

## Healing and Care

### Please pray for:

- Sammy, following a fall.
- Sharon Nicholls (bereavement)
- Malcolm Read and his wife Beryl.
- Rachel King's Mum.
- Kathryn Strode, treatment for cancer.
- Ruth Collett
- Vanessa Burke with cancer.
- Jacob and Curtis
- Graham and Connie
- Dorothy Wagstaff
- John Dean

*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.



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## 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 of 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:

- Joe Biden and the new administration of the USA as they seek to establish their path for the coming years.
- Pray for Christians living in the five countries where persecution is most extreme: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya and Pakistan.
- The plight of the large numbers of refugees and displaced people in the world, often living in crowded camps with no resources, little hope, and little protection from the Coronavirus.

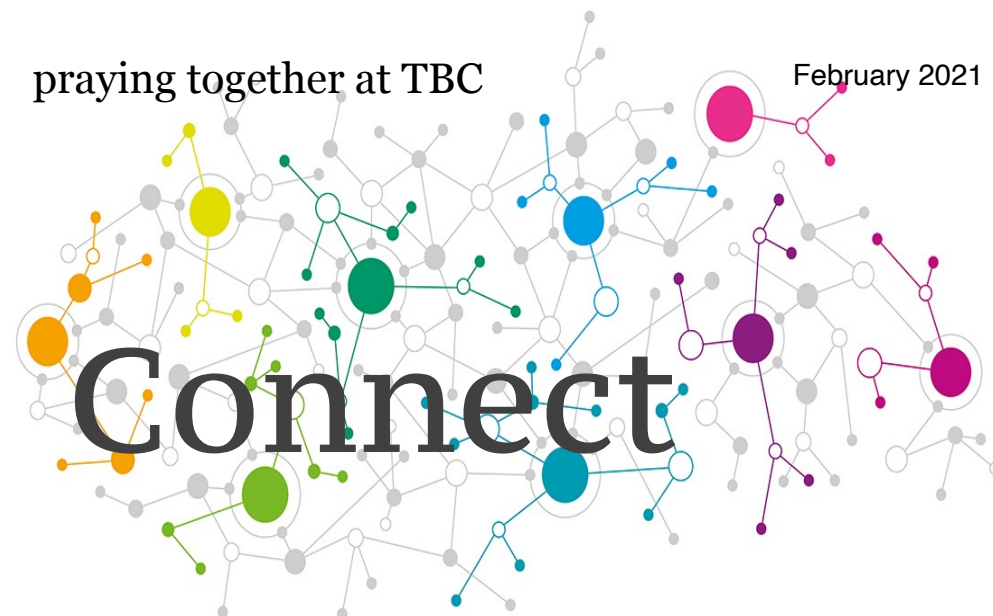
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loving God, one another  
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## praying together at TBC

February 2021



### TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Healthcare & Care Roles



Hello there! My name is Jenny and I've been part of TBC for over 30 years. I moved to Thornbury after marrying Paul, and we currently live in the town with our 21year old twins and our little dog, Jasper.

I trained to be a nurse in the early 1980's and have worked within the NHS since then. Presently, I work as a Nurse Practitioner in a Bristol GP practice. My job brings lots of benefits and challenges, but overall, it's a huge privilege to serve and care for people's health needs. In addition, I am helping with the mass vaccination programme at Ashton Gate.

The recent Covid pandemic has impacted people's lives hugely. Throughout it I have felt closer to God and am convinced that despite so much suffering, he continues to reach out in love. The founding principles of the NHS were based on the ideal that healthcare should be for everyone, based on need, not on our ability to pay. There are distinct parallels here with the way God invites us to share life with him.

### Please pray:

- For continued energy and resilience for all health care workers.
- That mass vaccination and the 'stay at home' message will be adhered to.
- Revival in our nation.

## Community Mission

The Alpha course is described as: "an 11-week course that creates a space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God." TBC has been running the Alpha course for many years and it has played a significant role in helping lots of people to grow in faith or discover faith in Christ for the first time. We hope to offer another course online in the not-too-distant future.



### Please Pray:

- Thank God for the work of Alpha and its fruitfulness.
- That those attending online Alpha course across the world at this time would encounter the love, grace and forgiveness of God.
- That we would have courage and confidence to ask a friend, family member or neighbour to attend an Alpha course.

## Local & UK Mission

Oasis Thornbury is TBC's project to support people as they exit homelessness. As well as providing a safe and comfortable space in a house, Oasis offers practical, and emotional support, befriending and mentoring for residents. Oasis are partners with Green Pastures who work with churches across the country to provide housing for those in need.



### Please pray:

- For our team that oversee the project. Pray for God's wisdom as they consider further development of the house.
- For the residents in the house. May they be comfortable, happy and hopeful as they move on with their lives.
- The team of helpers who fulfil different roles within Oasis.
- Green Pastures and their 70 church partnerships across the UK ([www.greenpastures.net](http://www.greenpastures.net)).

## World Mission

I am Carol Connolly. I was born and raised in Thornbury and have been a member of TBC since 1991.

Since 2007 I have lived and worked in N.East Bulgaria, building 'The Ark' a Christian Creative Arts retreat and community centre.

The Ark has grown into a place of refuge, for conferences, events and a base for mission outreach, facilitating small groups and individuals coming to be recharged, have fellowship together and prepare for mission projects locally and elsewhere.

With others from local churches we work with several Roma communities and have weekly children's ministry here.

I sensed an urgency to complete the Ark and led by Exodus ch.4 v2 (what is in your hand?) have decided to sell my home apartment and parcel of land to enable this.

### Please pray for:

- Pastor Milen and wife Irena with Covid -19.
- Protection for the local communities especially the homeless and Roma.
- Sale of the property and completion of The Ark.
- Wisdom, health and strength for this next season.

## Children & Youth

### Please pray for:

- Us as a Church as we seek God's guidance for the way ahead with the Children and Youth Ministry.
- Teachers in our schools as they navigate their way through the complexities of lockdown, some delivering face to face lessons and others working remotely.
- Young people who have seen their plans change and the stress that brings that they will take comfort that God is greater and will guide them through.

## Talking of Jesus

### An 'Opening' Prayer for your friends, family and colleagues:

O Lord, you who opened the tomb and gave life to your Son, I pray for an opening in [name].

Open the eyes of their heart to see you.

Open the ears of their heart to hear your call.

Open their heart to desire you.

Open their spirit to yield to you.

And open me too Lord:

Open my heart to love them,

Open my hands to serve them,

Open a door that I might speak with them, then

Open my lips to share you with them.

AMEN