

# Connect

## Monday: Frontline - Trustees

Hi - I am Dave Tubb and have been a member of TBC since the late 1970's. I have a lovely wife Viv and we have three married children and 5 grandchildren. In my career I worked on the railways in train operating and Health and Safety.

In TBC life my wife and I have been involved with children and youth work

in the past and are currently joint Home Group Leaders. In the past years I have been a church elder, involved with TBC mission strategy development and currently a Church Trustee.

Since retiring from the railways my front line has mainly been volunteering in various roles. These currently include Foodbank, Prison bible group, Trustee of a Multi Academy special needs School Trust and undertaking exam invigilating at Castle School. I am also able to go and share God's word at various other smaller churches on occasions. These areas keep me active and in contact with many people where sharing the love and grace of God is a privilege.



### Prayer Points:

- Opportunities to share Jesus on my front line with those I meet in the areas that God wants to use me
- Wisdom when having to undertake decisions in the school Trust that I am a Trustee.

## Tuesday: TBC Community Mission

**GOOSE** is an OFSTED regulated Out of School club run here at Thornbury Baptist Church, for Gillingstool Primary school. We started in October 2012, running a breakfast club at 7.30am and an after school club until 6pm Monday to Friday.

We are here to support the families of children who attend Gillingstool school with their childcare needs around school times.

We are almost full on most days so is well used and appreciated by parents juggling working hours.

We are very grateful that we have this amazing venue to use to continue being a blessing to these children and their parents.

### Prayer points for Goose:

- Please pray that through our actions we will show God's love.
- Please pray for all the children and their families
- Please pray for good health of staff and children.

## Wednesday: Local/UK Partners

**The Willow Tree Pregnancy Centre** offers impartial and confidential support to women and men in South Gloucestershire and Bristol facing unplanned pregnancy and after all types of pregnancy loss. We have a volunteer team of eleven and support clients face-to-face, via Zoom or Teams and on the phone. All our services are free.

We aim to reflect the values of Christ by showing love and compassion, by respecting clients and taking our lead from them. We seek to express our Christian faith by serving others in this way.

### Please give thanks for:

- Our committed volunteer team.
- Our supportive trustees and patrons.
- Those who give of their time, money and prayers.

### Please pray for:

- The clients being supported by our volunteers and those on our waiting list as they wait for a first appointment.
- The finances we need to continue to provide our services.
- New practitioners and trustees to join the team vision and wisdom as we think strategically about the growth and development of the services we offer.

## Thursday: World Mission

A warm hello to the Thornbury Baptist church family. My name is Harry Fenner Crawley and for the last three months, I've had the privilege of working with **Elam Ministries**. I've recently returned from the Iran region, where I witnessed the incredible work being done to spread the Gospel among Iranians. On a personal note, my wife and I were blessed with the arrival of our second daughter on 23 September, and I'm about to begin a period of parental leave.

- We would be so grateful if you would join us in prayer on 2 November for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Please pray for those imprisoned for their faith in Iran. Pray for their protection from harm, for their families, and for the prison staff. Pray that they would feel God's presence and that their faith would remain strong in the face of hardship. You can find more specific prayer points on Elam's website at [elam.com/pray-for-prisoners](http://elam.com/pray-for-prisoners).

## Friday: Children @TBC

It was wonderful to welcome all our kids back after a fantastic summer break. With the new term came some more changes. As our Roots and Branches groups has grown so much over the past year, we made the decision to finally split into Roots and Branches. The Roots group continues to meet downstairs in the lower lounge while the Branches have found a new home in the Oasis room. This split will allow for deeper, more focussed teaching for the older kids who want to get to know God more.

### Prayer points for Childrens Ministry:

- More leaders for each group so that we can continue to have children's provision each week.
- Pray for relationships to grow between the children as well as with their leaders
- For the teams who put so much love and care into the lessons they prepare. Pray that God will provide the time they need to plan each week.
- We regularly have children coming along from broken homes or foster care families. Please pray that God will protect these children and that we will be able to share his love with them in a way that makes sense to them.
- For everyone to settle into a new way of doing kids church (again).

## Saturday: Global Needs

Please pray for Yasin in Iraq. He has been violently attacked and has had death threats.

Yasin's brother violently attacked him – more than once. "He tried to kill me several times," says Yasin. "One time, he broke my nose.

Other people in the community started persecuting him too. "I received a threatening letter," he says. "In short, it said, 'If you don't leave Christianity, we will kill you.'" This threat almost came true when somebody threw a firebomb at his house – thankfully, the house didn't burn down.

Through all this persecution, Yasin's faith remained strong. He was paying a huge price for his faith, and his determination to share it with others, but he was sure the price was worth it.

For the most up to date information on the suffering church look at the "Latest News" section of the Open Doors Website ([opendoorsuk.org](http://opendoorsuk.org))

### Healing and Comfort

Please use the weekly updated list of prayer needs sent out in the weekly notice sheet.

If you are concerned about someone who needs care or support, contact Paul Ferguson -  
[paul@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:paul@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk)

## Sunday: Renewal

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts".  
(Zechariah 4:6)

Lord.

I confess.

I find it easier to try than to trust.  
Renew me in your Spirit, Lord.

I find it easier to plan than to pray.  
Renew me in your Spirit, Lord.

I find it easier to work for you than to wait for you.  
Renew me in your Spirit, Lord.

I find it easier to take control than to yield to you.  
Renew me in your Spirit, Lord.

I find it easier to imagine that I know, than that I don't.  
Renew me in your Spirit, Lord.

I confess that my life is not, in fact, built by my might, nor by my power, but by the gracious work of your Spirit.  
Renew me in your Spirit, Lord.