



TBC's Frontline Missionaries – Finance

Hi my name is Mark, most of you will recognise me from my (almost) year in the office now. Despite the picture Paul took of me, I'm actually quite happy in my job! My time in the role has seen me become entrenched in various financial roles, between the church's account, Oasis, Calikids, Foodbank and anything else that pops up!

It's been a blessing working alongside Allister to find ways to multiply the financial blessings we receive. The money we receive we are simply holding onto temporarily while we wait for the Lord's direction on where He wants it to go.



The best part of this job is being able to see the day to day effects of what we use our money for, from the care fund to the various events and activities and ministries that run throughout the week. Rest assured that we all work to ensure that the offerings you graciously and generously give are used for furthering God's kingdom. The small transactions, like helping someone get a bus to an interview, can be just as powerful as a large payment to a mission partner.

Please pray for:

- our partners in Foodbank, New Start Debt Advice and Oasis who do an amazing job helping those who need it
- the finance team as we hit financial year end
- a strong financial year moving forward, that the economy recovers and cost of living returns to a more manageable level
- the government as they make plans and decisions which affect us

TBC Mission Projects

Family Café welcomes parents and carers with their pre-schoolers. We have a fantastic team who serve in the kitchen as well as chatting with families in the play area and café.

We have been thrilled to welcome lots of new families with little babies this past term. We have expanded our baby play area to accommodate this and it is a joy to see new friendships being formed. Please pray for these new parents and also our growing relationships with them.

Prayer Points:

- I praise God for one of the joys of family café that is the diversity of people that we welcome. All classes and ethnicities seem to feel at home. Pray that we continue to celebrate our diversities as there are occasions where we can face challenges.
- we praise God for the opportunities we have had to pray and speak hope into these families' lives. We have seen some of our mums and a Grandma joining in with 'The Well Course' (an early exploration of faith and also the Alpha course.)
- please pray that when families visit us they become aware of God's great love for them and that we as a team have opportunity and boldness to share the hope that we have when we are asked.

Local/UK Partners

Myrtle Lawrence is working and ministering in a wide area of Bristol, mainly with Bristol Healing Rooms, and Church Without Walls, (which is the general name given to all the overflow, connections and community that has grown up around the healings, salvations and renewals that are happening from Healing Rooms sessions).

New over the past month: a new part of Bristol for us, Downend, where we've started a monthly 'Cafe', and have already seen many come for healing, and for prophetic encouragement.

We have seen a young man in his 20's come to faith through coming to our Shirehampton monthly session. Also his mum. And an older man, healed from cancer, and come to faith, choosing to be baptised.

We've done several teaching retreats in the Brecons, building up the team, and we'll be back out on the streets, worshipping and bringing healing, as the weather improves.

Much more to share, but not enough space on here! Do ask me when you see me...

Stephen & Deborah Pacht have been TBC mission partners for 15 years. After pioneering amongst Jewish people with CMJ and Jews for Jesus in the UK, France and Switzerland, they are now missionaries with WEC International* based in Switzerland. Their four children live in London and Switzerland.

We continue sharing the Gospel to Jewish people, in Switzerland, France and the UK. Those in Switzerland are mostly Expat secular professionals.

Please pray for:

- Deborah's Israeli dance group. Ten Jewish ladies. Pray for ongoing witness to Yael, Ayelet, Moriah (Israelis) and Naomi (Belgian).
- Tony and Yael: Israelis we have been witnessing to for some years. Tony is reserved. Yael is strongly against Christianity. At my recent birthday, out of the blue, they asked our Christian friends, Mark and Judy, to explain how they had come to know God.

As we look back on this last term in our Sunday morning groups, I would like to take a moment to thank our wonderful, dedicated and super creative teams for all the love and effort they put into making Sunday mornings a loving, safe and fun place where our kids can encounter our real and living God. They have really brought the Bible to life and it is so encouraging to see more and more children coming along to groups each week and engaging actively in the sessions. We have had a few more team members added to our numbers which was a real answer to prayer! The creche is also slowly growing in numbers as more and more babies are arriving! We have recently installed a TV in the creche which allows us to stream the service, making it easier for parents to still engage with the teaching.

Prayer points:

- we need at least one more volunteer to help in creche on a Sunday morning
- wisdom for the leaders as they deal with so many needs each week. Please pray for guidance as they plan each session, that the children will be able to encounter God at their level.

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
- Cher, now at home on dialysis
- Graham Ogborne
- David Phipps
- Caroline Finney
- Ruth Collett
- Wendy Titterton
- Heather Woodward
- Micky and Roger Flight
- John Shackford
- Rose Ashley's mother

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:

- the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia.
- those families and individuals struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

Renewal

Who satisfies your years with
good things,
So that your youth is renewed like
the eagle.
– Psalm 103:5

'My glory is ever new with me,
And my bow is renewed in my hand.'
– Job 29:20

Allow God's grace to fill your life
this season as we celebrate what
He gave us and what He provides
us with daily. May this time with
friends and family renew your souls
and build stronger relationships in
Christ.