

Healing and Care

Please pray for:

- Ann Williams following the sudden death of her brother.
- Charlotte and Lewis as they await the arrival of their first baby.
- Carol Ling following the sudden death of her father.
- 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.

World Events

Pray Pray for:

- July 29th is *Earth Overshoot Day* - the day when humanity's use of planetary resources and ecological services in a given year exceeds what Earth's ecosystems can regenerate or replace in that year. Please pray for the increased development and adoption of technology and practices that reflect responsible stewardship of God's world.
- Burkina Faso – Armed men kill 15 at baptism.
- India – Heavy Covid-19 death toll includes many Christian leaders; Anti-conversion law introduced in Gujarat; Hindu mob destroys church in Odisha.
- Indonesia – Police foil Islamist terrorist plot to bomb churches in Papua; Terrorists kill four Christian farmers in Central Sulawesi.

Prayer Points and more information from 'Barnabas Fund' and 'Green Christian'.

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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loving God, one another
and the world



praying together at TBC

July 2021



Making a Difference Just Where You Are

The great divide is the all-too-common belief that some parts of life are really sacred and important to God (prayer, Sunday services, volunteering for church activities) - but that others are 'secular' and largely irrelevant to God.

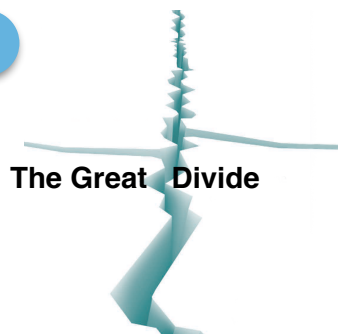
This false belief limits the *church's mission* to activities in or near the building (or somewhere far, far away); limits the *mission's messengers* to church staff and missionaries; limits *mission's time* to what we can fit in at evenings and weekends and limits the *mission's message*, suggesting that God is only interested in 'spiritual' things.

At TBC we believe that God is interested *and active* in *every* part of our lives. God's mission is outworked through each of us, wherever we are on our daily 'frontlines'. The work that we do, the way do that work, the difference our work makes, the impact we have on colleagues and the outcomes of our work are all opportunities for 'God's will to be done on earth as in heaven'.

Here's some questions for prayerful reflection:

- How have I seen God's hand at work in my daily life?
- What do I sense God might be doing through me on my frontline?
- How does my faith change the way I view my frontline?
- What does it mean for me to pray 'Your Kingdom Come' on my frontline?

The Great Divide



Community Mission

Please Pray for our 'TBC Does Summer' outreach on Streamleaze Green'.



TBC Does Summer
 Tues 27 July to Thurs 29 July
 10am to Noon
 Streamleaze Green
 School years R-6 **FREE**

Sports, games, storytelling, dance, balloon modelling, junk modelling, parachute, treasure hunt, bouncy castle, play café for pre-schoolers & their families, forest church and loads more....

For more information see..
www.thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk/summer
 (If we need to postpone on the day we will post a note on our Facebook page by 9am. The event is also COVID dependant)

Thornbury Baptist Church | Facebook

Turn up and register on the day.
 Parents will need to stay with children in school years R to 2 and pre-schoolers

Thornbury Baptist Church Children and Youth: Helping to grow a faith that lasts

Talking of Jesus

Please pray for:

- The opportunity to share your faith with someone this month.
- An increase in the numbers of people coming to faith in Jesus.
- New people connecting with TBC post-Covid - that those who are 'seekers' would find!
- Any known to you who have wandered away from Jesus.

Local & UK Mission

LZ7: Firstly, Lucy and I would love to give a massive 'thank you so much' to everybody at TBC for all your continued support in all the work that we do with lots of young people across the nation and nations. Willow and Jack are thriving and loving life right now... full of beans and a lot of fun! Lucy is LOVING being mum and seeing these two grow!

As you can well imagine the coronavirus has thrown a massive curveball at us in LZ7 and Light! We uprooted everything we did physically and threw it online and we have seen incredible results.

Please pray for:

- We have recorded a brand-new resource called *illuminate plus* which is a twelve week discipleship programme. It's a link for youth workers and churches to resource them with new questions that come in from the illuminate tours.
- We are currently looking at two big mainstream tours with big mainstream artists. Please pray this comes off and that we'd be able to share from the stage with hundreds of thousands of young people that would never step into a church.

Find more at: www.light.uk.com

World Mission

CRED Foundation is a UK-based charity that has twelve partners each of whom are involved in positive transformation for individuals, communities and the environment. The Partners are based predominantly in Sub-Saharan Africa, plus India and Nepal, and all have a Christian ethos at their heart.

TBC provides monthly support for Spurgeons Childcare Kenya, in Kibera slum, Nairobi, Kenya. SCCK runs a primary school and a number of community-based programmes for orphans and vulnerable children living nearby. TBC's support enables the school feeding programme to continue and ensure that children can access medical-care when needed.

Please pray for:

- CRED Partners in countries that are still battling the impact of Covid-19, especially those in lockdown.
- Kenyanito and the Spurgeon's team – for strength, health, and wisdom as they provide a range of support for the vulnerable children.
- Janaki in India, supporting the pastors of the 65 rural churches that she has helped plant.
- Helen Harrison and the trustees as they seek to follow God's will in taking the charity forwards.

Children & Youth

Please pray for:

- Leigh Vincer (photo), our new Children's Team Leader, as she takes up her role. May she and the Children's Ministry be blessed in the years to come.



- Charlotte Royal as she begins her Maternity leave. We pray that Charlotte and Lewis will enjoy the start of a new phase of life as their family expands
- All of our children and youth as they head into a summer break from school and our groups take a break. We pray that they will be refreshed by God's Spirit after another strange and difficult year

TBC Leadership

Please pray for:

TBC's elders as they continue to seek God's provision for the oversight of important aspects of church life. Please pray particularly for someone to fill the 'Church Manager' role, overseeing vital parts of our well-being and security as a church community.