

Healing and Care

Please pray for:

- Jenny and the family of Steve Britten who recently died.
- Yvonne Evans following Richard's sudden death.
- Hazel Staley.
- Jeremy Payne following recent heart attack.
- Sammy, following a fall.
- Malcolm Read and his wife Beryl.
- Andrew recovering at home after a recent stroke.
- Baby Coby with severe respiratory problems.
- Rachel King's Mum
- Kathryn Strode, treatment for cancer.
- Ruth Collett, diagnosed with cancer.
- Stephanie Ruse, recovery from brain surgery.
- Vanessa Burke with cancer.
- John and his daughter. .
- Wendy Titterton.
- Jacob and Curtis.

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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Coronavirus

Pray Keep Praying 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, especially teachers and students starting back this month.
- Our TBC Community Contacts who we are still not able to serve as we would wish, remembering especially those who usually come to Lunch Club but who are now indoors alone.
- The work with families, and young people that is starting again in our building.
- Those working around the world 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 as the Government furlough scheme comes to an end this month.

praying together at TBC

October 2020



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Engineering



I am Nick and I live in Thornbury with my wife Michelle and two girls Erin and Alice. I've always been interested in engineering from an early age, from stage lighting and sound as my hobby with amateur dramatics, to my role for Network Rail in the Signalling & Telecommunication department for the last 29 years. One of my gifts is problem solving. Engineering is not just about physics and my job is about fixing problems and complying with the latest standards. God helps me with good ideas, all good things working together for his glory. From a worldly view it's an impossible job with so much to do but my faith in God helps me to view the job differently. I have days where I just ask God what to do, as some problems are way too big to deal with, and time after time he says, 'just take one step, the one in front of you, when you've moved I'll show you the next one!'

Please pray that engineers:

- With ever changing standards, can understand them and put them into practise.
- Have good ideas and learn to acknowledge where the ideas came from!
- Have patience as sometimes it's a trial and error approach. Pray that the right fix is found first time!

Community Mission

Prison Ministry: As a small team of ladies who are Chaplaincy volunteers, we have not been able to go into Eastwood Park since lockdown began in March this year. It has been good to hear that to date no cases of the virus have been reported. We were also pleased to hear through a Newsletter we received that the Church of England Chaplain has been appointed which will provide Matthew, Head of Chaplaincy with much needed support.

Pastoral/spiritual support is currently undertaken on individual wings as no services are permitted. We understand that we will not be able to provide any further support for the foreseeable future.

Prayer/praise items:

- Thank God that no cases of the virus have been reported. Pray that this may continue.
- Praise God for the appointment of the C of E Chaplain.
- Pray for energy, inspiration and strength for the Chaplaincy Team and staff as they seek to support prisoners through this difficult time.
- Pray for all prisoners to find hope and peace in acknowledging God's love for them.

Local & UK Mission

The Night Shelter has been closed since 18th March due to Covid-19.

The focus of the Julian Trust at present is to make sure there is a shelter for those in need and we are endeavouring to seek permission to operate with a limited number of beds. Since March we have made our kitchen available to Caring at Bristol to enable them to be involved with the many hundreds of meals that have been delivered daily to those who are homeless or have been staying at hotels.

We are now considerably understocked and in need of most items especially tins of meat, vegetables, tea and coffee and all basics but NO perishable items. We are waiting for guidance from Public Health England to see whether dormitory night shelters can open in the foreseeable future.

Please pray:

- Those who are becoming homeless due to the current climate, there are many.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance in order to protect our volunteers and guests.
- Pray that the Lord will rescue many who are desperate and alone without a home.
- Pray that we will get permission to open at the right time.

World Mission

Mark, Tammy, Bethany & David Baker were sent out from TBC to Sabah, North Borneo in 1999 to re-pioneer the work of YWAM there. In line with YWAM's vision "to Know God and Make Him Known" they have worked with children, youth and adults, doing discipleship & evangelism, meeting felt needs, providing community development, teaching, etc. Since returning to Sabah after their sabbatical in 2018, they have provided follow-up support for those previously trained by them, run a full-time residential discipleship course for youth earlier this year, which had to be cut short when the pandemic hit. Since then ministry has had to remain local or go online.

Lockdown has given them time and opportunity to be trained in Member Care – making strong disciples for the long term - which is something they feel God is calling them to in this season, as they mentor a number of groups and individuals.

Please pray for:

- Wisdom, and opportunities to keep sharing and ministering truth to others in this season.
- The family as they live apart during this season of restricted travel.

Children & Youth

Please pray for the following:

- The mental and spiritual health of young people, it is about now when nights draw in, more time is spent indoors and the next break seems far away that mental health issues among young people spike.
- Those groups that cannot yet meet and schools where Open the Book cannot yet lead assemblies, that connections will continue and faith will still grow
- Inspiration for our teams as we work within the necessary restrictions placed on us to make Children and Youth Ministry COVID Secure.

Talking of Jesus

Pray for:

- Our planned Alpha Course. Pray for the leaders, for those who will attend, and especially if there is anyone that you could invite.
- Our community work that is starting again with families and young people (and not forgetting FoodBank). Pray that opportunities arise to share Jesus.
- Your frontline colleagues, neighbours and friends. Is there anyone that God is bringing to your attention? How could you share God's love with them this month?