

Healing & Comfort

Please pray for:

- John and Doreen Harris
- Paul Ferguson
- Cher in renal failure
- Dave Phipps and family.
- Church families under pressure and dealing with illness.
- Those grieving loved ones, including Chris Stephens, Carol Levy, Angela Miles and Malcolm Read.
- Graham and Connie Ogbourne
- Dorothy Wagstaff.
- Ruth Collett.
- 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.
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World Events

Pray particularly this month for:

- Those with the power and responsibility to translate the recent COP26 commitments into reality.
- The refugees and innocent victims in the world's suffering nations such as Lebanon, Syria, Afghanistan, and Ethiopia.
- The many thousands of migrants moving North through Latin America, seeking security and hope for the future.
- Christians in Sudan where many are facing a struggle for survival, one week on from the military's seizure of power.

Renewal

King David knew what it was like to long for more of God in his life:

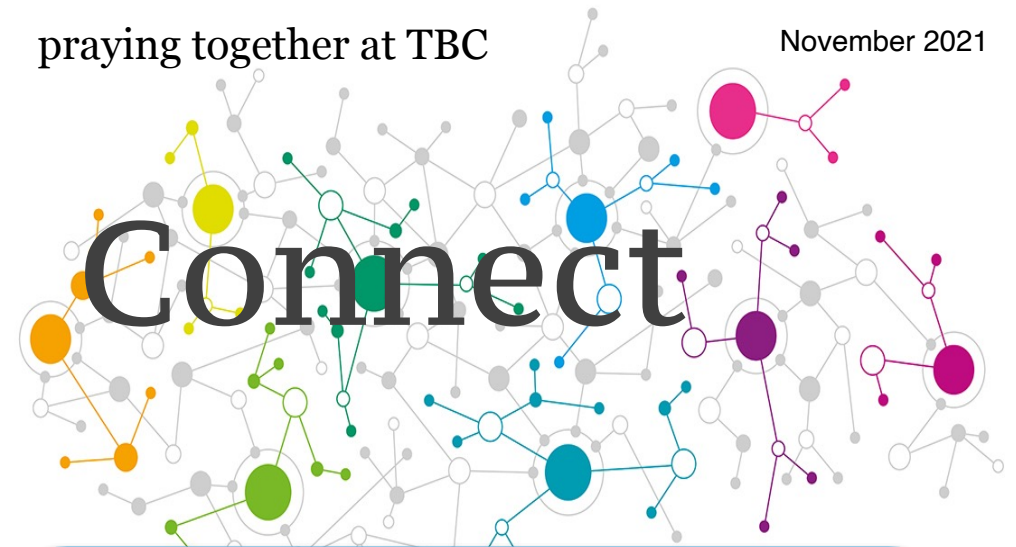
O God, you are my God,
and I long for you.

My whole being desires you;
like a dry, worn-out, and
waterless land,
my soul is thirsty for you.
Psalm 63 (GNB)

Make his prayer your own as you pray for yourself this month.

praying together at TBC

November 2021



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Engineers



Although my background is Engineering, I am currently a General Manager for the Renishaw Neuro Solutions based in Charfield. This is a small part of the Renishaw Group that makes equipment, including a robot, to assist neurosurgeons in carrying out accurate brain operations. Whilst some of my work involves technical and engineering challenges, a large part revolves around managing people and getting teams to work effectively together. It is this area particularly

where I continually need God's guidance and wisdom and where my faith makes a difference on my front line. Although I find it difficult to overtly share my faith, I trust that God shines through in my actions and my day-to-day dealings with my colleagues and customers.

Prayer Points:

- The strength to be open about our faith and willing to share it at the appropriate times
- For Jesus to shine through in our daily lives and in all our dealings with others
- Wisdom in getting the balance between the needs of the business and then needs of the people in our teams
- Trusting God as we go through unpredictable and uncertain times.

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Community Mission

We are mid-way through an ALPHA course with a lovely group of about 15 people! We are enjoying some very tasty meals (thank you to the chefs!) and having some great discussions and fellowship.



Please pray:

- for the continued anointing of the Holy Spirit on these meetings for both those leading and those participating.



Seniors' Afternoon Tea

We have had a lot of fun at these lovely afternoons with the seniors both from church and the wider community. The teas have been well received as has the fellowship, so please pray for those attending that they will know the presence of God they chat and meet together.

If you would like to come along to the next one on Wednesday 17th November please book via the church website or through the office - you will be very welcome!

Local & UK Mission

New Start Debt Advice: We have a team of volunteers who meet with local people struggling with their finances. The people we are helping at the moment have a wide range of debt from a few thousand to over a hundred thousand pounds. We see the impact this is having on them and their families as they struggle with what seems like an impossible situation with no way out.

Please pray for our team of advisers as we look at each situation and identify the right way forward. Pray for wisdom and that the people we are helping will receive and act on the advice given.

The debt advice is just part of a range of help that is available for those who are struggling in our local community. Our work runs alongside the foodbank, local charities, and others.

Please pray that we will all be able to work together well to provide a joined up approach to those who need it.

Finally and perhaps most importantly we want to demonstrate God's love for every person in what we do.

Pray that those we stand alongside will know that God loves them and this will draw them to faith in Jesus.

World Mission

Mark, Tammy, Bethany & David were sent out from TBC to Sabah, Malaysia to re-pioneer the work of Youth With A Mission (YWAM) there. In line with YWAM's vision 'to Know God and Make Him Known', since 1999, our ministry has included working with children, youth and adults, in discipleship, evangelism, primary healthcare, community development, short-term relief, English classes, and recently, providing Member Care as well.

Please pray with us:

- As we continue to evolve online. Presently, we regularly pray with our network of 140+ alumni throughout Malaysia and Singapore. We share needs, offer tools and support to help them be strong and stay strong. Some are already reaching out and discipling others, as well as supporting families, leading in their villages, beginning new businesses, etc.
- As we continue to feed 200+ pre-believers every fortnight as well as share with our neighbours.
- As our state has the lowest rate of vaccinations due to lack of infrastructure and understanding.
- That our family would continue to thrive in this season.

Children & Youth

We are thrilled to share that Family ministry has been heading in a more 'normal' direction since September. All our pre Covid ministries have resumed and families are returning and appreciative that we are up & running again.

We have welcomed new families both during the week and on Sundays and we are so grateful to the teams as well the wider church for making them feel so welcome!

Please pray for:

- The many families that have moved to Thornbury during lockdown and are only now beginning put their roots down in the community. Pray that they experience the love of Jesus as they come to TBC.
- Forest Church that is resuming on the first Sunday of each month, pray for families that come, both TBC members & families from within our Thornbury community. Please pray that all ages that come will be able to meet with Jesus during our sessions.
- Our teams, that are incredible! Please pray for their ongoing good health which can be a challenge at this time of year as well as for all of our conversations with families. Pray that as team we will have eyes to see and ears to hear what families are saying to us and what God may want to say to them.