

Please pray for those families and individuals who are bereaved.

Monday 28th

Please remember the church prayer meetings held on Monday nights. Think of a good reason why you should attend and then ask whether Jesus would approve of you not going.

Tuesday 29th

The Baptist Assembly is on in May in West Bromwich. Please pray for the speakers, the delegates and all involved.

Wednesday 30th

Judy Cook is living in Chiang Mai, so please pray for her work at the Agape home for mothers and babies and her finance, fellowship, pastoral needs and support

Contributions for the prayer diary should be sent to john.stansfield5@btinternet.com or left in the pigeonhole in the foyer by 7th of the month.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

The saying goes that there are two things which are inevitable: death and taxes. To these on the strength of Jesus' words I would add 'the poor' (Mat 26:11), and on the strength of the Book of Revelation 'judgement'. For most people in Britain these things do not constitute a daily burden. In years gone by here, and today overseas, poverty is and was a fact of life. There are often appeals and fund raising initiatives to try and help those who do not have much in this world. Just praying for the poor was condemned by Jesus (Mat 25:41-43), and so it should be for his followers. Jesus called His friends to do more than just pray, but that is a good starting point to go on to further action.

When praying this month please remember those who are less fortunate than you. Ask God to show you His plan for you to do more than just pray for the poor. Take to God the needs of the recent appeals which have faded from the news: the hurricane in The Philippines, refugees in Central African Republic, South Sudan, Syria and other places. Remember victims of flooding not only in Britain but all over Europe. The list of misery in the world is endless, but if Christians believe God is in control of events in this world He will note and act on your prayers. "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it". (John 14:14).

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purpose : to reflect God's love in
our church, community and world

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*Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.
They keep watch over you as those
who must give an account.*

Hebrews 13:17

At this time of year, with all the busyness of the Easter Season, we can easily be surprised when the church AGM creeps up on us. Would you please start praying now for the AGM, the election of new leaders and the right candidates to be offering themselves for this service? Would you also pray about whether God is calling YOU to serve on leadership? If not on leadership as a trustee, then perhaps in leadership of a small group, Sunday group or youth work. The Harvest is plentiful and the workers are very, very few! So please pray and offer yourself wherever you can.

Pastor Roger

Tuesday 1st

Dorcas group, Ladies Evening Fellowship, and Men's Christian Club all meet on Tuesdays. Please uphold those who attend these events.

Wednesday 2nd

Today the Leadership Council will meet, please pray for them as they meet to consider the business of the church.

Thursday 3rd

As the church all over the world prepares to celebrate the feast of Easter, let us pray for those being persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Let us also remember fellow believers around the world for whom Easter will be a joyous day. Pray for anyone you know overseas today.

Friday 4th

Please pray for young people and leaders involved with Xtreme, Beyond Xtreme and After 9. These are outreach events to young people. Remember in particular to pray for adequate, quality leaders, without which such events will not happen.

Saturday 5th

Please pray for the staff employed by Tabs: Roger Grafton, Jonathan Bugg and Jayne

Neadley. Also remember Claire Grafton and Jan Booker at Home Access.

Sunday 6th

Please pray for all who contribute to the quality and variety of worship in Tabs. The list is long and the church needs to give thanks for the collective contribution of lots of people.

Monday 7th

As spring gets underway, let us give thanks to God for all the many good things which He gives us. Remember in particular what Christ did for everyone who believes on His name.

Tuesday 8th

The South Wales Baptist Association employs Nick Bradshaw, (an ex Tabs boy), Jackie Godding and Andy Hughes. Please pray for Nick, Andy and Jackie as they seek to serve the Baptist churches of South Wales in ministry and mission.

Wednesday 9th

Please pray for the Playgroup who meet every morning to cater for the needs of very young people. Please pray for Mums, children and helpers.

Thursday 10th

Praying for revival is not everyone's favourite occupation, so remember those who do meet regularly to pray for it, and pray for the church to be more open to God's leading.

Friday 11th

Sam Hackett has been training for ministry at the Baptist College for some time. Please pray for Sam as he gets inducted as Pastor at Ruddington BC, Notts on 13th September

Saturday 12th

Please pray for Gareth Davidson who is seeking ministerial training. Ask God to guide Gareth at each step in the process.

Sunday 13th (Palm Sunday)

Today is the start of Holy Week, leading up to the most important festival in the Christian year. Ask God to help you appreciate the miracle of the Resurrection.

Monday 14th

Jesus always tried to target the outcasts of society, like when He called tax collector Matthew to be a disciple. Thanks to that encounter the Gospel of Matthew is one of the most important sources of information about Jesus. Remember to pray for the poor this month. (See piece at end).

Tuesday 15th

Backsliding is not something that those in "good standing" would want to do, but some people do fall from grace. Pray for someone who may be having a crisis of faith particularly anyone you may know.

Wednesday 16th

Young people from Tabs will be going to 'Soul Survivor' in August. Ask God to speak to and

prepare hearts for people who will go to this enormous event.

Thursday 17th (Maundy Thursday)

In preparation to celebrate the greatest Christian festival of the year let us confess before God all our sins and beg forgiveness and mercy.

Also spare a thought for Her Majesty the Queen who has to give out 160+ sets of Maundy pennies today. (80+ men & 80+ women!).

Friday 18th (Good Friday)

Please pray for the services today and the March of Witness organised by Cytun for all the churches in the district.

Saturday 19th

Please give thanks today for the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus.

Sunday 20th (Easter Day)

On the most important day of the Christian year when the church worldwide celebrates the risen Christ, give thanks to God for the salvation offered to anyone who will accept Christ.

Monday 21st (Bank Holiday)

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Tuesday 22nd

Helen and Angus Douglas will be coming home from Nepal in June. Please uphold them and their children before God in the tour they will do around Britain.

Wednesday 23rd

Please pray for Peter Stevenson as Principal and other members of faculty and students at the South Wales Baptist College. Ask God to direct their studies and life as a College.

Thursday 24th

Please pray for those who cannot get to a small group because of infirmity or old age.

Friday 25th

During the week most people concentrate on work, school, social events etc and have little time for God. Please pray for those for whom God is likely to be a very real event in the very near future as they prepare to meet their maker. Pray for the sick and dying especially anyone you know.

Saturday 26th

The Fair Trade movement is a win-win situation for all: producers, traders, exporters and customers. It creates social, economic and environmental development for people. Pray for all engaged in promoting fair trade.

Sunday 27th

Today is the annual memorial service held each year to honour those people associated with Tabs who have died in the previous year.