

Healing and Care

Please pray for:

- Yvonne Evans following Richard's sudden death.
- Hazel Staley, now at home.
- 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.

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, 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.
 - those families who we would usually meet through the week in coffee shop and Two by Two.
- 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 next month.



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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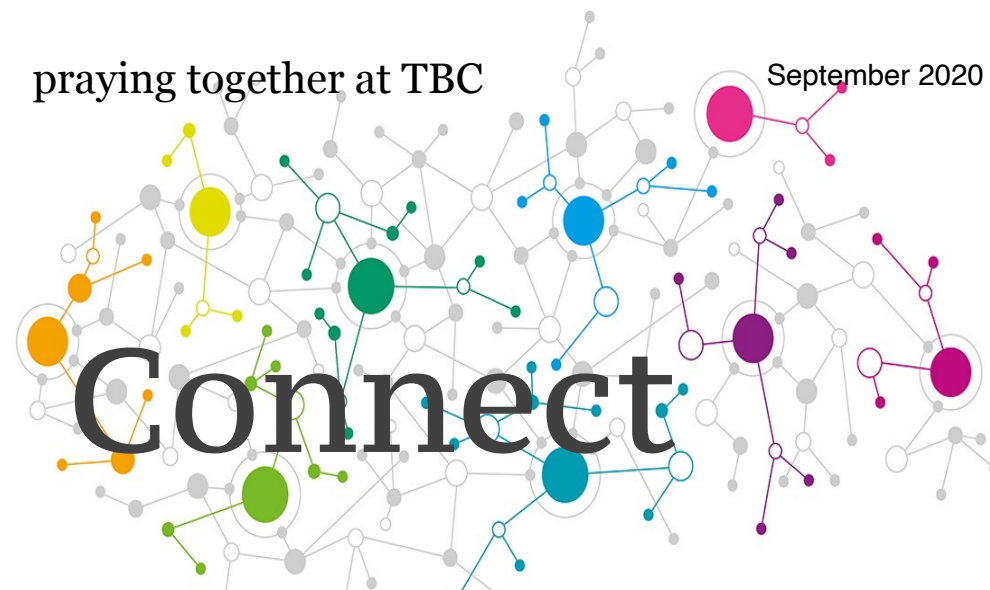
following the way of



loving God, one another
and the world

praying together at TBC

September 2020



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Students



My name is Daisy, I am a 20 year old student starting my second year of Youth Work and Community Development at De Montford University in Leicester. I had never thought about university until a week before it began, then I felt this sudden urge to apply. Youth Work felt like the course that suited me most, due to my passion for working with teenagers. As a Christian student I have friends and lecturers keen to debate religion. After involving myself in the Christian Union and a Church, it was much easier to respond to

questions due to the support of other Christian students and mature Christians within the Church. Whilst at University God spoke to me about how Christianity might be viewed by non-believers. He questioned me on how my non-believing friends may perceive Christians and how we can make Church an accessible space for those who believe they do not fit the 'Christian lifestyle'.

Please pray that students:

- Involve themselves in a Church/Christian Union that feels like home.
- Have a solid foundation in their beliefs, resulting in confidence when challenged, questioned or going through times of trial.
- Show love to non-believers in such a way that overrides any false perceptions they may have of the Church or Christianity.

Community Mission

Youth Clubs: There are four Youth Clubs in TBC. X Stream Club (school years 3 to 6) and Ignite Club (school years 7 to 9) are for those who are part of the X Stream and Ignite Sunday Morning Groups and their friends. Basement (school years 7 to 9) and Attic Cafe (school years 10 to 13) are "open" Clubs for anyone in the wider community to be part of. All four have at their heart the sharing of the transforming love of Jesus with the young people of Thornbury and the links between the Clubs and the work in Castle School is proving valuable in building relationships with young people. At the time of writing we expect that all four clubs will re-open in September but they will look very different with the need to operate in a COVID secure way, and the numbers we can accommodate are much reduced.

Please pray:

- Young people who come, that they will be safe and engage with the love of Jesus.
- Parents, as they share with us and see the love that is lavished on their young people
- Leaders as they operate within the tight restrictions, for inspiration, encouragement and strength.

Local & UK Mission

'Beloved' supports women who work in brothels and massage parlours in Bristol. We take God's love into the parlours, pray and share God's word with them as well as goodie bags with gifts of toiletries, cupcakes and a kind message. We support those women who wish to make changes to their lives.

Please pray:

- For God's guidance for Beloved on how to support women who wish to change their lives and break out from the parlours.
- Many women do not wish to return to the parlours after the Covid19 outbreak. Please pray for work/accommodation opportunities for them to break free.
- For possible partnerships with businesses who would employ these women, and people with accommodation for shared rental where the women will be safe and loved.
- For women who have given their lives to God during the Nancy Goudie Spiritual Weekend and who are now meeting regularly each week for prayer and bible study. That their faith will continue to grow.
- For the LoveWell training programme to teach women how to make beautiful eco-friendly candles and cosmetic products.

World Mission

ELAM Ministries:

Iran: 83 million people. An Islamic regime. Harsh persecution of those who leave Islam. Yet a rapidly growing church.

And deep spiritual thirst.

Despite the challenges, ELAM's ministry has continued – even accelerated – during the coronavirus pandemic. While much of normal life has been 'on pause', the church has not been.

House churches have been distributing food aid to those most in need in their communities. And the church has pressed fast-forward on prayer, on sharing Jesus, on discipling others and in planting churches, all through the wonders of technology and the internet.

As Iranians grapple with the fear and anxiety that accompanies this pandemic, and as they hear about the hope found in Christ, we are seeing a greater spiritual openness than ever before.

Please pray for:

- Safety and courage to share the gospel during this season of heightened spiritual openness
- Comfort for those suffering because of the pandemic
- Christians enduring persecution.

Children & Youth

Please pray for the following:

- Those starting school, moving school or going back to school for the first time in six months, that they will acclimatise to changes, stay safe and know that God is with them.
- Mike and Charlotte as they chart a path that will allow for a re-start of their work in Castle School.
- The children of TBC who are unable to meet, that they and their parents will grow faith at home in an engaging and deep way.

Talking of Jesus

During September, think of one person in one or more of these categories, that you would love to see come to faith and /or who you would like to talk with about your own faith.

a family member.

a neighbour.

a friend.

a work colleague.

someone connected to TBC in some way.

- Make a commitment to pray for them throughout the month.
- Pray for them by name.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to open their heart to the Good News (Acts 16:14).