

PERSONAL & CHURCH RENEWAL

Reaching out to God for a deeper awareness of his life in us

Colossians 4:3 *And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ*

We want to continue our theme from last month, and ask us all to continue to pray for a fresh touch of the Holy Spirit to empower our lives on our different 'frontlines'. We would love to hear more stories of how God is providing openings to share his love in word and/or deed, so pray that you might have a story to share!

- Pray for God to send you people and situations where you can share his love in some way.
- Pray for attentiveness to see the opportunities he sends.
- Pray for courage and wisdom to take the opportunity.

SALVATION

Praying for those we long to see come to faith

Be faithful: don't give up! Keep praying for friends, colleagues, family members and neighbours who you long to see come to faith. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in their lives creating a hunger for something deeper, and opening their eyes to see Jesus as the answer to that hunger.

As well as praying for individuals known to you, pray that the life and work of TBC would bear fruit in seeing people come to salvation. Pray for our youth work, children and families work, prison and foodbank ministries, lunch club and Open House. Pray that we see increasing numbers recognizing and responding to God's call on their lives.

HEALING

Seeking God's healing and wholeness for those with health problems

Pray for . . . Sarah Britten, Jean Cannon, Edna Clarke, Alison Collett, Joan Colwill, Noel Defraigne, Ray Goudie, Rosemary Howell, Ruth Hulse, Joan Jones, Natalia Kent's mum Tanya, Marie Merrick, June Short, Mike Spiller, Len Steele, Lisa Sumner's mum Joan, Dave Tate, young Conan, little Charlie, Tom Pelham and his young family, and others who are suffering with ill health.

Pray for . . . all those known to us who have recently been bereaved.

following the way of Jesus

loving God, one another
and the world



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PRAYING FOR UK, EUROPE AND EU REFERENDUM USING THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your Name

We lift the name of Jesus high over this Referendum decision

We worship Him as Lord of every nation in our continent

We pray for your kingdom to come

In and through the issues raised in the Referendum campaign

Through all the conversations, debates and prayer events

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give wisdom and discernment to leaders in Britain: Stronger in Europe and Vote Leave; to Donald Tusk (Head of the European Council) and to David Cameron and the government

Give us today our daily bread

We pray for all in the media to report with integrity

We ask for many to engage and vote on June 23

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

Lord, have mercy on us as a nation Lord, have mercy on us as your church Lord, have mercy on Europe

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

Help us as a nation to show compassion and uphold your justice

Help us as your church to share your love and talk about Jesus

Where there is division, tension, deception let us bring your peace and integrity

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever

We pray that Your name will be glorified across our continent. We bless every nation with the blessing of your shalom peace

Amen

FRONTLINE MISSION

This month: Property Management

*Each month we pray for an individual and for all those who share the same area of life and work. Their **Frontline!***

Hello, my name is Chris Powell. I have been happily married to Louise for nearly 14 years and have two sons James and Ben. We have lived in Thornbury since 2012.

I have worked in the property industry for the last 11 years. After working as a Building Surveyor for a number of years, for the last four years I have worked as a Property Surveyor for Enterprise Inns, and I look after property issues for about 180 pubs.

My work involves maintenance and refurbishment of pub properties, and assistance and advice where this is the responsibility of the Publican.

Please pray for:

- *wisdom and empathy in both dealing with publicans and representing my company particularly in difficult and emotional situations such as business failure.*
- *relationships inside and outside the pub and construction business which can often be very hostile*
- *showing God's love to people who very little to do with the Christian Faith due to their work commitments.*

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Helping to grow a faith that lasts

Please pray for

- * Children's Social services and all who work in them at this time of budget and staffing cuts and rising demand for services
- * Those coming to an end of their time in primary and secondary education that they would end well and leave with good memories and strong friendships
- * The provision of new leaders in a number of the TBC Children and Youth groups - could this be you?

NATIONAL & GLOBAL ISSUES

Crying out to God for the deep needs of our nation and our world

Please pray:

- For all those parts of God's world where there is war and conflict
- For all those who live in fear, for refugees, for victims of violence
- Following the EU vote, for reconciliation between both sides and for wisdom for the Government as it moves forward.

WORLD MISSION *This Month: CRED*

Touching the world through praying for our wider mission links and for the persecuted Church

CRED Foundation, a small Christian development agency, works with ten indigenous partners around the world, supporting them in a number of ways. Helen Harrison is Operations Manager for the charity, which includes Partner support, and also coordinating the team trips that visit some of the projects

CRED is going through a transition and review phase at this time, so please pray for:

- the Trustees as they make decisions about the future direction of CRED
- the 3 summer teams who are visiting Partners, including Dan Potter leading a team to Uganda- that they may each know God in a new and deeper way through their experiences
- an exciting new project developing around Mercury-Free Fairtrade Gold
- Helen as she holds all the different aspects of her role in balance, gives enough support to each Partner, ensures all the teams are fully prepared, and supports the Trustees to enable them to make their decisions.
- and praise God for the exciting developments and provision seen in a number of the Partner projects

TBC MISSION *This month: Alpha*

Soaking our many outreach activities in prayer

The Alpha Course provides an opportunity to learn about , and to ask question of, the Christian faith. This take place in a very relaxed and open way and runs over a number of weeks. We have run Alpha Courses at TBC for many years and they have been very fruitful. A new course is starting on 14th of this month.

Please pray:

That we will have the courage and motivation to ask our friends and neighbours to come along.

For those who will attend the course, that they will find a welcome and freedom to ask questions.

For those attending that Alpha will prove to be a significant time in their journey to Jesus

For the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

LOCAL & UK MISSION *This month: Thornbury Foodbank*

Soaking our many outreach activities in prayer

The Foodbank has been in operation for three years and is a project sponsored by Thornbury Churches Together, as a branch of Yate Foodbank under the auspices of the Trussell Trust, who run around 400 Foodbanks in the UK. The aim is to provide a minimum of three days' supply of food to families and individuals in crisis. Since opening it has provided the equivalent of 15000 meals and in many cases has been able to refer people to other agencies who can help them, including New Start Debt Advice which operates locally. Most clients, who are referred from professional agencies, come to the Foodbank following benefit changes, are on a low income or are in debt. They are served by a dedicated team of volunteers from the churches and the wider community.

Please pray:

- For those who come, that they may not be embarrassed
- For the volunteers, that they may continue to provide a listening ear and effectively point clients to others who can help them
- That the local authority, the Foodbank's main referral agency, may continue to have a presence in Thornbury despite cutbacks