



# Update 3

January 2021

Dear Friend,

Welcome to 2021! We had no idea last January what 2020 would bring and now we are praying that 2021 will bring us blessing. Suddenly we are only eight months from our September mission across the bay. Please note we have had to change our email address; it is now [missiontorbay@outlook.com](mailto:missiontorbay@outlook.com)

The news:

- 1. Planning group news:** we now have an administrator, **Joanna Wilkinson**, whom you can contact for help at [missiontorbay@outlook.com](mailto:missiontorbay@outlook.com)
- 2. Prayer walking:** our understanding of Lockdown rules means that we cannot now do these walks as a group activity. We can however encourage you to prayer walk parts of the area as part of your daily exercise, alone or with a friend; the next walk was planned for Preston. If your daily exercise takes you to that area then please pray strategically for the Mission. For more details contact **Andrew, our prayer organiser** at [missiontorbay@outlook.com](mailto:missiontorbay@outlook.com)
- 3. Training day for our mission:**
  - This has been delayed from February to **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 9-4**, at St. Paul's, Preston<sup>1</sup>. All are welcome. The cost is £10, payable on the day. Bring your own lunch, hot drinks provided.
  - It is helpful if you **book in** in advance with Joanna our administrator.
  - If you came last time, **please pray about who you could invite this time**. You get in free, so maybe you could pay for a friend to attend.
  - **Tim and Georgina**, TFM leaders from Cambridge, will lead the day. If you would like them to speak at your church on the Sunday, please contact Joanna.
- 4. Other missions next year:** It would also be good for you to book a week on a mission elsewhere – a chance to gain further experience. Various missions are planned by TFM. Find out more at the training day, or visit their site: <https://www.throughfaithmissions.org/>
- 5. Finding out more:**
  - **visit our Mission Torbay Facebook page<sup>2</sup>**
  - **Email Joanna, our administrator**
  - **Ask** for someone to come and preach or do a short presentation at your church
- 6. Please pray for this mission.** Please also read the “menu” of mission ideas on the back of this update – perhaps it could inspire you with new ideas!

With Every Blessing

*Stephen Yates*

(Chairman)

“Pray for the forgiveness of the sins of others as you pray for the forgiveness of your own. Pray for the salvation of others as you pray for your own salvation and you will receive from God a wealth of spiritual gifts, the gift of the Holy Spirit who loves a soul who is concerned with the salvation of others.” St. John of Kronstadt.

If you would like to receive further updates about the mission, please email: [missiontorbay@outlook.com](mailto:missiontorbay@outlook.com)



<sup>1</sup> Torquay Road / Locarno Ave, Paignton TQ3 2DH

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2429943584001497>

# *Could this mission involve our church?*

Are you uncertain whether to ask a team to come to your church, wondering what a team could do in your church area? Here are twelve answers based on a letter from Tim Hall, team leader, to help you plan a programme for your church's mission:

1. **Personal Belief survey:** get hold of our personal belief survey and do it as a church (each person filling one in anonymously and handing it in) The tremendous width of belief and the questions raised should start a conversation about how important faith is, and how much there is to discuss. This can lead to fruitful discussion long before the team arrive.
2. **Existing church groups:** What existing groups can the team go along to? They could be the speakers or topic of the group, or simply go along and talk to members of the group.
3. **Launching something new:** Is there something your church is thinking of starting that the team could help with?
4. **Healing service:** The team would love to have a healing service as part of the week.
5. **Bringing in the men:** How about a men's event - breakfast or supper?
6. **Shops and businesses:** Do you have shops and businesses? The team could visit and ask if there are any prayer needs.
7. **Open air:** There could be an open-air service celebrating the community and praying for the shops and businesses.
8. **Community hubs:** Where do people gather in the community – Bus stops, coffee shops, pubs? Could the team join in there?
9. **Testimony evenings:** We could find a musician, if you want to put on a music and testimony evening (but that will need some notice!)
10. **Door to door:** And in-between everything else, the team love to knock on doors, or talk to people in the streets – using the personal belief survey. They could also offer to pray with passers-by at an open air 'prayer station'.
11. **Friends, Neighbours and family:** Could your church members invite (non-churched) friends and neighbours into their home for a coffee morning/afternoon tea to meet members of the mission team?
12. **Local schools, homes for the elderly etc:** Could the team visit here also?

The team will arrive wanting to work! They are looking forward to speaking about Jesus, gently, lovingly – wherever and whenever they can ... so what can you plan for them to do?

## **Other preparation ideas:**

Take a look at the TFM shop online (<https://www.throughfaithmissions.org/>) there are some posters and some cards 'Peace' in orange and 'Love' in blue that we are finding extremely helpful in starting conversations and making contacts.

**Covid:** TFM has continued to work within the rules throughout the pandemic, and seen God do amazing and powerful things. So, whatever may be happening next Sept. (please Lord, let it be normal!) we can and will be able to work together in mission.