



TBC's Frontline Missionaries – Students

Hi, I'm Lucy Chippett. I study physics at the University of Bristol and volunteer at Basement, TBC's outreach youth group for years 7-9.

I was introduced to TBC 8 years ago when a friend invited me to Basement. From there, I was introduced to God and my faith began to grow. I went through many challenges, and Basement (and later Attic) was God's way of being there and providing me with support. Helping at Basement allows me to give out the support that I once received and offer the young people a chance to know God, as well as having lots of fun!



Being a Christian in physics can be challenging when many of my peers believe that science and faith can't work together. However, this allows me to educate people I work with about how science and God aren't mutually exclusive and offer a different perspective in scientific discussions. As part of the Christian Union, we aim to share God's love with everyone at the university and offer a place to grow our faith.

Please pray for all the young people starting out their journeys with God. Please also pray for those starting or continuing studies at university and the Christian Unions supporting them and spreading God's love within universities.

TBC Mission Projects

GOOSE is an OFSTED regulated Out of School club run here at Thornbury Baptist Church, for Gillingstool Primary school. We started in October 2012.

We are here to support the families of children who attend Gillingstool school with their childcare needs around school times.

It's run by myself, Katherine Holmes, and my team and we work to provide a varied and entertaining program to the children who attend.

Please pray:

- that through our actions we will show God's love.
- for all the children and their families, including a Ukrainian family who have recently joined.
- for good health of staff and children.



Local/UK Partners

The Willow Tree Pregnancy Crisis Centre offers free, unbiased, impartial and confidential support to women and men in South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Bath facing unplanned pregnancy and for those struggling after all types of pregnancy loss.

We aim to reflect the values of Christ by showing love and compassion, by respecting clients and taking our lead from them. We seek to express our Christian faith by serving others in this way.

Please give thanks for:

- our committed volunteer team.
- the good relationships we have with many different health professionals who all refer people to us.

Please pray for:

- the clients on our waiting list as they wait for a first appointment.
- the developing relationship with specialist bereavement midwives at Southmead Hospital and the work we do in partnership with other support organisations.
- the finances we need to continue to provide our services.
- more new volunteers who are prepared to commit to training in our specialist support work.
- vision and wisdom as we think strategically about the growth and development of the services we offer.
- one or two more people to join our Trustees.

World Mission Partners

Elam's mission is to strengthen and expand the church in the Iran region and beyond.

Under an oppressive Islamic regime, many Iranians are disillusioned with Islam, are spiritually thirsty and their hearts are open to the Gospel. There are now nearly 1 million Christians inside Iran — most from a Muslim background. As more Iranians are attracted to Christ, they need to be gathered together for fellowship. Underground house churches provide much-needed opportunities for fellowship. Standing with courageous church planters in Iran is vital.

Not only do Elam plant house churches and train leaders, but they also print and distribute the scriptures. In the last 20 years over 2 million scriptures have flooded the Iran region and the word of God is transforming lives. People who have never heard of a God who loves them, offers grace or tells women they are made in the image of God are encountering Jesus through his word.

Please pray for:

- courageous Christians sharing the Gospel.
- those in prison for their faith in Christ.
- the next generation of young believers.

Children @ TBC

We are happy to share that our children's groups have started back up again after the summer. We will be kicking off the year with some new material from Urban Saints called "Energize", which will be used in both Seedlings and Roots & Branches. The groups will also be following the sermon themes this term which provides families with the opportunity to continue the conversation at home after church! The children's teams have been doing some training around the new material as well as around being more inclusive to all children and we are really excited to implement some of the ideas we have gleaned!

Please pray for:

- the children to settle back into their routines.
- the leaders as they work through the new material.



Healing & Comfort

Please pray for:

- All those affected by the war in Ukraine.
- 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.
- The family of John Harris.
- Caroline Finney.
- Michael Britten.
- 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



World Events

Please pray for:

- those regions affected by Hurricane Fiona and those affected by the typhoons.
- the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia.
- those families and individuals struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

Renewal

- **The Lord is my shepherd;
I have all that I need.
He lets me rest in green meadows;
He leads me beside peaceful streams.
He renews my strength.
Psalm 23:1-3**

How do you react to these well-known verses? Have you spotted the connection between 'rest' and 'renewal of strength'? You may like to watch the latest LifeWORKS video (https://www.thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk/?page_id=15531) and prayerfully reflect on your life-balance.

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