praying together at TBC June 2023

TBC's Frontline Missionaries – Media, Design and Creative

I'm Jason and I'm married to Katie. We have three young children. We moved to Thornbury at the end of 2019, following God's prompting to come and be part of what He is doing at Thornbury Baptist Church.

I work as a software developer, and have worked from home for the last 3 and a half years. Working from home has its benefits, but it also comes with its own set of challenges. Part of my work requires deep concentration and with 3 children in the house that isn't always easy!



It is a blessing to know that my work is not just about building software, but also about building relationships. I've really learnt over the years the importance of relationships in teams and that great software is built by teams that work well together, not just as individuals.

Prayer Points:

- That those working from home remain focused and disciplined in their work and resist the temptation to get distracted by other things.
- That Christians are able to form deep relationships with colleagues even as they work from home, and for the love of Jesus to be shown and shared.
- That God helps us to overcome any challenges we face in our work and to rely on His strength and guidance.

TBC Mission Projects

Our Sunday morning kids groups include Creche (ages 0-3), Seedlings (ages 3 to Reception) and Roots & Branches (Years 1-6). The groups have been steadily growing in numbers and our teams of leaders have been growing with them! We have been really encouraged to see what God has been doing in the lives of our children week by week.

A few prayer points:

- We would appreciate more helpers in the creche
- Wisdom and guidance for the leaders as each week they face potential barriers such as language barriers and behavioural challenges.
- Pray that the growth we are seeing would be more than just numerical growth, but that we will see our kids growing closer to our Lord and encountering Him in their daily lives.

Local/UK Partners

The Community Gospel Choir that meets fortnightly at the church on a Tuesday has just celebrated its 20th anniversary which is auite an achievement! We held a big concert in St Michaels church centre on 20th May which saw members of all our 5 choirs join together to form a 120 strong choir who sang their heart out in praise to God as we gave thanks for the journey we have travelled over the last 20 years and looking forward to what is in store for us!

Prayer/Praise:

- Wisdom as we look to the future path of the choir
- A continued sense of love and community amongst all our choir members
- That all members, both those with a faith and those who don't yet have a faith, will know a real sense of God amongst us as we learn and perform

If you are interested in joining the choir please speak to, or email, Heather Staley, heather@thornburybaptistchurch.co.uk

World Mission Partners

The Bridge Trust are very grateful for the continued support provided by TBC. Currently, money from TBC helps support health care workers who work in the slums of Delhi in India. As well as working in India, Bridge also works in Zambia and supports schools, orphans, employment and skills training, sanitation and water projects as well as providing direct support for church leaders across both countries.

Please pray for:

- the health workers in Delhi and their work with vulnerable people in the slums, particularly during the current heatwave that is engulfing India.
- church leaders in India who live with the threat of persecution
- the workers and volunteers of The Bridge Trust Ltd as they plan their work across India and Zambia.

Families @ TBC

Each week we run 2 outreach youth groups (Basement & Attic) and 2 discipleship groups (Wonder & Waves) for those in year 7-9 and year 10-13. Once a month we also run a 'Worship Night' for all those in year 7-13! We've loved taking the time within our discipleship groups to reflect on various themes from 'The Chosen', spend time hearing from God and journaling together.

Please pray for:

- all the young people who attend our outreach youth groups, pray that they would feel completely loved and accepted in these spaces. Pray for those who are struggling with mental health and difficult home situations that they would feel surrounded by peace and that the youth groups would be a safe space to talk.
- Thank God for all who serve on our youth teams, pray God's blessing on them as they lead, serve, and encourage the young people, pray for an increased awareness of God's presence and guidance as they lead.
- Thank God for all he is doing within the discipleship groups and our monthly worship nights, pray that they would continue to be a space in which young people meet with God and grow in faith together.

Please pray for:

- All those affected by the war in Ukraine
- For those affected by the current turmoil in Sudan
- 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, back in hospital on critical care
- The Ashleys
- Graham Ogborne
- David Phipps
- Caroline Finney
- Dave Finney, for recovery after
- Ruth Collett
- Kevin Goodman
- Maria Grey
- Heather Woodward
- Micky and Roger Flight
- For Rose Ashley's mother Wendy recovering after her surgery

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:

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

Renewal

Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Psalm 103:5

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.

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