



TBC's Frontline Missionaries – Engineering

Although my background is Engineering, I am currently a General Manager for the Renishaw Neuro Solutions based in Charfield.

This is a small part of the Renishaw Group that makes equipment, including a robot, to assist neurosurgeons in carrying out accurate brain operations. Whilst some of my work involves technical and engineering challenges, a large part revolves around managing people and getting teams to work effectively together. It is this area particularly where I continually need God's guidance and wisdom and where my faith makes a difference on my front line.



Although I find it difficult to overtly share my faith, I trust that God shines through in my actions and my day-to-day dealings with my colleagues and customers.

Prayer Points:

- The strength to be open about our faith and willing to share it at the appropriate times
- For Jesus to shine through in our daily lives and in all our dealings with others
- Wisdom in getting the balance between the needs of the business and then needs of the people in our teams
- Trusting God as we go through unpredictable and uncertain times.

TBC Mission Projects

We are Wendy & Jean-Mark, we volunteer each week at Lunch Club.

Jean-Mark: I enjoy preparing all the potato dishes each week & washing up. I have found it help with my confidence and by giving back to the community that has welcomed me.

Wendy: I help serving each week and enjoy talking to the diners and the team in the kitchen. It has helped my mental health and gaining confidence.

“We all appreciate how much effort Alison and the team put into the community to give us a delicious meal each week. Part of the attraction is the company as many of us live alone, so it’s something to look forward to on a regular basis. Someone then gives us an interesting talk to round off the afternoon. We are all very grateful.”
- Yvonne.

Prayer points

- For continued health for both the diners and team as we go into the winter.
- That all may experience the love of Jesus personally.
- That those that feel alone may find friendship and fellowship.

Local/UK Partners – Debt Advice

We have a team of ten volunteers, based in Thornbury and Wotton-under-edge, who meet with people struggling with their finances. Over the last twelve months we have helped local people make a new start. We have negotiated arrangements with their creditors, obtained financial support and in some cases even had debts written off.

We work with Community Money Advice who increasingly deal with the technical aspects of debt advice freeing the local volunteers to focus on standing alongside those who come in for help.

We are always looking for people who would like to join us. Now that Community Money Advice deal with the technical aspects of debt advice the work of a volunteer is more about information gathering and coming alongside people. If you are interested do speak to me or let one of the church leaders know.

Prayer points

- Please pray that those we stand alongside will know that God is with them, God loves them, and God is for them and that this will draw them to faith in Jesus.

From Mark and Tammy Baker:

As we reflected on 1 Kings 19

I noticed that Elijah wanted God to know that He was the only prophet left, the one that had done so much, but was now about to lose everything.

He prepares a speech, that in case God didn't hear it the first time, he repeats a second. In God's grace, he is not rebuked or even reminded that this is not about Elijah, but it is about God.

I too was reminded that this season that we are in, where God is continually surprising us by His words, His leading, His presence - is NOT about us, but about Him. I was reminded this afternoon of:

Phil 2:6-11 (especially 6-7), "(Jesus) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

This is a season about Him. Of emptying ourselves, aligning to Him, so that He will be glorified!

Pray for:

- Pursuit of an even closer walk with Him.
- Reflect Him to one another and to all that He brings our way.
- Trust Him to provide all we need, especially for David and his internship.

On a Monday lunch time each week we welcome Mums to a Bible study. We share lunch together, study the word, share and pray for one another. This group has welcomed mums from Two by Two, coffee shop, our church family and The Well course. We are a mixture of new Christians, seekers and long in the tooth Christians!! It has been so exciting to journey with these Mums and their little ones and is one of main discipleship groups for the families ministry.

For praise & for prayer:

- We praise God for the lives of a number of these mums who have become Christians in the last 18 months. For His faithfulness and love as some have overcome addictions and navigated difficult personal circumstances.
- Please pray for the continued growth of each of our mums in their relationship with Jesus and their understanding of Gods word.
- That they too would have opportunity to share the hope they have received with their friends and loved ones.

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
- For the family of Cher
- The Ashleys
- Graham Ogborne
- David Phipps
- Caroline Finney
- Dave Finney, for next surgery
- Ruth Collett
- Maria Grey
- Terry Ball, who is now in a nursing home
- Micky and Roger Flight
- Robert Macpherson, who was recovering from cancer but now been told it's back and terminal. Prayer for peace, strength and no pain would be appreciated
- Carol Connolly's mother
- Stephanie Ruse and family

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.
- Those affected by the recent spate of natural disasters around the world.
- For the Gaza conflict.

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.

