# Healing and Care

### Please pray for:

- The family of Alan Butler who died at the end of May.
- 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.

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### Pray Pray for:

- Continue to pray for the global Covid situation - especially for India where the situation is extremely bad.
- Those who are suffering in the continuing conflict in Israel. Pray for those in leadership who can bring restraint and peace to act courageously.
- The situation in Myanmar which has affected many people, including Christians. This extract from Open Doors gives a flavour: "Many believers who are now unemployed are unable to give tithes and offerings. Consequently, church workers have been made redundant as there is no money to pay their salaries. Ask the Lord to provide for all those who've lost their jobs."



Please pray for those attending our weekly online ALPHA sessions.





# TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Creatives & Artists

My name is Annalisa Thompson, I am married to Zach and have two children. I am a Textile Artist and I work as a Special Educational Needs T.A. at a local primary school. I love to find creative ways to connect with people whenever possible.

In my view, my Artwork is a way of creating a language without words to express feelings and emotions I am processing. My aim is that my love of nature, colour, texture and God's love would resonate through in a unique way.



In my job, I work as part of a team and one to one with a child with educational needs. In this role, it is important to assess the situation ahead of time and have strategies in place to allow the school day to run as smoothly as possible with the goal of creating a fun, accessible learning experience.

### Please pray for:

- T. A.'s and teachers to feel equipped and supported.
- Relationships with students and staff to be strengthened. Particularly, post-COVID to be sensitive to potential needs and anxieties.
- Opportunities to be created to show God's love in creative ways.
- The work of local artists to be an expression of God's love, inspiring, and bringing healing into the lives of people.

## **Community Mission**

Sunday Morning Groups Although our Sunday morning Children and Youth Groups, for ages zero to 18, have not been able to meet in the building for 16 months they have been able to meet as part of the Families Ministry and on Zoom, so we are very grateful for all those who have helped to provide these opportunities for continued exploration of faith. The first steps have been taken with some of the groups meeting "face to face" where this is possible and our hope and prayer is that all the groups will be able to meet in the building on a Sunday morning as from 5th September.

#### **Please Pray for:**

- The young people as they emerge from the restrictions of pandemic and look forward to meeting with each other in their groups again.
- The teams who will re-form to lead each group, and the Youth Team Leader and proposed Children Team Leader as they seek God's vision
- God to spark something fresh through His Spirit.

## Local & UK Mission

The Gospel Generation Community Choir is a large community choir based around Bristol with one of the 'branches' being based at TBC. We practise in four different venues across the city and then all come together to sing at various community events and sometimes putting on a concert ourselves which is always good fun! None of us are experienced but we make an amazing sound when we sing together! We just enjoy singing and having fun doing it! We obviously haven't met in person since the start of COVID so have been doing choir on-line which has been a good second best! Thank you for your prayers and if you would like to know more about the choir please contact Heather Staley (heathertbcc@amail.com).

### Please pray for:

- The outdoor group singing sessions we have booked starting from the end of this month.
- Wisdom and God's guidance for the leaders as we feel our way back to 'normality' and make plans for the future
- A lovely sense of God being amongst us as we both continue on-line and as we get back together in person in such difficult circumstances.

## World Mission

CALIKIDS: Cali has been in the news recently although we do not hear too much on the news here in the UK. Cali has been the epicentre of protests which has spread to most of the major cities in Colombia including the capital Bogota. Around 40+ people have been killed as the poor have protested against taxes for those living in poverty. Some of the protesters requests have been met but the situation is not over yet.

The violence has been worse in the villages which are extremely poor. All our sponsored children are safe and a big thank you to all those who have faithfully sponsored for so long.

#### Please pray for:

- Please pray for peace and quiet.
- Pray for safety and wisdom for those who are involved in healthcare, with few resources.
- Please pray for Fredy Botero, pastor and owner of the orphanage we support. He now has about 24 children living there.
- Pray for Wilson and Daniela Pullido, a YWAM couple who run a school in Hormiguero, a very poor and dangerous village. They now live in the school with their children.

## Children & Youth

#### Please pray:

- Give thanks for Charlotte taking on the Youth Team Leader role in October, and pray for the recruitment of a Children's Team Leader and a Youth Worker.
- Pray for Mike and Charlotte as they lead sessions for Year 7s in Castle School on the topic of Anxiety
- Give thanks for Hev and the team who have incorporated Children's,'s Ministry into Families Ministry during COVID and the blessing this has been to the youngest Children.

### Talking of Jesus

The responsibility and power to share the Good News of Jesus wasn't given to angels, nor to professional evangelists, but to ordinary people. We do this by telling what Jesus has done for us. There is a wonderful verse that sums this up: "Come and hear, ... and I will tell what he has done for my soul" (Ps. 66:16)

#### Please pray for:

 The opportunity to share your story with someone during the month of June. Maybe pray for this with someone else. Stay alert to what opportunity God might provide!