



TBC's Frontline Missionaries – Education & Childcare

Hi, my name is Joanna Ebbs. I am married to Richard and we have 6 wonderful children. They are Billy, Chloe, Daisy, Micah, Matthew and Florence. aged between 9 and 24.

I have lived in Thornbury all my life and have been involved with Thornbury Baptist Church since becoming a Christian at 16.

I have volunteered in different areas of church including crèche, Sunday school and Two by Two. I now help with stewarding and the coffee rota and Richard leads worship and helps on the sound desk.

I work three days a week in a local preschool and volunteer one morning a week at the clothing store in the Methodist church hall.

I work in a lovely local village preschool with 2-4 year olds in a warm, caring, safe environment that enables the children to learn and discover through play.

As a Christian I feel an important part of my work is showing God's love to the children through how I interact with them and care for them. Also to build good relationships with the parents/grandparents that trust us with their precious children/grandchildren.

Prayer points:

- Prayer for the new children starting in September. Pray they settle well and feel happy and safe in their new environment.
- Pray also for the children having just left Pre school, moving on to 'Big School' that they will enjoy their new experiences and quickly settle well and make new friends.
- Pray also for the staff as they meet the needs of the existing and new children, some of which may be leaving parents for the first time.
- Pray also for great relationships between staff and parents. That they can all work together to ensure a caring, safe environment for the children.



TBC Mission Projects - Families

We praise God for the recent missions week that we had, Charlotte & Hev would like to thank everyone who contributed to make this week possible through prayer, volunteering, financial donations to the church and coming along! We had a great time, with lots of opportunities to share Gods welcome and show His love to our community.

Those that came along were very grateful that we were hosting these events and many had stories to share of how TBC has impacted their lives in the past or currently.

Please pray:

- for those that we met during this week that they will be keen to take up further opportunities to engage with us as a church family so that we are able to share Jesus and His hope with them.
- that God would guide us as a church as we look to build on what God is wanting to do here in Thornbury.
- for our other community focussed ministries that return after a summer break for a new term including Lunch club, Family Café, Two by Two, our outreach Youth groups, baby group and the ongoing work of Food bank to name just a few, thank you!

Local/UK Partners – Ukraine

Hello everyone, my name is Alex Lorhov, and I'm from Ukraine. I want to share our country's prayer needs. The Russia-Ukraine war is in an intense phase, causing numerous military deaths and injuries. Many wounded soldiers are seeking financial help for treatment. Civilians lack money for food and medication due to rising costs and falling wages. Finding work is difficult with many factories destroyed by rockets. Rent prices surge due to returning refugees from Russian-conquered areas. Survival is tough for pensioners due to very low pensions for most.

There's no safe place in Ukraine as rockets or drones can strike anywhere. Almost daily, innocent lives are lost. Many churches invite the needy for services and distribute food afterward. Let's pray for God to touch their hearts with the Holy Spirit.

Occupied areas also face challenges. Russian soldiers take some prayer houses and ban gatherings. In other churches, young Christian families leave conflict zones, leaving mainly the elderly.

We thank you for your prayers and support.

World Mission Partners

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

TBC specifically supports Rock of Ages, a prison outreach ministry in Romania.

Please pray for:

- continued positive response from prisoners
- existing volunteers, including the newest team of 4 ladies working with groups of female inmates
- additional volunteers
- greater support (particularly financial) from local churches
- health, strength and wisdom for Mircea and Ronela (project leaders)

Youth @ TBC

Over this past year our 2 outreach youth groups (Basement and Attic) have been a great place to welcome in many young people in the local community. Through games, activities, trips, group discussions, hot chocolate and plenty of tuck we've loved seeing the young people have fun, build great relationships and share openly with each other. Our discipleship groups have become a beautiful space for reflections, hearing God's voice and growing together. As leaders we have been incredibly blessed by the reflections of the young people. We recently had an amazing day trip to the Satellites Youth Festival where we experienced an incredible time of worship together, inspiring seminars and a great time hanging out with each other!

Prayer points:

- Thank God for all he has been doing within the youth ministry this past year, pray that the seeds that have been planted will continue to grow in this coming year, and we would see the young people continue to connect with God in such a beautiful way!
- Thank God for all those who serve on our youth teams, pray that they all have time to rest and be replenished over the summer break.
- Pray for the young people who serve in many areas of the Church such as the tech desk, children's work and the Worship Space, pray that they continue to grow in their giftings and confidence from God. Praise God for such inspiring young people!

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 Osborne
- 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
- 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.

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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