

## 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.*

## Coronavirus

### 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.

## praying together at TBC

August 2020



### TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Charity Workers

Hello! I'm Sally, I'm married to David and we have a daughter, Charlotte. We moved to Thornbury in February 2018 and have been attending TBC since then.

Before having Charlotte, I worked for another charity, so I was pleased to find a part-time job with the Thornbury Town Trust after moving here.



We are a local charity with almshouses, and aim to help people in need in Thornbury. I find it challenging to see people in difficult circumstances, but because of this God guides me to pray for certain situations. I love running the almshouses because I'm able to build up relationships at a deeper level (more difficult at the moment!) and it's a privilege to sometimes have the opportunity to talk about faith and hope.

### Please pray for those in Charity roles:

- That we will be able to effectively follow charity objectives and reach those in need, despite the restrictions brought by Covid-19.
- That we won't be overwhelmed by the volume of cases (which will have increased for many), but will be renewed in strength as we seek to serve Him.
- For clarity and level-headedness when deciding how and where to spend funds, and that every person or cause needing support will be seen afresh through the eyes of Jesus.



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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loving God, one another  
and the world

## Community Mission

The church coffee shop has developed over the last few years into the 'must go to' place for young families in the area. Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings in term time, it attracted many families looking for friendship and support. Since 16th March our contact with the families has been via our Facebook page and, since the middle of June, we have offered the families, one family at a time, the chance to come to the church garden to meet with two of us from the team. We have some easy clean toys for the children and opportunity to chat with parents, and, where appropriate, to pray with them.

### Please pray:

- wisdom for the way forward – social distancing with toddlers is very difficult.
- families struggling in any way, particularly single parent families, where children have additional needs, and those who have given birth during this time.
- Hev trying to get to know families without having met them.
- the spiritual content that goes on the Facebook page, that it will speak clearly.

## World Mission

Our links with two , joined, Baptist Churches in Transylvania, one in SzekelyUdvarhely and one in St Martins stretches back to the fall of Communism in 1989. As well as ongoing financial and prayer support we have hosted leaders from the Churches and most years have sent a Team to join in with Mission in a variety of settings. In recent years this has taken the form of Youth and Children Holiday Clubs as young people from TBC stretch their faith and step out of their comfort zones by taking a lead. Sadly the Mission this year, a summer camp in the Transylvanian hills, could not take place due to COVID so there is much sadness all round. Please pray for the following:

### Please pray:

- Our friends in Transylvania as they live through COVID, blessed by living in a rural community but in a country with a health system that does not match ours.
- The Team (Mike, Charlotte and Ellie, Ben, Ashleigh and Katherine) who hope to go as soon as possible.
- The children who would have been part of the Summer camp, for them to encounter God in the everyday.

## World Mission



This is Janike, a Cred partner in Andhra Pradesh, India, where the coronavirus

infection rates are soaring. Janike works with the rural poor, orphans and a leprosy community. She has also planted many small churches in the region, and the leaders of those churches look to her for guidance. The Coronavirus has hit these poor communities especially hard. There has been no work since April, and with no savings or social security to fall back on, people are hungry, afraid and in very dire straits. To add to the stress on Janike at the moment she recently lost her father to the Coronavirus. (You can hear Janike tell her story in the Wednesday Wandering from 22 July).

**We have sent a financial gift from TBC, but that has now been used and the needs remain.**

Please pray for Janike and the poor communities that she is seeking to serve and support. If you would like to give to support her work you can give through the church account, or contact Helen Harrison for CRED account details.

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## Children & Youth

**As we are in the middle of the school holidays please pray for the following:**

- That all staff and students in our schools would find an opportunity for rest after a very difficult year.
- All schools as they prepare for every student to return in September.
- Those waiting on A Level, GCSE and other exam results that they would know God is with them.
- Young people taking part in on-line summer camps and festivals such as Scripture Union and Limitless, that they would encounter God in a fresh way.

## Talking of Jesus

**Think of someone you will meet on your frontline in August. Pray that during this month you can:**

- **Listen to their story:** Show an interest in the person: don't view them as a target!
- **Be willing to share your story:** something about the difference that faith makes to your life.
- **Look for the opportunity to share God's story** - something about Jesus.

Pray before, during and after!

Remember, you're not a salesman, but a story-teller. You don't have to do everything: sow a seed and see what God does.