

## Healing and Care

### Please pray for:

- Ann Williams following the sudden death of her brother.
- Carol Ling following the sudden death of her father.
- Kieran, 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.*

## World Events

### Pray Pray for:

- Peace to come to the increasingly violent and lawless areas of Northern Nigeria. Pray for the 300+ school children still being held captive by 'bandits' there.
- The people of Afghanistan, where the Taliban have retaken about half of the country.
- The many countries in the world where Covid vaccines are still in short supply and where the virus continues to cause devastation.
- Lebanon, where medicine, electricity and fuel are scarce. The country is in the grips of one of the world's worst economic crises in more than a century. Its currency has collapsed and it is estimated that more than half its people can no longer afford enough food.
- Tunisia where there have been months of political tension with frustration at the government's handling of the pandemic and an economic crisis.

We are keen to support one another. If you have concerns about anyone, please check on them if you are able, or please contact Paul Ferguson.



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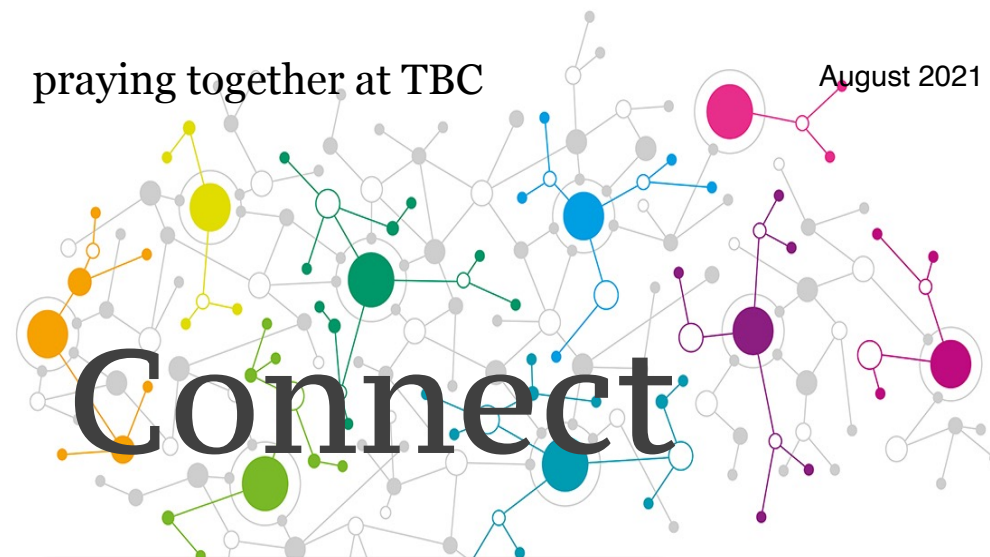
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loving God, one another  
and the world



## praying together at TBC

August 2021



### TBC's Frontline Mission: Retail workers



Hi, my name is Lorraine, I'm married to Jeremy and we have three grown up children and one grandson. I work locally in Thornbury town at M&Co formerly known as McKay's and have been working there now for almost six years part-time after having suffered depression the year before.

It's hard work physically, especially for someone so short, (I struggle reaching the very top rails without a step - lol) but I believe it is where the Lord has placed me and I enjoy the people that I work with. I also enjoy meeting many customers from the town and further afield. It's satisfying being able to converse with them and helping them

find that something special.

The Lord has given me opportunity to discuss my faith with fellow colleagues, but I usually wait until someone asks me a question about it, because I am very aware that not all are so keen for me to share. Generally though, they know where I stand in my faith.

### Please pray:

- For the retail industry as a whole, especially as it is an area that has been struggling to survive since Covid, and also for the many people who work in it and who rely on the income from it to live.
- On a personal note, that the Lord will give me further opportunities to share Jesus with my work colleagues, as I would love to see them come to know Him personally too.

## Community Mission

### TBC Football Team

Our football team is an outreach opportunity for the church. Most of the guys who play do not regularly attend church, but rather are attracted by our Christian ethos. We aim to witness to the love of Christ by the way we play as part of the Bristol Churches Football League.

Home matches are played on Saturday mornings at the Jubilee Fields in Alveston, and training is on Wednesdays on the all-weather surface at Marlwood School. The pandemic has disrupted training, playing and generally getting together for the past 18 months; however the new season is planned to start on Saturday 5 September.

#### Please pray for:

- Good opportunities for the team to hear the gospel.
- Our manager, Rich Ocone, to have wisdom in organising and managing the team.
- Our captain, John Cordle, to stay free from injury and lead the team on the pitch.
- Our chairman, Dave Finney as he seeks to provide spiritual oversight.

### WANTED

Please continue to pray for our need of a **Church Operations Manager**.

## Local & UK Mission

'Beloved' supports women working in prostitution, in indoor settings.

Through sharing the gospel, supporting exit and bringing comfort, our hope is to see hundreds of lives transformed. We show love and kindness to the women we work with and offer a listening ear and practical support.

We hope to release and support the women out of whatever it is that is holding them in this industry and to comfort them through the challenges and fears that they face whilst involved in sex work. Ultimately our goal is that God will transform their lives and that they will be set free to find safety in churches across Bristol.

#### Prayer Points:

- For new employment opportunities to become available to the women where they can grow and flourish.
- As we launch our pilot of host homes among families from local churches, please pray for the hosts as we test this new initiative and for the women who will benefit from their amazing hospitality.
- Two of the reopened parlours are not granting us access at the moment, please pray that the women inside are safe and that we would get back into these venues soon.

## World Mission

### Romania (SzékelyUdvarhely) Mission

Sadly, for the second year running, COVID has prevented us from taking a team of young people to partner with our link church in Romania for their Summer mission.

This is a great source of disappointment for all involved, but in particular for our young people who were looking forward so much to how God would work in them and through them. Romania is still in the grip of COVID, and there have been deaths within the church, but the church is able to go ahead with a different plan to reach out to their Community this Summer through a festival of music.

#### Please pray for:

- Our young people who have been prevented from this mission opportunity, that they will stand firm in their faith and seek refreshment from God in other ways.
- The church as they minister to each other through pandemic and mourn with the families of those who have died..
- New life to be raised up through their Summer mission, for the gift of music to be used by the Spirit to reach others for His kingdom.

## Children & Youth

August in the Children and Youth Ministry is usually a month to pause, reflect, refresh and prepare for a new start. As we do this...

- Give thanks for all those who have worked in this ministry over the past, very difficult, year as they have supported young people when under so much pressure themselves.
- Pray for the young people who have disconnected as a result of the move online and the impact of COVID on their lives.
- Look forward to God doing something new in the coming months and our part in bringing his kingdom to the young people of our church and local communities.



**Congratulations to Charlotte and Lewis on the birth of their daughter, Noa Sophia!**

Pray for them as they start this new phase of family life.