# Healing and Care

### Please pray for:

- Jenny and the family of Steve Britten.
- 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.

## Coronavirus

### Pray Keep Praying For:

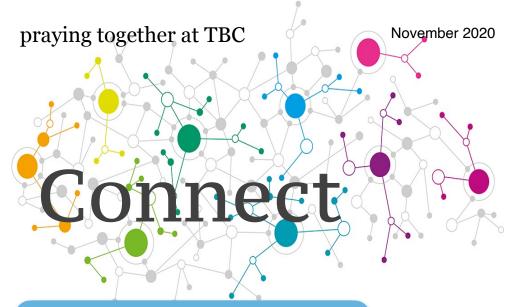
- Those affected by the virus, either suffering from it, in quarantine with symptoms or who have been bereaved by it.
- Those working as key workers and those now returning to work, especially teachers and students starting back this month.
- Our TBC Community Contacts who we are still not able to serve 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.



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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TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Education

My name is Paul but better known to most as Bertie. I've been worshipping at TBC for 32 years, when I came to faith as a teenager.

I have worked as a Design Technology teacher for the past 22 years and currently work at Broadlands Academy in Keynsham, where I have been for five years. I very much enjoy my job and am well aware that as a teacher, I have the privilege of being able to inspire students, praise them and direct them on pathways that are the most enjoyable and fulfilling for them. I am very aware of the difficulties that today's young

people face and hope that I am doing all I can to help them. I am able to share my faith in simple ways by supporting my colleagues with kindness and collaboration and by doing my absolute best for all pupils that I tutor or teach. In this time of COVID, school feels much like business as usual, with a lot more hand gel, a visor and a lot more rules!

### Please pray:

- for all leaders in education to make the best choices, with limited budgets.
- for children pray that we are able to stay focussed on the needs of the child.
- that we are able to share our faith with colleagues by supporting them.

# **Community Mission**

GOOSE is an OFSTED regulated
Out of School club run here at
Thornbury Baptist Church, for
Gillingstool Primary school. We
started in October 2012 and before
COVID hit had over forty children
on the register, ranging from four to
eleven years old.

We have now reopened post lockdown on reduced numbers for safety.

### Please Pray:

- That through our actions we will show God's love.
- For all the children and their families.
- For strength in managing the COVID restrictions.
- For staffing, that the right staff will be appointed as needs arise.

# Online Contacts

Please pray for the people who connect with our online services, but who were not part of TBC before Covid. Pray that they feel 'at home' with us online, and that those who do not have a faith might find one!

# Local & UK Mission

The Willow Tree Pregnancy Crisis
Centre offers free, unbiased,
impartial and confidential support
to local women and men facing
unplanned pregnancy and for those
struggling after all types of
pregnancy loss.

We aim to live out our Christian faith and reflect the values of Christ by showing love and compassion to each and every client, whatever their situation.

### Please pray:

- about telemedicine abortions –
  covid restrictions have resulted in
  a change in regulations which
  means that women can now have
  "abortion pills" sent to them in the
  post following a telephone
  appointment with a clinic. This
  means there is minimal support
  before, during and after them
  going through the procedure.
  Pray for us and Centres across
  the country to be easily found on
  web searches and easily
  accessible for women facing a
  crisis pregnancy
- for Mary, our new Centre Director and Helen as she becomes the Centre Manager
- for all our volunteers as they continue to support clients on the phone.
- for the increasing number of clients contacting us, that they won't have to wait too long for a first appointment.

### **World Mission**

SAT-7 is a Christian media ministry based in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). By broadcasting satellite television (and using digital media) in Arabic, Turkish and Farsi to the 25 million people of the region who watch our programmes, we enable the Church in the MENA - isolated, often small and facing many restrictions - to make known the love of Christ, to teach and encourage believers, and share a positive Christian vision for life and society. And all this in the privacy of people's homes.

The Corona Virus has made it harder to make programmes but we have seen increased phone calls and messages to our viewer support teams in many areas as people are increasingly isolated from other Christians.

# Please pray for:

- Our studio and pastoral staff (and their families) for protection and health as they serve the people of the MENA.
- People watching SAT-7 as their church – pray God will pour out His Spirit on them and they will be salt and light.
- As crises layer one on the other

   conflict, political and economic instability, poverty and Covid19 pray for God to bring His peace to the region.

### Children & Youth

### Please pray for the following:

- Give thanks to God for the young people who are able to meet as part of the Families Ministry and the Youth Ministry
- Pray for our Schools as they manage a difficult situation in keeping us safe
- Pray for our Students, away from home and trying to study, make friends and connect with other Christians when COVID 19 is placing restrictions on all parts of their life

# Talking of Jesus

# Pray for:

- Pray for God to provide an opportunity for you to share your faith this month, for the sensitivity to perceive the opportunity and for the courage to take it.
- 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?