

## Healing & Comfort

### Please pray for:

- John Harris and the Ashford Family following Doreen's death
- Helen Harrison, currently in Africa.
- Chris Isherwood
- Kate Clarke
- Mat Rakowski suffering with a flare up of MS
- Jenny
- Angela De Fraine
- Cher in renal failure
- David Phipps
- Ruth Collett
- John and his daughter
- Wendy Titterton

*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



## World Events

### Pray particularly this month for the war in Ukraine.

#### Pray for:

- Those affected by the violence.
- Regional and world leaders.
- The Church in Ukraine and the wider region.
- The Global impact of the war.
- For peace and ultimately reconciliation.

These headings are from a helpful outline for prayers on TEAR Fund's website, here:

<https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2022/03/how-to-pray-for-ukraine>

## Renewal

**As we enter LENT, commit yourself to pray for a renewed heart, a heart that loves God and neighbour and is fixed on pleasing God above all things.**

Create a clean heart in me, O God:  
a humble heart, a meek heart, a peaceful heart, a benevolent heart, a devout heart which does evil to no one, which does not repay evil for evil, but overcomes evil with good, which loves you above all things, thinks always about you, speaks about you, gives you thanks, delights in your praise, and knows that its citizenship is in heaven.  
Amen.

## praying together at TBC

March 2022



## TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Volunteers



My name is Chris Powell, or 'Mole' to the Beavers at 2nd Thornbury Scout group. I have volunteered at the group for the last six years since my eldest son James attended, and I have been running the group for the last year. It is very rewarding working with 6 - 8 year olds, as they are very enthusiastic! We have a varied programme of games, crafts, skills and outdoor activities: I think the toughest thing is coming up with ideas for activities, and planning and running them safely. I often need my faith for that inspiration, and also during meetings when things don't always go to plan.

I am thankful to God that after I recently changed jobs my new employer has been as flexible as my previous employer which has enabled me to continue, as our meeting time is 5.30 on Mondays.

#### Prayer Points:

- Inspiration to support the organisation as best as they can to meet the target need
- Time in our schedules to allow volunteers to run activities and undertake all the relevant training and planning
- Good relationships with those who are involved in these groups.

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following the way of



loving God, one another  
and the world

## Community Mission

TBC runs a variety of youth groups, some of which are focussed on discipleship and nurturing spiritual growth, some of which are activity-based and outreach focussed. We'd like people of all ages to feel welcome at church and we want all young people to feel safe, loved and cared for.



### Please pray for:

- All involved in the upcoming youth worker interviews and for wisdom in selecting the right person for the job.
- The growth of our church-based youth groups – SNG, Impact and Ignite.
- The vision for youth work going forwards as Charlotte considers returning from maternity leave.
- Those who volunteer in any way with the youth work at TBC. Pray that God gives us joy. Pray for opportunities to love, challenge and inspire the young people we meet.
- Please pray that some of the young people that come to Basement and Attic Café would come to know Jesus!

## Local & UK Mission

Nik & Tiff Strode have lived incarnationally on North Bransholme (an outer city council estate on the northern outskirts of Hull) since 1995 and support local young people and families. In 2007 we set up Bridges-Hull a Christian based youth work charity. In 2011 our charity trustee bought the local pub (The Pennine Rambler) allowing us to develop the work. Our church in Hull then bought it to church plant and we now rent a dedicated youth space instead.

Historically we've provided offsite schools work provision, sports work and summer camps with Scripture Union.

Recently we've provided youth clubs for local young people aged 10 – 19 across 3 nights a week.

We also provide food parcel deliveries for families in need, holiday activities and day trips.

### Please pray for:

- Young people and their families to grow spiritually as we interlink with Bodmin Road Church.
- Another part-time youth worker to join our team.
- A carer so we can find some rest, as we currently live with and care for Tiffs dad who has dementia.

## World Mission

The new name reflects the aim of founder Michael Wood and the current trustees of making it possible for the poor and deprived to fulfil their God-given potential. The new 'Sparks' projects are time-bound, providing finance for people to launch their own poverty-fighting businesses.

### Please pray for:

- The next generation project in Malkangiri, India, provides multi-lingual education for 700 primary children in small villages. Pray for the teachers and children as they return to in-school learning in 2022.
- The next generation project in Naivasha, Kenya, provides young men living on the streets with a safe home and access to academic and vocational education. They will need to create their own job opportunities, so pray that God will go before them as they move on.
- The latest 'Sparks' projects are now fully funded. Pray for the Food Apprentices of Roodewal (SA,) the Family Traders of El Alto (Bolivia) and the Women of N'Djamena (Chad) as they set up their new businesses.
- CEO, Andy Jong is retiring in March. Pray for his successor as he/ she takes the Project Possible vision forward.

## Children & Youth

The Children's Sunday Morning ministry has been running smoothly, with Seedlings and Roots & Branches continuing to meet every week, despite Covid.

Kids Club has unfortunately had to take a break due to really high Covid numbers across the schools.

### Please pray:

- Good health for all our leaders and children attending groups and clubs
- More helpers - we are stretched quite thin at the moment in Seedlings as well as kids club and creche. Please pray that God would bring along some more wonderful people to help lead our children.
- Pray that we would be able to create opportunities for our children to have a meaningful connection with God.

## Please Pray for this need

### Could you be our new Church Centre Manager?



Working alongside the elders, other staff and volunteers the Church Centre Manager is responsible for overseeing the effective day-to-day operation of the church building, and for the administrative functions that support the church and community activities that take place throughout the week.

Key tasks for this paid role include: Building & Facilities management; Communications; Administrative Support - and ideally, Book-Keeping (negotiable).

You'll need to be highly organised, able to manage complex tasks, computer literate, a team player and good with people. (There's other stuff too - but we don't want to put you off!).

**Hours:** minimum 25 per week, worked across four days of the week (less in school holidays if needed).  
**Start:** As soon as possible.  
**Interested?** contact David Lawrence for more details.  
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