



TBC's Frontline Missionaries – Education & Childcare

Hi, my name is Becky, I have a three-year-old son called Teddy and we have been coming to TBC for just over a year now.

I am a teacher and currently teach maths in a secondary school in Bristol. I have been a teacher for sixteen years; starting off in primary schools, teaching in England and abroad, then teaching adults in prison and now, working in an inclusion unit in a secondary school with children that find education very difficult and are disengaged. I love my job; it's challenging but so rewarding. I enjoy building relationships with the students to increase confidence and then hopefully change attitudes towards education. If someone had told me two years ago that I would be teaching maths in a secondary school, I would have thought they were mad! God obviously had other ideas!



In terms of prayer needs: the budget for special needs children has been cut and therefore please pray for wisdom for the people involved in allocating the support so that children still receive the support they need. Also, prayer for the children who find school and education particularly hard; pray for them and their families, that they continue to attend school and develop resilience so that their barriers to education don't seem so big.

Local & UK Mission

Nik and Tiff got married in 1997 and until recently lived incarnationally, serving and blessing local young people and their families living on the North Bransholme estate.

Bransholme is one of Hull's most isolated estates with extreme poverty and high unemployment. Nik worked as our church youth worker in central

Bransholme for nine years but increasingly felt called to support North Bransholme's young people. In 2007 we set up our own youth work charity 'Bridges Hull' to bridge the gaps in the lives of the young people in terms of faith, education, aspirations, life skills and social skills.

Currently we are simply offering youth clubs and one to one support.

Bethany our daughter has just turned eighteen.

We have also fostered local teenagers in our home since 1999 and Alfie aged eighteen lives with us.

Please pray for:

- We are planning for the next academic year of club's and activities.
- Tiff's dad aged 90 lives with us and struggles with dementia.
- Beth is making plans for university primary school teaching.
- Alfie starts year two of Public Services at college.

World Mission

Transform Europe Network provides a network of assistance for indigenous church planting, evangelism and compassionate ministry to see the gospel shared and lives transformed in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

Recently the TEN CEO, James Vaughton made a visit to Moldova (which borders Ukraine) and found that they were struggling with inflation of 30%, but their citizens have been open hearted, compassionate and sacrificial to Ukrainian refugees despite their own hardship. TEN partner "Beginning of Life" in the capital Chisinau are offering a wide range of support for refugees including food parcels, helping with asylum paperwork but also providing trauma counselling.

Please do prayer for:

- Wisdom for TEN to know how to distribute the Ukraine Crisis Appeal money when there are so many needs among partners.
- For congregations and pastors that are already exhausted from supporting refugees that they can be strengthened for the long-term support that is needed.
- For Mircea and Ronela (TBC partners) who are supporting refugees as well as doing the prison ministry.

Do visit TENs new Website at <https://ten-uk.org> for more information

Families Ministry

Over the summer we have enjoyed some 'stay & play sessions,' welcoming back some families that graduated from café or Two by Two over the years along with our current families to play. Families have really appreciated somewhere to go that is free, welcoming & with the opportunity to catch up or meet new friends. Thank you to all who made this possible!

Prayer Points:

- Please pray for the many families that will experience even more intense financial hardship as the cost of energy and food increases. Pray that they will be able to receive the peace from Jesus that despite their circumstances overtakes their fears and worry.
- We are excited to welcome a number of new babies in the coming months. Please pray for these families in the final stages of their pregnancies, for health and safe delivery.
- Poor mental health is something so many of us struggle with. Please pray that Jesus will give those that struggle peace, strength and comfort. Would Jesus be their rock when the storms feel like they are raging.

Youth @ TBC

As we head into the new school year, we are looking forward to resuming our youth activities! We'll have our two outreach youth groups Basement (YR7-9) and Attic (YR10-13), and our in-church discipleship groups IGNITE (YR7-9) and SNG/IMPACT (YR10-13). We are excited to have Josh (our new youth worker) join us, to explore how we can support the young people of Castle school and to kickstart some 'exploring faith' sessions for our outreach Youth Groups!

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the incredible provision of our new Youth Worker Josh, for who he is and his heart for young people.
- Pray for all the young people that are involved in TBC youth, in particular for those that are struggling, pray that as they return to school, college and sixth form they know God's presence with them.
- Give thanks for all our youth work volunteers, pray for the continuation of great relationships with the young people they meet.
- Pray for all of our youth activities this term, that they would be spaces for young people to grow in faith together, hear God's voice and encounter his love for them.

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.
- Pastor Milen's wife Irena and recovery from her surgery.
- The family of Angela De Fraine.
- The family of Sally Quilter.
- John Harris who has cancer and is very poorly.
- 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 -
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World Events

Please pray for:

- Pray for Pakistan as they deal with devastating flooding.
- Pray for the safe passage of grain from Ukraine, to help alleviate the looming food crisis, as it affects especially the poorest parts of the world and the UN inspectors as they visit the Zaporizhzhia plant.
- Pray for Ethiopia as violent attacks have affected the Oromia region.

Renewal

Over these school holidays, please pray for physical, mental and spiritual renewal for:

- Teacher and all support staff at schools, as they prepare to welcome students back.
- Students heading back into studies, for focus and a thirst for knowledge.
- Parents getting ready for the start of a new school year and everything that brings.

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