

Tuesday 27th

Please today pray for the children and helpers at Jaffa Club. Ask God to bless this outreach.

Wednesday 28th

Pray for a need which no one else is going to pray for today, a family member, someone who is far away, a mission situation close to your heart.

Thursday 29th (Ascension Day)

On this annual commemoration of the day Jesus went up to heaven let us consider and give thanks for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had to depart this earth before the Spirit could come, and being equal to God and Jesus in the Trinity should inspire worship in His own right.

Friday 30th

Praying for those who carry a heavy pastoral burden is essential to the health of the church. Please see below.

Saturday 31st

Remembering the persecuted church in faraway places is not an additional extra for the church. Please pray for persecuted believers in prison every day.

TWAM* Tools With A Mission

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

Sacrificial service to others is one of those goals which every Christian should aspire to attain. Giving of oneself over and over can be very draining and demanding if not curbed by moderation. When Pastors and Lay Workers ask for time off, some people seem to think they have no right to refresher time. Yet if the truth be told the pastoral worker is often more in need of refreshment than the ordinary worker. Getting behind Pastors and Lay Workers in prayer can be a bit frustrating at times, because they are very often reluctant to tell you what they need praying about on the grounds of confidentiality. Nevertheless, such people are much in need of prayer because of the spiritual battles they are engaged in on a daily basis.

It must be the mark of a mature Christian who will still support the Pastor and Lay Workers despite the lack of detail and prayer topics. Praying for Pastors, mission personnel and church office holders should be the duty of every member of a fellowship of whatever theological hue. Paul asks the church to pray for him in his epistles on more than one occasion, so there is biblical example of praying for leaders. It is also good to include prominent national figures at the same time, like Justin Welby and John Sentamu. Please pray for church leaders this month however God leads.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : may 2014

"In their hearts people plan their course, but
the Lord establishes their steps." - Proverbs 16:9

Last year we held a special church meeting to discuss the selling of the Manse in Clive Place and the purchase of a smaller property, thus freeing up money and resources for God's work in Penarth. Claire and I brought that proposal to the church because we had increasingly become convinced that God was calling us to move out of the house to allow our work amongst the poor and homeless to be developed. Living in a 3 storey, 6 bedroom house with a 200 foot garden seemed inappropriate to us.

At the time we said that we were not sure what God was calling us to exactly, but that we were sure he was calling us to take that first step of faith. We felt that as we were obedient he would show us the next step to take. There has been much talk about beds for the homeless, a recovery project, an expanded foodbank and other services for the poor, but I want to be clear: AS A CHURCH WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY CLEAR WORD FROM THE LORD ON WHAT OUR NEXT STEP IS! We all have our visions, plans and preferences, but as a church we have not discerned what God is saying to us.

Well, the first step is now almost complete. We have received an excellent offer on the Manse. Now we need to find the next step forward. What should the church buy as a replacement manse? Once God shows us that, we can then ask the next question which is, 'what does he want us to do with the money we have freed up?'

I am asking you pray earnestly and seek God - what should we be doing next? We need your help as a church to discern the mind of Christ for our next step forward.

Pastor Roger

Thursday 1st

As small groups gather to have fellowship, ask God to bless their meetings.

Friday 2nd

Young people are catered for by Xtreme, Beyond Xtreme and After 9 held on Friday evenings. Please pray for all involved in this strategic outreach.

Saturday 3rd

Please pray for those people who are sick. Pray for those who are sick listed in the newsletter. Remember the Douglas family travelling home.

Sunday 4th

The long suffering people of Zimbabwe have experienced years of oppression, bullying, hunger and general bad luck. Please pray for the people of Zimbabwe and the churches trying to lead the country to a better future.

Monday 5th

Remember the work amongst the ladies in the church. Pray for Women's Hour, Dorcas, and Ladies Evening Fellowship. Pray for the individual needs of a lady you might know.

Tuesday 6th

Please remember the members from Tabs involved in the ministry of TWAM* as they seek to send suitable material abroad for people to earn a living.

Wednesday 7th

Leadership Council meets today to consider the work of Tabs. Please pray for the proceedings.

Thursday 8th

Praying for revival should be a standard part of every prayer meeting. Please pray for revival in Small Groups today.

Friday 9th

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

Saturday 10th

The Baptist Assembly is on in West Bromwich today and tomorrow. Pray for everyone involved.

Sunday 11th

Please pray for the young people who meet on Sunday evenings after church in 'The New Generation'. They have discipleship events and social evenings. Remember The Sanctuary service today, 8pm.

Monday 12th

Christian Aid week will take place this week and people around the country will be seeking to raise awareness and funds to aid the fight against global poverty. Please pray for their efforts today and whether you could take envelopes and help the fund raising effort.

Tuesday 13th

Please pray for the presentation by Judy Cook, with supper, 7pm about BMS in Thailand.

Wednesday 14th

Many young people will be sitting exams in the next few weeks. Pray for Tabs young people in school and college in the coming days.

Thursday 15th

Evangelism and outreach in Europe are not at the top of every church's 'to do' list. Europe once boasted a Christian culture and outlook. Today Europe is as heathen as in Paul's day. Pray for church planters and outreach events in Europe today.

Friday 16th

Please pray for those who do pastoral visiting to

the housebound and sick. Pray for the Chaplaincy team at Llandough and UHW hospitals. Remember anyone you know who cares for those who are sick.

Saturday 17th

The church is planning street evangelism today, come and join in or pray while it is on, in the daytime.

Sunday 18th

Please pray for the Anglican causes in Penarth, their vision, outreach and ministry in Penarth and district. All Saints, St Augustine's, Holy Nativity, St Dochdwy Llandough, St Peters Old Cogan, St John Baptist Sully and St Peters Dinas Powys.

Monday 19th

Some people are bereaved and can take a long time to recover from such events. Pray for someone you know who is or was bereaved.

Tuesday 20th

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

Wednesday 21st

Today there will be a communion service led by a member of Tabs, please pray for those who attend.

Thursday 22nd

Please think of someone for whom praying has seemed to be a waste of time, ask God to encourage you in your prayers today.

Friday 23rd

Pray today for yourself or your family. Give thanks to God for all his blessings, physical and spiritual.

Saturday 24th

Please pray for the recently elected diaconate as they get busy with responsibilities running the church.

Sunday 25th

Today is the annual Global Day of Prayer for Tibet and Tibetans. Please join others in praying for these people groups who lie at the top of the world. Pray that today's prayer will impact the lives of many Tibetans releasing them from the darkness of religious rituals into a deep peace which is only found in the living God. Pray for those working to translate the Good News into the mother tongues for the different language groups in covering the Tibetan world. Pray for the few believers that they will be released from fear and hurts of the past. (More specific prayer requests will be available from Dot Evans. prayer@caf-international.net)

Monday 26th

Please pray for the ministers at Tabs and their families, Roger and Claire Grafton and Jonathan and Catherine Bugg.