

Healing & Comfort

Please pray for:

- All those known to us who are unwell with Covid.
- All those families who have arrived here from the Ukraine as well as the hosts who will support them.
- John Harris who has cancer and is very poorly.
- Kate Clarke.
- Jenny.
- Dawn, Carol Connolly's sister.
- Angela De Fraine.
- Cher, now at home on dialysis.
- David Phipps.
- Ruth Collett.
- Wendy Titterton.
- Gloria Hammond.

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



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World Events

Use the news as a source for your prayers. Pray particularly this month for:

- Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters from Afghanistan, which is now the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian.
- Peace in Ukraine, and hope for the many suffering loss and displacement.
- A peaceful and just resolution to the heightened tensions between Israel and the Palestinians.

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

June 2022



TBC's Frontline Missionaries - The Media

Hi my name is Jules. I am married to Kay and we have two adult children, Teya and Caleb. We all moved to Thornbury 23 years ago from Bristol and before that Kay and I came from Bucks and Herts.

I started my career initially as a photographer then joined the BBC in 1987, which brought me to Bristol. I have been incredibly blessed to work across film Drama, Children's TV, Natural History, Sport, Documentaries and now mainly News. Amongst other things I am responsible for the procurement, delivery (and some training) of cameras for News, as well as post-production systems for England. I spend most of my working time away from home, travelling and living out of hotels. I have worked alongside a few Christians over the years, which has been really encouraging but there aren't many of us working in this sphere.



Prayer Points:

- That our media stand up for truth, integrity and justice in a world crying out for God's love, grace and compassion.
- Your local, regional, national and social media.
- A media to hold the powerful to account.
- Injustice to be called out where it is seen and unseen.
- A media to give a voice to the voiceless.
- Opportunities to show the love of God and be a witness to Christ in how we work and serve.



Community Mission

The Sunday morning children's groups have seen a lot of change recently as some of the children have started moving up to the next age group. They have moved up due to a number of our young creche kids coming of Seedling age and the group has thus become too big to accommodate the new little ones as well as the older children. This has caused a knock on effect across all the groups. So far everyone has coped very well!

We are planning on running something fun on a Sunday morning during the summer holidays services but in order for that to happen we really need some volunteers. If you think you could help out with something like this (it need only be a one-off if that's all you can manage) then do please chat to Leigh!

Please pray for:

- All the children who have recently moved up a group that they would settle in well with their new teachers and friends.
- The leaders as they form new bonds with the kids and help them discern how best to meet the needs of the children in their care.
- Summer holiday helpers.

Local & UK Mission

You may not realise but we have a Gospel Choir here at the church which practises fortnightly on a Tuesday evening, 6.45 - 8.15pm. We are part of Gospel Generation Community Choir which has four other groups across Bristol and we join together to perform in a wide range of venues and at community events. None of us are expert singers - we just love to have fun whilst singing! Everyone is welcome to come and join us (no previous experience needed!!) so if you would like to know more please contact Heather Staley via the office.



Please pray for:

- A continuation of the lovely community feel that the group enjoys.
- A sense of God with us as we practise and perform.
- Safety as we visit different places to perform.
- New members - that they will feel really welcome.
- God's wisdom and direction as we move forward with the choir.

World Mission

News from Cali, Colombia: In Hormiguero, where some of our sponsored children are, the people struggled through the pandemic. It is a very poor area with a strong presence of drugs there. Many of the young men, and some not so young, refused to make any restrictions regarding Covid.

However Wilson Acevedo and his wife Daniela from YWAM, who run "The Little English Church" - which also is a little school - survived as did all the children who attend.

They now live there with their family of two children: a very brave venture. They were given some musical instruments to teach the children. It is an amazing opportunity for these youngsters who are really keen and are already making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Please pray for:

- The Foundation, run by Lisbeth Buritica, where most of our children are being sponsored. The parents are very grateful to us as, through your generosity, we have been able to provide all the families with food parcels this month.
- The small orphanage with about 20 children. This is run by a pastor of a church in Cali. who has now moved in to the orphanage with his family.

Children & Youth

We currently run three youth clubs. We have Basement (YR 7-9) and Attic (YR 10-13), which are clubs open to anyone in the local area to join and we have Ignite Club (YR 7-9) which is for those who are part of the Ignite discipleship group on a Sunday morning to bring their friends to.

Please pray for:

- All the young people that come along to these clubs, in particular for those who are struggling, that it would be a place they encounter God.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to once again run these clubs 'in person' and for the way in which the clubs have been a safe, joyful and loving place for young people to be.
- The teams leading these clubs that they would build great relationships with the young people and each other. Pray for a sense of God's guidance as they have conversations with the young people.
- Those young people within TBC who attend these clubs, that they would feel encouraged to share their faith and know God's presence with them.
- The continuing relationships with the other areas of youth provision within the community as we continue to work alongside each other.