

Healing and Care

Please pray for:

- Keiran, recently diagnosed with a brain tumour aged 22
- Malcolm Read and his wife Beryl.
- Graham and Connie Ogbourne
- Dorothy Wagstaff
- Kathryn Strode, undergoing treatment for cancer
- Ruth Collett (cataract op)
- Vanessa Burke with cancer.
- John Dean.
- John and his daughter.
- 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.



web: www.thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk
email: office@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk
tel: 01454 419118

World Events

Pray Pray for:

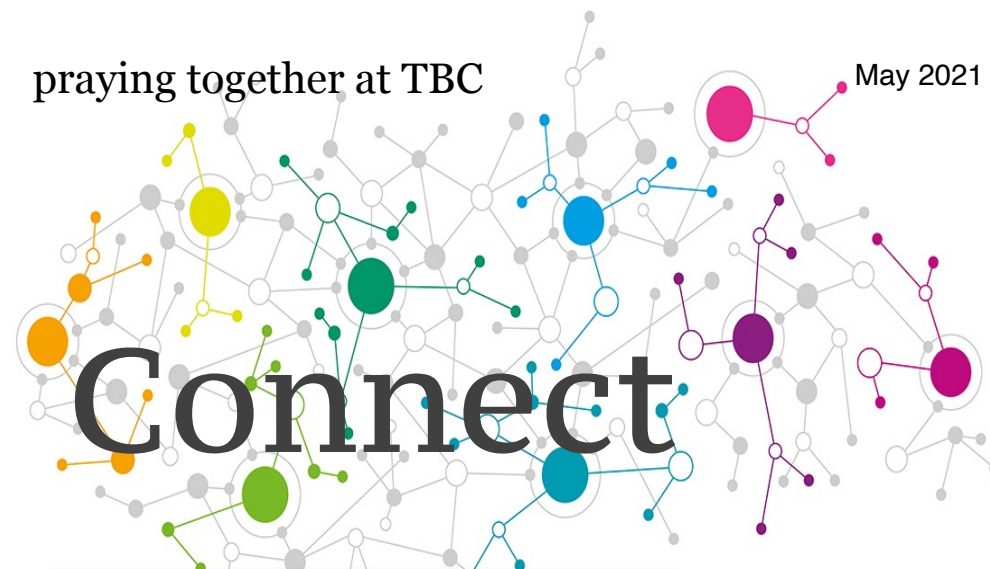
- Those countries currently experiencing a surge in Coronavirus cases - especially India where the situation is extremely bad.
- The relief of tensions between Russia and Ukraine.
- The people of Mozambique, where a humanitarian crisis intersects with the social and economic impact of climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, the ongoing HIV epidemic, and the acute debt crisis.
- Syria, where fighting between Kurdish forces and the Syrian government has broken out again near to several Christian communities in Qamishli, north east Syria.



Please pray for those attending our weekly online ALPHA sessions.

praying together at TBC

May 2021



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Retirement

I'm Anita Weidekamp (my unusual surname comes from my husband, Steen, who's Danish). We've lived in Thornbury for 20 years, moving from Surrey due to a job change for Steen. Having worked in Marketing for the majority of my career, after moving to Thornbury, I began working for a manufacturer of medical packaging in the role of HR. Most of the time I found HR to be rewarding, particularly the area of counselling, mentoring and guidance.

I retired in June 2019, which was the year I did the Alpha course through TBC. I loved the course for its informative teachings and also the great people on the course: we're still together in our Homegroup which is led by Dave & Carol Ling.

The transition from full-time work to retirement was great in the summer (I started doing lots of gardening and cycling), and I helped out for a while as a volunteer with the Oasis project. I think my faith provides me with a purpose to continue to contribute to society and to use an old analogy – give something back.

Please pray for those approaching retirement:

- Pray for peace as they encounter the many changes to routines and the large and small 'losses' related to giving up their previous employment.
- Pray for a God-given sense of purpose as they move into the next phase of their lives.



Community Mission

Prison Ministry: As lockdown continues, the small team of Chaplaincy volunteers have not been able to go into Eastwood Park to lead bible studies on a Monday afternoon. The Chaplaincy team and staff continue to work with prisoners on a one-to-one basis in their units. We are not aware of any virus infections reported recently. We hope that the recently appointed Church of England Chaplain is providing further support to Matthew, head of the Chaplaincy team.

It may be some time before anyone is able to go into the prison and due to changes in personal circumstances most of our team will be standing down.

Prayer & Praise:

- Thank God that no cases of the virus have been reported recently. Pray that this may continue.
- Energy, inspiration and strength for the Chaplaincy Team and staff as they seek to support prisoners through this difficult time.
- God's will and guidance for the future.
- That prisoners and staff find hope and peace in acknowledging God's love for them.

Local & UK Mission

Thornbury Foodbank continues to be a 100% delivery service but we are considering opening up to clients coming in to Foodbank again. We are blessed by the on-going generosity of our community and the wonderful support of our team of faithful volunteers.

We retain telephone contact with our clients each Friday and are able to signpost some to other organisations to help them, working with New Start Debt Advice and the North Bristol Foodbank. It has been so good to hear from two clients recently that they no longer need our help.

All new clients receive a copy of a magazine entitled Hope, produced by Gideons, with a note and telephone number to contact us if they need to.

Prayer & Praise:

- Thanks for all the support we receive from TBC.
- Thanks to all who faithfully support us through donations or service.
- Continued safety and protection for volunteers and clients.
- Wisdom for decisions that need to be made.
- That we will bring hope and God's love to those who are in such difficult circumstances.

World Mission

Thanks for your prayer and support for work of the Bridge Trust Ltd in India. You will be aware that India is being ravished by the COVID pandemic. Thanks for praying for our partners, the Victory Churches of India and the Love India charity as they work with the poorest of the poor.



Please pray for:

- Protection and provision as they continue to feed many people who are unable to work due to lockdown. Thank God for the 275,000 plus meals that have been distributed in Delhi slums.
- Due to Government pressures, Love India have closed their Girl's Orphanage and are currently trying to find homes for 20 girls. We will help them as they continue to support the girls financially and pastorally.
- Love India is starting free computer tuition for girls from lower income families and extra tuition for slum children
- Several of the Love India staff have COVID symptoms. They have to wait 5 days before contacting a hospital. Sadly many of the Delhi hospitals are overwhelmed with the number of patients.

Children & Youth

Please pray for:

- Those who would normally begin their GCSE and A Level exams this month as they wonder what the outcomes of their gradings might be and the impact on their future.
- The groups that are moving back to face to face meetings from on-line, that those who have not met on-line would return and the groups would be a safe place.
- The growing mental health needs amongst young people of all ages and the pressures placed on those, including the TBC Children and Youth Ministry, trying to help.

Talking of Jesus

As activities slowly begin to restart at the church centre, please pray for the contacts that we are able to rebuild with the community.

Please pray for:

- That those who come would bring a spiritual hunger with them..
- That those who serve have the confidence to share their faith.
- That there would be significant numbers of people coming to faith as life opens up again over coming months.