

## Healing and Care

### Please pray for:

- Jenny and the family of Steve Britten.
- Yvonne Evans.
- The family of Hazel Staley as they mourn her loss.
- 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 are 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.

## World Events

### Pray Keep Praying For:

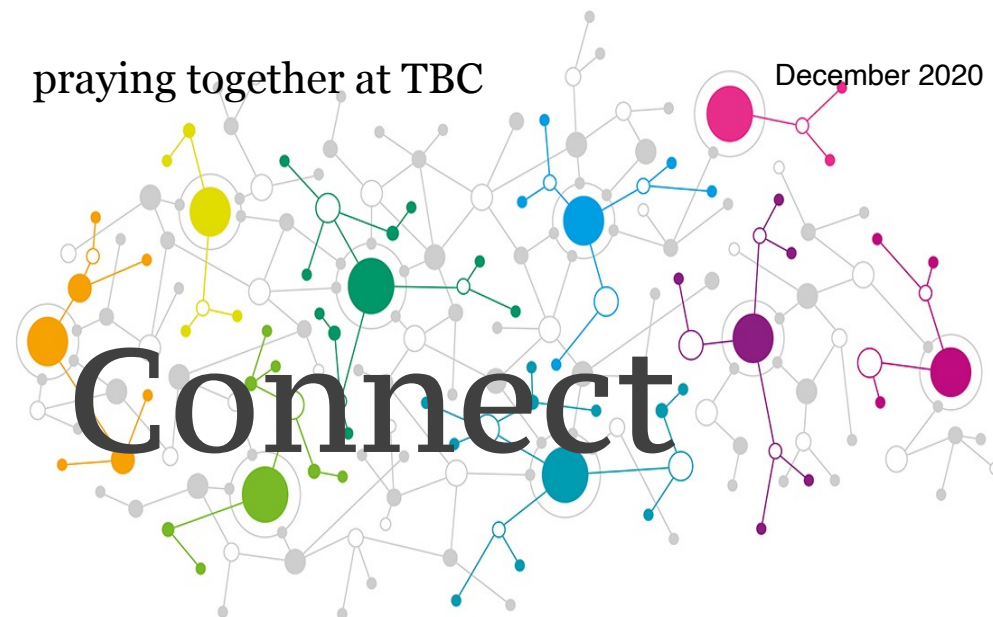
- Those affected by the Coronavirus, either suffering from it, in quarantine with symptoms or who have been bereaved by it.
- Give thanks for the successful creation tests, treatment and an effective vaccine.
- Those in political leadership in the UK and globally.
- Those experiencing financial challenges and/or loss of work.
- Those who feel lonely and missing contact with their family.

### Also remember:

- Eritrean refugees in Tigray camps. Hunger and malnutrition a real danger for nearly 100,000 people in northern Ethiopia, the UN says.
- Christians in Indonesia, following the recent murder of four Salvation Army officers by Islamic militants.
- The tension in the Middle East, especially as Iran works out its response to the assassination of its chief nuclear scientist.

## praying together at TBC

December 2020



### TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Legal Professions



I am Alison and I have been worshipping at TBC for 25 years. My two sons grew up in our family home in Thornbury but I moved to Alveston about six years ago.

I have worked as a family lawyer for the last 35 years, apart from a career break when my boys were young. I am now a Director of a firm in Bristol, but I continue to have a caseload of family matters that centre around family breakdown.

I have found my faith a real source of strength at work and have seen many answers to prayer in what, otherwise, had appeared to be intractable cases. As a manager I hope that I have helped to create an atmosphere where staff feel supported and appreciated, as I am conscious that my witness at work is more about how I act rather than, necessarily, what I say.

This year has inevitably been a challenging one with staff working from home. It has perhaps been most difficult for clients in abusive relationships.

### Please pray:

- For those suffering from emotional or physical abuse in their relationships.
- For justice at a time when most court hearings take place remotely.
- For wisdom as firms try to provide safe places of work for their staff.

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following the way of



loving God, one another  
and the world

## Community Mission

Christmas families ministry:  
Understandably things will look a little different this year, please pray for the following mission initiatives for this month as we seek to share God's Good News this Christmas:

### **Please Pray For:**

- The advent bags given out in the community to children between 3 & 11 that they would be used, be a blessing & effective.
- The 2 by 2 toddler group as they prepare for Christmas through a mixture of zoom sessions and outdoor sessions.
- The online nativity service that replaces the donkey service for this year. Pray that many will engage even though we can't safely meet as we would normally. Pray for the families that are taking part in recording videos for the nativity.
- The outdoor nativity trail that will be up for two weeks before Christmas. Pray that it will give many families the opportunity to engage with Jesus' birth and have fun together.
- The many families for whom Christmas will be difficult, disappointing and painful. The pressure to give children a Happy Christmas when as parents they are struggling financially, emotionally, with health concerns can be overwhelming. Pray that we are able to support those that need our help the most.

## Local & UK Mission

New Start Debt Advice: We have a team of volunteers who meet with people struggling with their finances from our local community. The people we are helping have a wide range of debt from a few thousand to over a hundred thousand pounds. This has a huge impact on them and their families as they struggle with what seems like an impossible situation.

The debt advice is just part of a range of help that is available for those who are struggling in our local community. Our work runs alongside the foodbank, local charities, housing associations, the local council and others. Please pray that we will all be able to work together well to provide a joined up approach.

Finally and perhaps most importantly we want to demonstrate God's love for every person in what we do. Pray that those we stand alongside will know that God loves them and this will draw them to faith in Jesus.

### **Please pray:**

- For our team of ten advisers as we look at each situation and identify the right way forward.
- For wisdom and that the people we are helping will take on board and act on the advice given.

## World Mission

TEARFUND: As a Christian charity, we believe that everyone has an amazing God-given potential to create change. We show people around the world how to unlock these gifts and escape poverty. Many of our partners in this work are local churches, who discover how to offer their communities material and spiritual hope.

Praying for the world can sometimes feel overwhelming. The need is great and it's difficult to know where to start but I hope that these prayer points will help you to lift our work to the lord.

### **Please pray for:**

- Tearfund's work with the coronavirus, which has affected every area of our mission worldwide, and poses a serious threat to the most vulnerable communities.
- The hurricanes and typhoons which have hit central America and the Philippines in the last few weeks. Pray that our partners can respond quickly and effectively
- Please pray for Ethiopia, as political tensions rise and unsettle the country. Pray for peace and for conflict to be averted

## Children & Youth

### **Please pray for the following:**

- We are seeing a significant increase in young people in need of additional support, often with very difficult and complex circumstances. Please pray for Mike, Charlotte and others who continue to provide 1-2-1 mentoring throughout pandemic.
- Many young people are missing the face to face contact now that the Children and Youth Ministry has moved back on-line. Please pray for an improvement in the COVID landscape of South Gloucestershire and wisdom in discerning when groups may start to meet face to face again.
- Many young people are finding it hard to cope with uncertainty and changing rules and guidance. Please pray that we can point to the constancy of love and care from a God who promises to be there no matter what.

## Talking of Jesus

**Pray for any non-Christians friends or family who you might be able to meet up with over Christmas time.**

- Pray for God to open their hearts and minds to his love.
- Pray for the opportunity to share something of what your faith has meant for you this year.