

Monday 31st (Bank Holiday)

Consider the needs of the Pastoral Visiting team today. They visit the house bound, sick, and in general hurting people to bring friendship and fellowship in the name of Jesus. Pray for patience and wisdom for all involved.

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

Evangelism in Europe

When Paul and his friends came to Europe on their travels, as described in the book of the Acts the Apostles, he started a tradition of evangelism which has lasted until today. The needs in Europe today are just as great as they were in Paul's day. There are small teams belonging to differing organisations scattered around Europe doing church planting, individual and community outreach and various practical ministries, like drug rehabilitation, clothes distributions, feeding programmes and sundry other practical things. The main difficulty which is encountered is not persecution or opposition but apathy. Sophisticated Europeans do not see the need of salvation or else they adhere to some other religion. If Europe is to be won for Christ there needs to be a deep work of the Spirit in many lives.

The church in Europe has long looked further afield to do its overseas outreach, but the needs of Europe are as great as any to be found in Africa or Asia. In many parts of the world Europe is seen as a heathen place in church circles, whereas it is seen as a 'Christian' place in a broader stereotype in the wider society. The differing perceptions about the spiritual status in Europe lead to mixed messages about the need to support evangelism and other outreach programmes. The only certain thing about Europe today is that there is a battle going on for the souls of the people in every corner of the continent.

The need to pray for the evangelisation of Europe has never been greater. The needs at home in Britain can be mirrored in every country of Europe bar none. There are prosperous churches, poverty and an apathetic majority in every country. The needs of communities are myriad and not every state is set up to meet such needs. For centuries the church in all its forms has sought to meet the needs of the people of Europe and today the need is as great as ever. Please pray for the needs of Europe and the efforts being made by indigenous and overseas workers to bring the gospel message to the people of Europe.

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tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : may 2010

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit
comes on you; and you will be my witnesses.

Acts 1:8

With the Tent Mission fast approaching, now is the time to be inviting your family, your friends and your neighbours to the various events. Speaking to people about church, about the mission and about Jesus can be a daunting task, and one that we are not always comfortable with. However, the promise of Jesus was that he would provide the dynamic power of the person of the Holy Spirit to enable us to witness effectively. NOW is the time to take a deep breath, shoot a prayer to God and boldly ask someone to join us in the tent. There are a variety of events to suit every taste, so why not give it a go today?

Pastor Roger

Saturday 1st

Football fans will all be thinking about the end of the season, who will win in the Cup etc. Pray for chaplains and evangelists involved in taking the gospel to the many thousands of people involved in football.

Sunday 2nd

Let Jesus' name be honoured in the services in Tabs today, give thanks for those who lead the services today.

Monday 3rd (Bank Holiday)

Please pray for Roger & Claire Grafton as they lead the church towards the Big Tent mission in July.

Tuesday 4th

Please pray for the small people of Tabs who attend playgroup and the helpers and parents of those children

Wednesday 5th

In the past year 12 more people groups in Papua New Guinea (PNG) have received the New Testament in their different languages. Pray for their safe distribution, often by light aircraft in difficult terrain - and for the hundreds of PNG languages still without the New Testament (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Thursday 6th

Today the country will be going to the polls. Please pray for the right outcome and for God's

will to be done in this election. Pray for candidates, officials and everyone who votes.

Friday 7th

Please pray for outreaches to young people and teenagers on Friday nights. Think of the Street Pastors in Cardiff and other places out doing the gospel on Friday nights.

Saturday 8th

Today the local group of Tools With A Mission is hosting the AGM for the whole country at Tabs. Please pray for the event and the efforts TWAM makes to ship out tools to Africa for developing countries.

Sunday 9th

Christian Aid week will start today 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.

Monday 10th

Remember those who are homeless and needing help with housing. Pray for the staff, clients and volunteers involved in Home Access.

Tuesday 11th

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.

Wednesday 12th

Judy Cook works for BMS in Thailand in the 'Agape' home in Chiang Mai. Please remember Judy ministering in a place where hope can be born for hopeless people.

Thursday 13th (Ascension Day)

On this anniversary 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 14th

Fridays is a day when lots of young people come to Tabs with their Mums to be in Tabs Toddlers. Please pray for them and their helpers each meeting.

Saturday 15th

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.

Sunday 16th

Please pray for the young people who meet on Sunday evenings after church in 'The House Thing'. They have discipleship events and social evenings.

Monday 17th

Please remember students and staff at the Baptist College. Pray for those going out to new situations, and for folk preparing to attend in September.

Tuesday 18th

Please pray for those people who have sick relatives and family, remember carers and

nursing staff looking after ill people in the community. Pray for those who are sick listed in the newsletter.

Wednesday 19th

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

Thursday 20th

Small groups and fellowship groups have played a pivotal role in the life of Tabs for many years. Please pray for new inspiration to be given to the role of small groups within the fellowship.

Friday 21st

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

Saturday 22nd

Please pray for the work of itinerant preachers from Tabs. Taking services in small and large fellowships around the area they form one of the main ways Tabs can support the wider church.

Sunday 23rd (Day of Pentecost Whit Sunday)

God sent the Holy Spirit to the early church which became bold in the proclamation of the gospel. Pray for the out pouring of the same Spirit in Tabs today.

Monday 24th

Please remember the work of the Anglican parishes in Penarth, Rev Peter Cox at All Saints, Rev Richard Griffiths at St Augustine's and Rev Edward Dowding at St John's Sully.

Tuesday 25th

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

Wednesday 26th

Proverbs tells us to seek wisdom in our relationships with God and each other. Pray to God to give each one wisdom and discernment in our prayer lives.

Thursday 27th

Justice is a quality which Christians should seek to extol. Let us pray for justice in many different situations.

Friday 28th

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.

Saturday 29th

Let us all pray for a rekindling of the vision of Jesus which we enjoyed when He met us in a difficult situation or helped us through a hard time. Let us resolve to tell someone about that vision today.

Sunday 30th (Trinity Sunday)

Sunday should be a day of rest but the large retail chain stores are trying to make it just another working day. Pray for those who campaign to keep Sunday as a day of rest.