

Connect

Monday: Retirees

We're Graham & Sue Goldsworthy. We started attending TBC in January becoming members in June, just before moving into Thornbury.

Sue is Bristolian, Graham from Devon, which is where we've lived most of our married life.

We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Having retired 18 months/2 years ago we took the decision to move closer to our daughter and family who we meet up with regularly. Our son and family live in Manchester.



At one point we ran our own fish & chip shop, but Graham was mostly a partner of his family building business working with his father and brothers. Sue has been employed in various secretarial/PA roles.

Before and throughout our marriage we've been involved in various youth work, including Bristol Christian Youth Camps, and other church responsibilities. Now settled, we are getting involved in church and town life which is becoming our new frontline, together with neighbours and those we meet in our day-to-day living.

Moving to Thornbury and joining TBC was a big answer to prayer; we're so thankful for the warm welcome we received from the church family.

Pray for:

- those involved in youth work
- those newly retired as they re-draw their frontlines
- the ongoing work of the TBC family in the community

Tuesday: TBC Community Mission

Hello from Lunch Club. Firstly for those amongst us that have volunteered to join our team on a Wednesday, we now have a team of 19, some coming once a month, others every two weeks, then the stalwarts that come every week.

We are coming to the end of our time at Christ the King & we thank them for the welcome we have had from staff & members of the congregation there.

We're serving 50 each week which is our maximum for the church hall. In the new year we return to the Baptist Church, looking forward to our new kitchen, especially a large oven & dishwasher which we & Afternoon Tea have both missed.

We are also at our maximum capacity with a waiting list for places to join us at the Baptist Church. With Juliet retiring from helping every week & organising all our speakers, to help once a month. Wendy & Sue will be taking on this organising role.

Prayer points for Lunch Club:

- For our final few weeks at CTK, their staff & congregation as they move forward after Father George's death.
- For our return to TBC.
- For the health of our diners & team over the winter months.
- For the Volunteers as they settle into the new roles within the team.

Wednesday: Local/UK Partners

New Start Debt Advice continues to see a need from people needing help with their finances. We stand alongside those who approach us. We listen to understand their situation and then with the help of the Community Money Advice Hub, come up with a strategy to deal with their debts so that they can make a new start.

We were encouraged by this compliment "Your team was very helpful today. They went over everything thoroughly. They made me very welcome and helped me with everything."

Sometimes we can pray with those who approach us. A volunteer said "Last week I started with a new client and prayed with them. He rang me that afternoon, and thanked me. What was different was that he wasn't talking about my advice, but thanking me for my prayer! He said it had stirred something inside him, and that he would love to be able to pray himself."

We are always looking for people to join us. The work of a volunteer is more about information gathering and coming alongside people. If you are interested please speak to Mark Stuart.

Prayer points for New Start Debt Advice:

- 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.

Thursday: World Mission Partners

Mark, Tammy, Bethany and David Baker were sent out from TBC to Sabah, North Borneo in 1999 to re-pioneer the work of YWAM there. In line with YWAM's vision 'to Know God and Make Him Known' they have worked with children, youth and adults, in discipleship, training, evangelism, providing primary healthcare, community development, English classes, pastoral care, to name but a few.

Bethany is now settled and working in Bristol, David is currently looking for work in Malaysia, having recently graduated with a degree in E & E engineering. And once David is settled into a new job and place, Tammy and Mark will begin planning their return to the UK in 2026.

In the next 3 months they will be running seminars with a local polytechnic, translating discipleship materials into the local language, hosting outreach teams as well as working with a team providing pastoral care for the 106 adults and more than 40 children in YWAM Malaysia.

Prayer points for Mark and Tammy:

- Wisdom and favour for David as he looks for work.
- Tammy and Mark as they disciple, translate and provide pastoral care.

Friday: Families @TBC

We have been so grateful to be able to continue as much as we have with the families ministry over the past few months. Family Cafe has been supported by a wonderful and growing team of volunteers and we have welcomed many new families as well returning regulars this term. Joy Tots parent and baby group has seen another cohort of families move up to two by two or to nursery and we have welcomed a new cohort of parents and their babies.

Pray points for Families Ministry:

- The team of volunteers within the families ministry.
- Preparations as we anticipate the nearing of the completion of the kitchen & foyer.
- Our special event in December for Mums that come to Two by Two, Joy Tots & Mums Bible study.
- The Christmas parties for Family Cafe & Two by Two.
- The monthly Mums nights for our Joy Tot alumni mums.
- For the pressure many families feel around Christmas to provide gifts & spend time with wider family.
- We thank God for the opportunities we had to share that Jesus is the light of the world during October. Pray that seeds sown may grow.

Saturday: Global Needs

Pray particularly this month for:

- For the United States as Hurricane Helene affects them and they get ready to go through their elections.
- For the conflict in the Middle East as it escalates, that calm hearts and minds will step in and stop the conflict.
- Continue to pray for Gaza, Ukraine and the many other places of conflict around the world.
- For the millions of African Christians displaced due to violence.

Find more up-to-date prayer items for Christians suffering for their faith in the 'Latest News' section of the Open Doors website (opendoorsuk.org).

Healing & 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

Sunday: Renewal

Renewal for the Weary

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

This month let's pray for those who are finding the long-haul of obedient discipleship tough.

Lord would you renew the strength of those:

- In families where personal resources are being tested.
- On our TBC staff team working in the muddle of the building work.
- In our TBC family who are working on challenging frontlines.

LifeSHAPE
live for God



LifeSTREAM
connect with God

LifeSOURCE
rooted in God

*(Find all of our LifeWORKS

discipleship resources on our website:
https://www.thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk/?page_id=15255)

Is God speaking?

If as you pray through Connect, you sense God speaking to us as a church family, do pass your thoughts to the elders.