

## Healing and Care

### Please pray for:

- Rob Heath and family, following the death of Rob's mother.
- 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
- Wendy Titterton
- Stewart (suffering from stress)

*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:

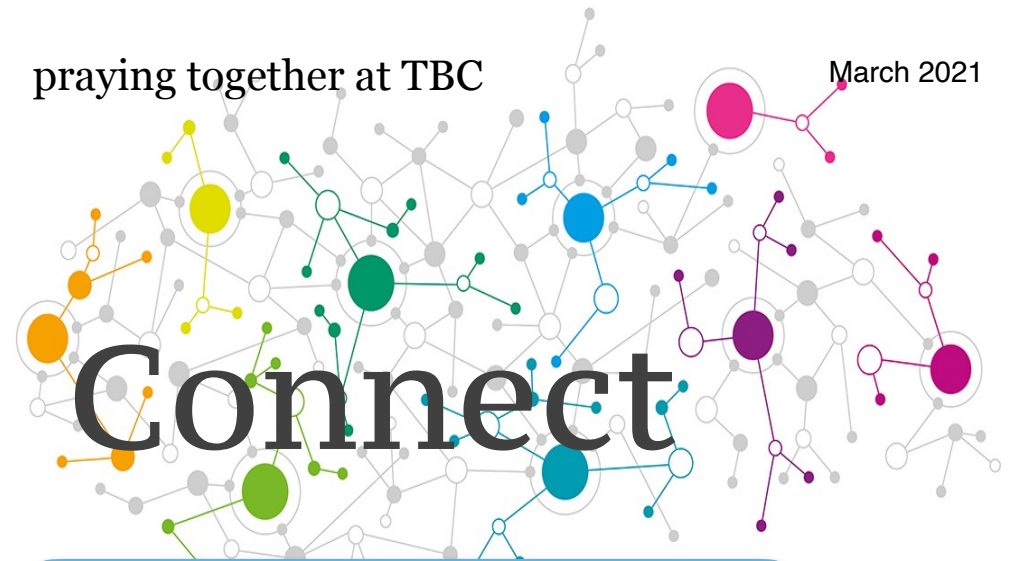
- School staff and students as they return to school this month.
- Those affected by the Coronavirus, either suffering from it, who have been bereaved by it or who are suffering from 'long-Covid'.
- Give thanks for the successful creation of tests, treatment and an effective vaccine.
- Those in political 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:

- The Uighur people being forcibly assimilated by the Chinese Government.
- The 740,000 displaced Rohingya people, who fled persecution in Myanmar in 2017.
- The people of Yemen, victims of war and facing a famine.
- Those caught up in the political violence in Myanmar.
- The WHO as they, and others work to create a fair global distribution of Covid 19 vaccines ("Rich nations representing just 14% of the world's population have bought up more than half (53%) of all the most promising vaccines").

## praying together at TBC

March 2021



### TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Voluntary Roles

Hi my name is Dave. My wife Viv and I have been part of TBC for over 40 years. We have three children Andrew, Caroline and Jonathon - all married. We also have five lovely grandchildren.



My work on the railways brought us to Thornbury when I was appointed as Assistant Area Manager, based in Bristol Temple Meads in the late 70's. I took early retirement in 1997. Over subsequent years I felt God encourage me to volunteer in various areas. It was a way I could share my faith in word and action on the 'frontline'.


Initially it was sharing Bible truths in school assemblies with 'Open the Book' then also serving as a School Governor at New Siblands School. In recent years I have also helped with welcoming, meeting and greeting those in need at Foodbank.

When New Siblands and Culverhill (Yate) schools became Academies I was appointed a Trustee of the overseeing Trust Board, and am now its Chair. The Board oversees the schools' finances, encourages outstanding teaching and learning provision, supports parents / carers and seeks to grow the Special Schools Trust.

### Please pray for those who volunteer to have:

- Sensitivity to paid staff that they work alongside.
- Opportunities to share God's love and grace to those we meet.
- Wisdom and courage, if in decision making roles.

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following the way of   
*loving God, one another  
and the world*

## Community Mission

We have four Youth Clubs. X Stream Club (school yrs 3 -6) and Ignite Club (school yrs 7-9) are places where our Sunday groups can meet in a Club environment to explore faith and grow supportive friendships and invite their friends along as we introduce them to Jesus. Before pandemic there was a 50/50 split between young people who are part of the Sunday worshipping community and those from the wider community. Basement (school yrs 7-9) and Attic Cafe (school yrs 10-13) are missional community clubs where we provide safe space to grow positive friendships and explore the Christian faith. Before pandemic we had up to 50 young people in Basement and 35 in Attic. All clubs have moved on-line, and, as is the case across the UK, engagement has dropped.

### Please Pray:

- Those young people who do not engage on-line, that we can keep relationships going in other ways.
- The seeds of faith, and deeper exploration of faith, that have been planted and grown, that these will not be lost during pandemic.
- Fresh ideas for those who lead, that will keep and grow relationships with Club members.

## Local & UK Mission

Our next ALPHA course starts, online, on Thursday 11th March. You can find details in our weekly notice sheet.



### Please pray:

- Those who have already signed up, that they would enjoy the course and meet God there.
- Those who are still considering joining, that they might 'take the plunge'.
- Paul Ferguson, as he leads the course.

### Developments at TBC

Please continue to pray for the elders and others involved in considering the shape of the five areas of ministry and leadership, identified for development this year:

- Youth Work
- Children's Work
- Church Manager
- Older People's Work
- Core Leader

## World Mission

Rope (Relief for Oppressed People Everywhere) believes that God's plans are for transformed lives. They work with local Christian groups in sixteen countries to support the poor and marginalised and give them dignity and independence. Partners have had to adapt their work to meet Coronavirus restrictions.

### Please pray for:

- AKS, who work with 16 remote communities in Odisha India, delivering education to 600 children in their mother tongue. They also train local people to become primary teachers.
- Dolpa Children's Home in Kathmandu, which provides a loving Christian family for 14 orphans. Former residents, Palden and Tenzing, now attend Bible college in India, studying to become missionaries to their own communities back in Nepal.
- BOMO, DR Congo, which runs a residential training centre for vulnerable women. Pray for those who graduated in January and now face the challenge of using their dressmaking skills to support themselves.
- Rope's trustees who seek to make significant changes to enable Rope both to remain true to its original vision and to continue sustainably into the future.

## Children & Youth

### Please pray for:

- ... the spiritual well-being of children and youth as we continue to navigate the impact of COVID.
- ... staff in our schools as they prepare for a wider re-opening.
- ... guidance for the plans for the coming weeks and the summer holidays.

## Talking of Jesus

**"To evangelise is to announce the good news, however the announcement is made, or to bring good news, by whatever means it is brought.** We can evangelise by **word of mouth** (whether to individuals, groups, or crowds); by **print, picture, and screen**; by **drama** (whether what is dramatized is fact or fiction); by **good works of love**; by a **Christ-centred home**; by a **transformed life**; and even by a **speechless excitement about Jesus.**" (John Stott)

### THINK ABOUT:

In what ways might you be able to announce the good news about Jesus, in this month leading up to Easter?

### PRAY FOR:

May my life be an announcement of Good News to all I meet.