



## TBC's Frontline Missionaries – Community Outreach

My name is Brenda Hucker. John and I were married in the old Chapel 45 years ago! I first came to TBC as a child aged 10. I've been part of the work here for a very long time but having retired some long while ago my current front line is a fluid one!

A new volunteer job description has been created at the Church Cafe where I help, "A Chatter-Mingler" and that's what so many of us do. Mingle and chat and share our faith.

A few of us were blessed to be able to share with passers-by in the town this Easter. Most people accepted some daffs and some chocolate, along with a flyer about God's love in Christ. We had some interesting chats.

The Community Family Days were another great opportunity for some "God appointed mingling!"

Let's pray that God will water the seeds sown and help us to make disciples.

That we, as God's people here in Thornbury will find further opportunities to share the message of salvation because His gospel truly is the hope of our nation.



**'I was in prison and you came to me.'**  
**Matthew 25:36**

For at least 45 years a team under the legacy name 'Bristol Fellowship' have been visiting Leyhill Prison for one evening every two weeks. We were the very first faith group to be allowed to visit. The Anglican managing chaplain is the authority we report to and he is now responsible for 12 faith groups - Islam, Buddhist, Pagan etc.

Leyhill is a Category D open prison housing short fixed term prisoners and long term life prisoners who have to adjust to a changing world before release. Lifers are on probation for the rest of their lives, as a consequence they have a very low reoffend rate.

The visiting team are all security cleared and we meet informally in the very nice chapel lounge. Orderlies provide refreshments. Currently we have a small but keen group of prisoners who are keen to discuss the Biblical topic for the evening. We are very dependant on the work of the Holy Spirit to build us up and help bring change where needed. Accepting forgiveness is not always easy for them. Having been convicted of a crime life will never be the same again as on release they will face rejection, but a second chance should apply to all. Your prayers can make a difference.

Thank you - David Conolly

Beloved is a charity that offers practical, emotional and spiritual support for women working in the indoor sex industry in Bristol. We run regular outreach into the massage parlours in the city as well as offering a 1:1 casework service. We are supported by volunteers from local churches who work alongside a small staff team. We also work closely with local organisations supporting vulnerable and trafficked women.

**We would love ongoing prayer for:**

- Our outreach visits into the parlours. That we would make good connections with the ladies we encounter and that those who need it will access our casework service. That we will be able to share God's love with the ladies we meet.
- For wisdom around going into new parlours we have not been to before.
- For employment pathways and strength for ladies we work with who are currently wishing to exit the industry.
- For continued financial provision for the charity and a successful and enjoyable fundraising event on 16th September.

## World Mission Partners

The Baptist Church in the town of Szekelyudvarhely in Transylvania has been our link church since Romania emerged from Communism in December 1989. Our support of the church has always been led by them, as they know their needs and how we can best be of benefit to them. This means that over 30 years we have been involved in many ways, from the early days of visits to orphanages, hospitals and special needs schools through to this year helping them support those in need in neighbouring Ukraine. Most years we send a team to Szekelyudvarhely, and over the past 10 or so years this has been to help the church in Summer missions to children and youth.

### **Please pray for:**

- Odon, the Pastor of the Church, and his family together with the Elders as they shepherd the church.
- The fruits of the mission that took place in Szekelyudvarhely in July.
- The mission due to take place in August for those in the nearby village of St Martins.
- The future of our link.



## Families @ TBC

Hev & Chris Scorch moved house last year because they felt that God shared His vision to reach those on the new housing estate at Park Farm. God has been growing this vision and opportunities in recent months and we want to seek God for what he is wanting to do next both at Park Farm but also in other areas of new housing and community here in Thornbury.

Hev believes God shared a vision for Park Farm, that we were to go treasure hunting as though along a beach, that the treasures were people being brought into His kingdom that He would bring to the shore line. No nets or boats going out, but rather individuals that God has been calling. The recent Fun days and BBQ were an important act of obedience to this call.

### **Please pray for:**

- The conversations that were started during the fun days that they would continue to bear fruit and for further opportunities to engage and to nurture seeds sown during these events.
- More opportunities to bring Gods kingdom to Thornbury and to Park Farm.
- Thank God for the favour that has been found with the developers and their support to facilitate things in the community.

## Healing & Comfort

### 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
- Baby Phoebe and recovery from her heart surgery
- For the family of Cher
- The Ashleys
- Graham Ogborne
- David Phipps
- Caroline Finney
- Dave Finney, for recovery after surgery
- Ruth Collett
- Kevin Goodman
- Maria Grey
- Terry Ball, in hospital
- Micky and Roger Flight
- Carol Connolly's mother
- Helen Harrison
- Our link church in Udvarhely, Romania as they mission to the children and youth of the town this week. A second mission for children in the nearby village of St Martin will take place in August.

**Thanks:** The Woodwards would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness through this difficult time. It is really appreciated.

*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.
- the heatwaves and wildfires in Europe.

## 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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