

Saturday 28th

BMS is the Baptist Church's very own outreach organisation overseas. There are always vacancies for long and short term jobs, such as: ministers, medics of all shades, teachers, administrators and accountants, agriculturalists, human resources specialists, legal workers, children's workers, etc. Please pray the workers into the harvest field, maybe God is saying, 'now it's your turn'.

Sunday 29th

Tabs members will be doing a service at Bethel House, Hebron Hall for the aged residents. Please pray for this ministry.

Monday 30th

Today is the last Bank Holiday of the year. Please pray for those involved in outreach events around the country.

Tuesday 31st

Today is a good day to give thanks to God for a good holiday and pray about topics which you may need to give an airing before God.

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

Getting away for the traditional two weeks holiday, while the factory where you work closes for maintenance has now become pretty much extinct as Tyrannosaurus Rex and button up boots. On the other hand the 'Hymn Sandwich' as an expression of worship in churches up and down the land is still as strong as ever it was in Victorian times. If the secular world can move on and adapt to the changing ideas about holidays, life and everything then why is the church of Jesus Christ stuck in the same rut now as it was a hundred years ago? Some people would say that the rut in which the church mainly finds itself is nothing more than a coffin with the ends knocked out. It is in fact just waiting for someone to come and fill in the ends before it can be buried forever.

There may be some who would say best bury the remnants and start again as humanists. In the book of Jeremiah that is pretty much what God had concluded Israel and Judah were saying to Him in their continued refusal to listen to the call to repentance. So God instructed Jeremiah to pronounce his famous doom prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem, and the surrounding area at the hand of a foreign people. The story of the trials of Judah can be found in Jeremiah's prophecy, and only a few people survived. There are some churches which have made efforts to reach out to their communities and modernise their way of doing 'church'. However there is still much room for dragging the church of Jesus Christ kicking and screaming into the twenty-first century.

After the recent experiences at 'The Big God Tent' the time has come to ask God for guidance on how and why the ministry of Tabernacle can be taken forward in a positive and constructive manner. Please pray for the mind of God to be plain to the congregation and leadership of Tabernacle, also that the church will be willing to listen to God, not 'stiff necked' as the people of Judah were as recorded by Jeremiah.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : august 2010

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest... For my yoke is easy
and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28 &30

For many August is a time of rest, recovery and holiday. It is a time for 'recharging' spiritual and physical batteries. But how did we get to the place where we needed 'recharging' in the first place? God's plan for mankind has always included regular periods of rest (Sabbaths), holidays (festivals) and sabbaticals. Maybe if we find ourselves over tired in the first place we need to examine our lifestyle and ask whether we are following God's plan for our lives. If we are carrying a load that is burdensome and heavy, then we can be sure of one thing - it is not God's burden! His promise is that his yoke is easy and his burden light. Part of following Jesus is what we **don't** do! If you are over tired, maybe this summer is a good time to re-examine your lifestyle in Christ.

Pastor Roger

Sunday 1st

Please uphold Roger and Claire Grafton in the leadership role they occupy in the fellowship. Ask God to get Roger organised to take his regular day off and keep their ministry in His plan.

Monday 2nd

Doubt comes to everyone at some time in their life, doubt about relationships, jobs, what frock to wear, how much to spend on a new car. In faith doubt about salvation can be an asset or liability depending on how it is handled. Many people have doubts about faith, anyone who came to faith recently may be experiencing doubt right now. Please pray for anyone undergoing doubt now and ask God to show them the way forward.

Tuesday 3rd

Pete Everitt started at Tabs as Assistant Pastor in July, now would be a good time to uphold Pete as the realities of ministry begin to appear.

Wednesday 4th

Youth For Christ, (YFC), seek to address the concerns of young people and present Christ as the solution to all life's little and big issues. Please pray for YFC teams around the country connecting with 'yoof' this summer.

Thursday 5th

Matt Baird was baptised in July, please uphold him in his faith and walk with God.

Friday 6th

Prison Fellowship has been in this paper many times, yet still the chaotic lives of prisoners need to be presented with the love of Jesus. Please pray for outreach in local prisons like Cardiff, Parc Bridgend, Swansea, Usk and places further afield. Also remember members of Tabs involved in this ministry.

Saturday 7th

Please remember the leaders of the country as we are commanded to do, as well as local political Ministers and the Royal Family.

Sunday 8th

Pray for the young people going to Soul Survivor from this Wednesday to Monday (16th), for fun, fellowship and a deepening of their faith.

Monday 9th

Cytûn in Penarth promotes Christian unity amongst the local churches. Please pray for unity of purpose and action when presenting the gospel to the world.

Tuesday 10th

Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade (WEC) specialises in taking the gospel to unreached peoples. For example there are plans to start a work amongst Arabs in Tchad, in the middle of the Sahara Desert. Please pray for the proposed outreach to these unreached people groups.

Wednesday 11th

TWAM or Tools With A Mission works in Penarth driven by Tabs members. Please pray for these folk as they collect and repair tools for shipment out to Africa, to help the poor to earn self respect and a decent living.

Thursday 12th

In the recent series of small group studies one of the topics asked the difference between the love of the world and Christian love. Today would be a good time to give thanks to God for someone who has showed you the way of Christian love, often way beyond the call of duty.

Friday 13th

Please pray for someone today who may be lonely. Not everyone can afford holidays, or would want to go away on their own. Please pray for anyone who you may know who lives alone.

Saturday 14th

The Bible Society distributes scripture in many places round the world. Often it is done through third parties, or else just paid for by the Bible Society. There are also translation projects often in association with other specialized agencies like Wycliffe Bible Translators. Please pray for those concerned with distributing God's word.

Sunday 15th

Please pray for anyone visiting Tabs today and hope they have a good experience to take home. Ask God to inspire those who are on rotas etc to be 'on the ball'.

Monday 16th

Fairtrade is fast becoming the latest 'must do' in large corporate board rooms like Cadbury. This means more marginalised and poor commodity product producers get a fair price for their goods. Please pray for those who promote fair trade practices around the world.

Tuesday 17th

Haiti was a byword for poverty and tyranny before the earthquake which flattened the place recently. The world's press have moved on but the people of Haiti still need help to rebuild their country. Please pray for those concerned to help this country.

Wednesday 18th

Christine Haggitt has spent the last year in Glasgow studying, and recently teaching English in the Channel Islands. As Christine goes back to college for another year please pray for her needs in terms of prayer, fellowship and finance.

Thursday 19th

Please remember Sian, Bethan, Jordan and Fiona going today to Uganda to visit Hope Land. Please pray for travelling mercies and a successful trip as they seek to learn and maybe contribute to the local outreach.

Friday 20th

Please pray for Fiona and Geraint Michael ministering in Pembrokeshire. Please pray for their support, ministry and fellowship.

Saturday 21st

FEBA work in many places to bring scriptural and Bible based programmes to communities where other methods cannot go. FEBA started its ministry in broadcasting in the Far East, but now works all round the world. Please pray for FEBA staff, often in isolated and remote places.

Sunday 22nd

In June a number of Tabs members went to Carmarthen to visit the English Baptist Church at Lammas St, right in the heart of the town. This was arranged under the auspices of Home Mission, so please uphold this fellowship, (Minister Moyra Davies), the ministry of outreach, witness and fellowship.

Monday 23rd

Which mission worker or minister do you uphold regularly in prayer? Do you have a prayer card, letter or other aide memoir to remind you to pray for that person? Please pray for a special person today and undertake to uphold them regularly in future.

Tuesday 24th

Death comes in many ways, but always in its wake leaves hurt and sorrow. Please pray for someone you may know of who has lost a loved one recently. There are often names in the weekly newsletter.

Wednesday 25th

Judy Cook is a nurse and lives in Chiang Mai in Thailand. There has been much unrest of late in Thailand including Chiang Mai. Please pray for Judy in these troubled times.

Thursday 26th

In a few weeks the ministerial students at the Baptist College in Cardiff will reassemble, including Jonathan Bugg, Andrew Langley and Pete Everitt from Tabs. Please pray for them and other students at this time.

Friday 27th

The regular youth outreaches are suspended over the summer holiday, please pray for those young people at this time and ask God to work in lives which have been touched by Tab's youth ministries. Please uphold Sara Redwood as she gets more involved in this area over the next few weeks.