If the ground is prepared, it's easy. What's true for salvation is also true for sales!



### Please Pray for those of us in Sales:

- That we get enquiries about both sales and our faith.
- To be reminded that we have two ears and one mouth and to use them in that proportion.
- For resiliency; sometimes just to keep on keeping on.
- To be authentically themselves, avoiding false persona and underhand sales techniques.

## Community Mission

This year, due to Covid 19 we have postponed Holiday Club & Community Week. Instead we are launching TBC does ' Summer Challenges.'

There will be six weeks of challenges for families with primary age children focussing on six people or stories from the Bible.

The challenges will include something to hopefully suit most interests including outdoor and creative activities, For each week and Bible character there will be six iron-on badges available to earn to go on a free drawstring rucksack. There will be additional prizes for completing four or more weeks of challenges including a popular Bible activity book.



### Please pray:

- That schools will readily advertise the summer challenges.
- That there will be a wide take up from families in Thornbury, particularly those that God knows need Him most at the moment.
- That seeds will be sown, the kingdom extended and a thirst developed for God & His word.
- That relationships between TBC & our community will continue to deepen.

## Local / UK Mission

### Gospel Generation Community Choir

We would normally be practising on a Tuesday evening at church but instead we, like lots of choirs and groups, have gone on line! We are having some live 'Zoom' rehearsals, recorded choir rehearsals and a variety of live social evenings via Zoom. It has been a steep learning curve in how to 'do' choir in a virtual way but now we are in the swing of it, it is the next best thing to meeting in person!

### Please pray:

- For a continued sense of community and connection.
- For direction in the way forward.
- For a sense of fun and learning to continue during this time of keeping distance.
- For those who are feeling lonely and fearful amongst us, that they may find a way to be encouraged and find Gods peace.
- For a continued sense of God working amongst us.

### ALL WELCOME

If you'd like to know more about joining the choir, contact  
**Heather Staley**  
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## World Mission

TEN supports churches and Christian based compassion ministries across the former Soviet countries. TBC supports Mircea and Ronela Cristian in their outreach to Romanian prisons.

In March, TEN had an appeal for COVID-19 and has raised £36,000 which has been used across Eastern Europe mainly to provide for food parcels for the poorest families where COVID-19 is having a disproportionate impact.

However today I (Terry Wood) was on a really encouraging Zoom call with a pastor friend in Romania where following a very successful time meeting online their church are now allowed to meet outside in their church grounds. These services have proved popular and there is already spiritual fruit despite the difficult times.

### Please pray for:

- Please pray for poor communities across Europe with very limited government support.
  - Pray for wisdom for the church leaders in these uncertain times.
  - Please pray for their health, particularly in the light of reports of more outbreaks of Coronavirus; the health system is very limited in many countries.
- More on TEN at [www.ten-uk.org](http://www.ten-uk.org)

## Children & Youth

### Please pray for:

- Those who are using this time of being away from their usual groups to evaluate who they are and who they would like to be, that God would speak into their lives and shape them through his Holy Spirit.
- Those who are leaving one school and going to another after Summer, and those leaving school for good, that God will be with them in this time of transition and be their peace, comfort and hope as they thank him for the time they have had and trust him for what is to come.
- ~ Plans for detached youth work over the Summer, at a time when engagement through on-line groups has fallen it seems appropriate to go to the streets.

## Talking of Jesus

### Please pray:

- For the four guests who have been attending our online Alpha Course.
- 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, including some known to us in the local community, who, have been searching online for help with how to pray. Pray that this crisis results in many finding true faith in Jesus.