

## Healing & Comfort

### Please pray for:.

- Angela Symonds following a knee operation
- All those known to us who are unwell with Covid
- Kate Clarke
- Mat Rakowski suffering with a flare up of MS
- Jenny
- Angela De Fraine
- Cher in renal failure
- David Phipps
- Ruth Collett
- 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

### Continue to pray about the situation in Ukraine.

#### Pray for:

- Success in negotiations and an end to hostilities.
- Those who are seeking sanctuary in Thornbury and those who are hosting them.
- Those working for and with refugees - including our mission partners TEN and Mircea and Ronela.

## Renewal

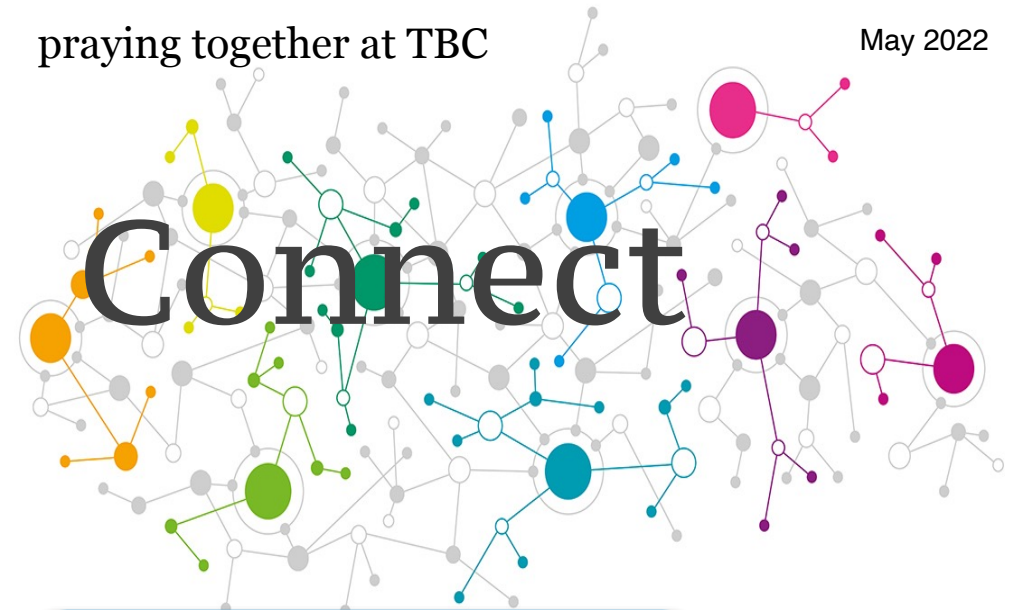
As we approach Pentecost, read Ezekiel's well known vision of the river of God's Spirit flowing into the world (Ezekiel 47:1-12).

Think of these questions and turn your responses into prayer:

- do I have faith that God could bring new life to dead areas within and around me?
- how do I enter the Spirit's river: ankle deep? waist deep? in over my head?!
- what is the effect of God's life-giving river flowing through me on my frontline?

## praying together at TBC

May 2022



### TBC's Frontline Missionaries - Retired

I am David Baker-Falkner and once upon a time, I trained as a civil engineer which gave me a good early profession. I then moved to be a project manager in construction for the rest of my career.

My wife Sheila and I have been very fortunate that there have been a couple of times of working abroad, each for four years and they've both been great for our family and personal lives. Eventually I hung up my boots and retired a year ago.

My challenge now is getting the right mix and balance of things that I want to do in this next phase: I'm getting there! I've become involved in various ways at TBC, including joining the Trustees and using my professional skills in the early stages of the building upgrade project. (I also play as much golf as I can!).

Sheila has just retired too so we're both exploring what that means for us individually as well as together. When working in Australia we had a very small camper-van which was great fun, so that could be part of our grey nomad plans going forwards.

It seems indulgent to bring prayer points at what seems an easy stage of life but I think for perhaps all retired people: a godly and satisfying balance between the things that we do and an awareness of God's inclusion in everything that we do.



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following the way of



loving God, one another  
and the world

## Community Mission

Two by Two is our popular stay and play group for parents and carers with babies up to preschoolers. We meet twice a week and have about 60 children on our registers, with long waiting lists for both groups. We play, sing, listen to stories and provide support for our families.

### Please pray:

- That our families would experience the love of God when they come each week.
- Thanks for our wonderful teams and that they would continue to both be blessed and be a blessing.
- That we can be open and welcoming to any Ukrainian families who may join us.

## BAPTISM

Sunday May 22nd

Please pray for those being baptised, and if you have not been baptised, pray if this is the time for you to make your commitment to Jesus in this way.

Contact Paul for more details:  
([paul@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:paul@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk))

## Local & UK Mission

Until 1 April 2022, Thornbury Foodbank was a 100% delivery service due to COVID restrictions. It has been so good to see clients face to face again. A delivery service is offered to those who are unable to attend. We are blessed by the generosity of our community and the wonderful support of our team of faithful volunteers.

Telephone contact is retained with clients who are unable to attend appointments arranged. We signpost clients to other organisations who can help them, working with New Start Debt Advice (NSDA) and the Adviser appointed by North Bristol Foodbank.

One of our clients who no longer needs our help has asked to become a volunteer which is so encouraging.

### Please pray:

- Give thanks for all the support we receive from TBC and our community.
- Give thanks that we did not have to close once in the past two years and for the support of our faithful volunteers
- For wisdom for decisions that need to be made
- That we will bring hope and God's love to those who are in such difficult circumstances.

## World Mission

Thanks to all at TBC for continued prayer and support for The Bridge Trust Ltd as we continue to work with churches in India and Zambia in some extremely needy areas.

( [www.thebridgetrustltd.org](http://www.thebridgetrustltd.org) )

### Please pray for our work in India:

- With lockdown easing in Delhi, the feeding programme, which fed 500,000 during lockdown, is now providing meals for 30 slum schools where over 3,000 children are fed daily..
- The Health Care workers are now able to visit 1,000s of homes per annum again. They value prayer as they bring treatment and support for many.
- Like many churches and charities, Love India and the Victory churches are facing continued pressure from militant Hindu groups. It is a constant battle for many.
- Pray as we attempt to raise funds for Bore Holes and toilet blocks in villages to provide security, especially for women.
- Please pray for the ongoing training for sewing schools, computer skills and education provision for orphans.
- We are starting to explore the use of Solar panels. As our partners said, 'We have a lot of sun and electricity is very expensive!'

## Families @ TBC

We have had a busy few months as Covid restrictions have lifted we have been able to welcome many more families. We enjoyed 'Dotty the Donkey's' trail on Good Friday at Filnore Woods, the weather was beautiful and we were able to share with Church families as well as families from Two by Two & Family Cafe the hope that Jesus has won for us on the Cross.

### Please pray for:

- The many new families that have moved to Thornbury in the last 6 months and also those settling into Thornbury from Ukraine that they would build significant friendships in the community and feel at home and welcomed in Thornbury and at TBC.
- Cafe Church as we continue our trial services through this summer term, that everyone who comes to church will feel they have met with Jesus and felt welcomed by our church family.
- The many families whose low incomes are now squeezed even tighter due increased cost of living. This is weighing heavily on many families.
- Many families whose parents are struggling with poor mental health. Would Jesus be their rock and place of safety as they navigate these significant challenges.