

Healing & Comfort

Please pray for:

- The family and friends of Roger Miles who recently passed away.
- Chloe and her Grandad, both unwell and in hospital
- John and Doreen Harris.
- Paul & Jenny Ferguson.
- Cher in renal failure.
- Dave Phipps and family.
- Church families under pressure and dealing with illness.
- Graham and Connie Ogbourne
- Dorothy Wagstaff.
- Ruth Collett.
- 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 are concerned about someone who needs care or support, contact Paul Ferguson - paul@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk



World Events

Pray particularly this month for:

- The tension between Russia, Ukraine and NATO.
- Those living in fear and poverty in Afghanistan.
- A just roll out of Covid vaccines amongst the world's poorer nations.
- Give thanks that all but one of 121 students kidnapped last year from a Christian school in Nigeria have been released. Pray for the situation in the country though as many parents are now afraid to send their children to school.

Renewal

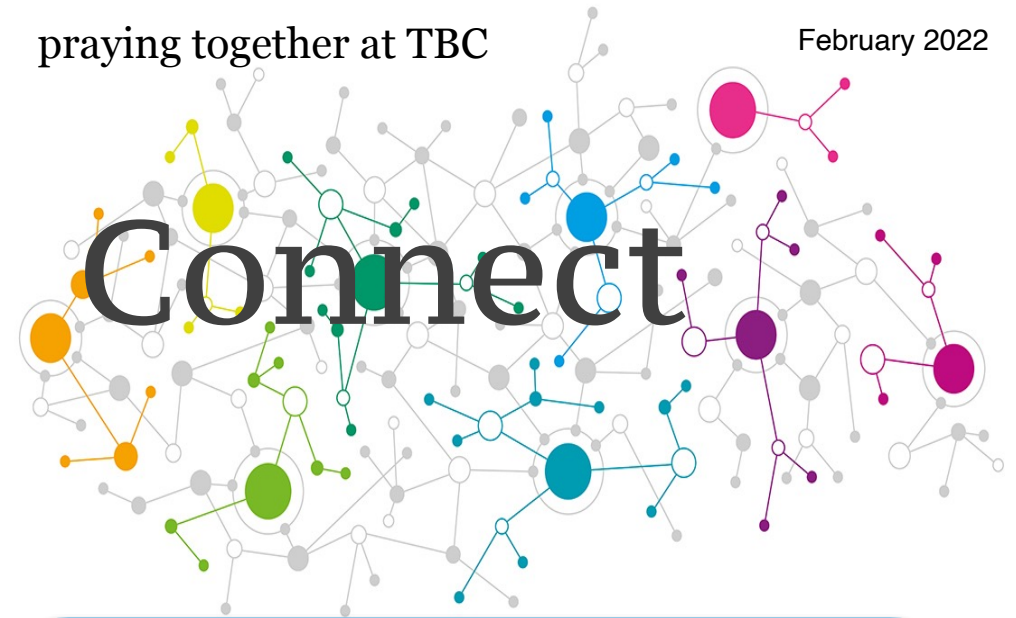
Please continue to pray - and if possible reach out to - those who have lost their 'spiritual spark' through the past two years.

God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we often feel weary and burdened by the demands placed upon us. Sometime life seems too much and you feel too distant.

Holy Spirit, help us to repent and believe afresh, that our strength might be renewed, that we might again run and not grow weary. In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

praying together at TBC

February 2022



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Health Care



Hello my name is Lorraine. I joined TBC in 2005 with my husband Will (often seen on the sound desk!) and our twins William and Sarah. I am a Radiographer, currently working in the Bristol Nuffield Hospital, having previously worked in Southmead, the BRI and the Bristol Children's Hospital.

As well as striving to produce the best MRI and X-ray images for my patients I work closely with Student Radiographers who often are a long way from home and need an extra bit of TLC. Currently staff are having to work longer and extra shifts to cover for staff who are isolating due to the Omicron virus. For me being a Christian means being patient, caring and showing compassion to both my colleagues and my patients.

Prayer Points:

- The Omicron virus wave will pass quickly and protection for the front-line workers from being infected by Covid.
- Strength and endurance as many front-line workers are battling exhaustion and that medical staff will be enabled to use their gifts and skills to help those most in need.
- Opportunities to show the Love of God and a witness to Christ in how we work and serve.

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Community Mission

Alpha is a relaxed introduction to the Christian faith, particularly for those with little or no church background. Based around videos, a meal and the opportunity to discuss together without any compulsion or pressure, no question is off limits and most people find they quickly enjoy meeting together. Discussion explores topics like 'Why did Jesus die?' 'How can I have faith?' 'How does God guide us?' And 'Why and How do I pray?' To see how they affect how we live.

The present course started in late autumn and (after a break for Christmas, we've been exploring who the Holy Spirit is, what he does and how we can change our lives.



Please pray:

- Giving thanks for those who are on the course as they experience their walk with Jesus.
- For the next steps for the guests at the end of the course.
- For the next course and who you could invite to join it and maybe come yourself!

Local & UK Mission

Oasis men's house, is just one of the mission initiatives provided by TBC. Our vision is to help men who have suffered some form of homelessness to find healing and restoration within a Christian community context. We have regular weekly meetings: Monday evenings which is our in-house meeting for residents, and our Thursday 6.30pm community meal which is open to all.

At present four men live in the house, one of which is Jason Clark the house support manager. Jason's role is to support the guys on a daily basis, and to help create the community vibe in the house. Andrew Wright though not a resident, plays a volunteering role alongside Jason encouraging and supporting the men.

Please pray:

- For the men in the house to find ongoing healing as they journey together.
- For more men to be involved to help develop our vision
- Regular support for our Thursday community meals, by other church members
- for those with the right gifts to help the men to come forward.

World Mission

'The Ark Enterprises' is building 'The Ark', a Christian creative arts retreat and community centre in NE Bulgaria. We are also providing practical and financial support for missions to the local Roma community and homeless shelter.

'The Ark' facilitates day and residential events, individuals and groups for teaching, training and retreats. We offer a time to reconnect, recharge and be refreshed with freedom to experience a deeper intimacy with the Lord through the Creative Arts or just a quiet space in the gardens to find Shalom, peace, healing and wholeness.

Please pray for:

- The sale of my house to finance completion of 'The Ark'
- Health and safety of the Roma community. Many children left with elderly relatives while parents go abroad to work.
- A change in the Roma mindset where educating girls is not valued with many kept home to care for younger siblings, sold or married off in early teens.
- Health, strength and wisdom for myself to complete all that is needed this coming year.

Carol Connolly.

Children & Youth

A quick hello from those of us in the Families Ministry! During February we are hoping to launch a new group for families that includes a simple meal and opportunity to spend time together and with Jesus, learning from God's word.

Please pray:

- Please pray for this new group that welcomes families mostly from Family Café or new to our church family. Pray for us as we work out how to include and nurture all the children as well as their parents.



- Pray for our new music session on Tuesdays running for 30 mins during Family Café. Pray that as families interact with the Bible Stories and songs they find real joy not only in the music but also in hearing the stories of Gods faithfulness and love. Pray particularly that the key songs that we use each session will become part of their song repertoire and home too!
- Please continue to pray for our team, for good health and opportunities to show and share the love of Jesus!