

Healing & Comfort

Please pray for:

- Dave Phipps and family as Dave recovers from a stroke.
- Church families under pressure and dealing with illness.
- Malcolm Read and his wife Beryl.
- Graham and Connie Ogbourne
- Dorothy Wagstaff.
- 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.



If you have concerns about anyone's wellbeing, please check on them if you are able, and/or please contact Paul Ferguson.
Paul@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk

World Events

Pray particularly this month for:

- The people of Afghanistan adjusting to Taliban rule.
- The people of Haiti, including those seeking sanctuary and hope in the USA.
- Christians who continue to be the victims of senseless violence in Nigeria, with at least 12 believers killed in two separate incidents in Kaduna state.
- Pray for the many elderly Christians who have not been able to leave Syria. Pray that they will still keep connected with their family who have fled the country. Praise God that even though many have left, many others have come to Christ for the first time.

Renewal

Do you know someone who is feeling particularly spiritually 'dried up' at the moment? Commit to pray for them daily this month.

Let your living water flow over their souls,
Let your Holy Spirit come and take control
Of every situation that has troubled their minds:
All their cares and burdens onto you, I roll.

Of course you could pray this for yourself too!

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

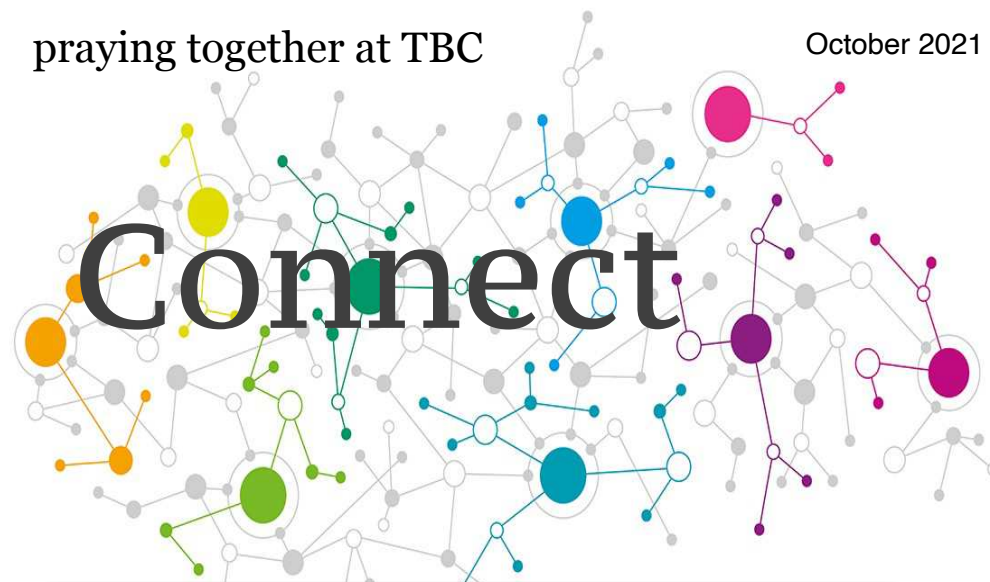
following the way of

loving God, one another
and the world



praying together at TBC

October 2021



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Students



I'm Elissa, and I'm a student studying Chemistry at Sheffield University. I've found that God has already given me lots of opportunities to speak about my faith, especially within my flat, and it's led to some really interesting conversations. I was surprised at how open many of them are to talking about it, even the ones who say they're very definite atheists. However, I do feel as though my university life has different priorities to many of my friends, but I don't feel pressured by any of them to change it. It's really good to have the support of the Christian Union, because I feel as though that's something familiar to me, and it has people who I can fall back on if I need help with anything. I haven't chosen a church yet, but I'm really looking forward to getting settled into a church family, because it's something that I'd really start to miss otherwise.

Prayer Points:

- Students who are struggling to find their feet at university.
- Students to not feel pressured to live their life in a way that doesn't correspond to their faith.
- Students to feel God's presence and trust that things will turn out well, even if it feels difficult.

Community Mission

GOOSE is an OFSTED regulated Out-of-School club run here at Thornbury Baptist Church, for Gillingstool Primary school. We started in October 2012 and before COVID hit had over forty children on the register, ranging from four to eleven years old.

During covid months we were smaller in number but since September 2021 are beginning to help more parents as they juggle childcare and work commitments.

Please pray:

- That through our actions we will show God's love.
- For all the children and their families.
- For good health of staff and children as they begin to mix on a

tearfund

Appeal for Haiti and Afghanistan

Thank you to all who donated to our collection for the TEAR Fund appeal. We were able to forward £6543.75 towards their work in Haiti and Afghanistan.

Pray for TEAR Fund and other organisations working to bring relief to the world's poorest people.

Local & UK Mission

The Willow Tree Pregnancy Crisis Centre offers free, unbiased, impartial and confidential support to women and men in South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Bath facing unplanned pregnancy and for those struggling after all types of pregnancy loss.

We aim to reflect the values of Christ by showing love and compassion, by respecting clients and taking our lead from them. We seek to express our Christian faith by serving others in this way.

Please give thanks:

- for our committed volunteer team who support clients
- for the "success" of our specialist telephone support programme which has meant we have been able to support clients throughout lockdown
- for opportunities to talk about our services on radio and TV.

Please pray for:

- the clients we have on our waiting list as they wait for a first appointment.
- the gradual re-opening of the Centre as we begin to see clients face-to-face once more.
- new volunteers, with the appropriate skills and experience, who are prepared to commit to training in our specialist support work.
- vision and wisdom as we plan the growth and development of the services we offer.

World Mission

Elam are Iranian Christians reaching their own people and beyond with the Gospel, and training new Christian disciples and future church leaders.

The situation in Afghanistan is dire, God is still at work. In these last weeks, we have heard beautiful stories of how He is moving in the hearts of Afghan refugees.

And in the midst of the turmoil we see in the Iran region, new believers - both Iranian and Afghan - are still eager to be trained and equipped in their faith.

Even as the world gives us many reasons to lose heart, we can take courage that God is still writing a story of hope and redemption for the Iran region.

Please pray:

- For the many Afghan refugees around the world, that the Lord would meet them in their distress.
- That Iranian believers would continue to reach out to the multitudes of Afghan refugees in need of the hope of Christ.
- That those trained would grow in wisdom and skill as they serve as evangelists or church planters across the Iran region.

Children & Youth

Children's ministry has had a really exciting start with our new Sunday morning groups starting up as well as our new Kids fun club which runs on a Tuesday evening. We would really appreciate prayer for:

- More Helpers. God is bring loads of new children into the church but we cannot reach them if we don't have enough volunteers to help out.
- God's guidance for the leaders as we try to figure out where the children are at after this strange time we've been through, and how to meet the children at their point of need.
- God to prepare the hearts of the children that they would be ready to meet with Him.

Talking of Jesus

Pray for:

- The many contacts that we are regaining through Coffee Shop and our other community activities. Pray that we find ways of 'talking Jesus' with them.
- Your own friends, neighbours and frontline acquaintances. Ask for God-given opportunities to share your faith with them this Autumn.
- The ALPHA course that we are planning to run in the near future.