

### **Friday 26th**

Please pray for the Tools With A Mission (TWAM) team which now have their own workshop in Penarth. They collect tools and send them to developing countries, in Penarth led by John Haggitt.

### **Saturday 27th**

Please remember the ministry of the lightship in Cardiff Bay. They serve the tourists and seek to minister to office workers and others in the area with food and friendship.

### **Sunday 28th**

Please remember those members who are away from Tabs today preaching in other congregations. Bless the churches they visit and their ministry there.

Contributions for the prayer diary should be sent to [john.stansfield5@btinternet.com](mailto:john.stansfield5@btinternet.com) or left in the pigeonhole in the foyer by 7<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

Spring will soon be on the horizon with the dark days of winter behind as new life begins to make itself apparent in the world. God promised that there would be a continuation season to season while the earth lasts. Each year that goes by sees the rebirth of flowers, animals and hope in the environment around towns and cities and in the countryside. So faith grows and fades as the joys and difficulties of life unfold. At one time everyone is glad and happy such as at Christmas and at other times sad, as when folk leave for work or college or just die. In this month the start of Lent signifies such a parting as Christ prepared to face the ultimate test set for him on the cross.

While for the disciples it was a sad time when they saw Jesus being ill treated and executed by the Romans, later they were happy. In the gospels and Acts of the Apostles the account of the disciples awakening realisation about the ultimate fate of Jesus and his destination brought them joy. In the letter to the Philippians Paul speaks of the unbeatable joy of knowing Christ, and how everything else appeared as rubbish in comparison.

While the long dark days of winter remain and there is time to contemplate the hope which spring promises and Lent foreshadows, let us pray. Pray that God will renew our faith, restore our hope in his son Jesus and refill us with his Spirit to give us the same joy that Paul knew when he wrote his letter to the Philippian church all those years ago.

**John Stansfield**

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : february 2010

"You are members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." (Eph 2:19-22)

As most of you know, on 13th January a large chunk of masonry fell off the church and landed in Plassey Street. It has revealed that there is some major structural work that needs to be done on the building in the near future, which will not be cheap. Please pray!!! However, as you pray remember the words of Paul to the Ephesians (above) and thank God that the Church is not bricks and mortar, but the members—and that is safe in God's hand whatever happens to the building around us!

### **Pastor Roger**

#### **Monday 1st**

Resolutions are now well and truly dead, pray to know better God's New Year resolution in your life.

#### **Tuesday 2nd**

Pray for guidance as to what God would have you do today to forward the cause of Jesus Christ. Ask God to give you the courage of your own convictions.

#### **Wednesday 3rd**

Please pray for the Leadership Council as they meet to consider the work in Tabs.

#### **Thursday 4th**

Small groups are meeting regularly so please pray for those who lead and those who attend. Let God's word be honoured and prayer offered, rather than just a social gathering.

#### **Friday 5th**

Youth work in the church is a long term investment in the lives of young people who might otherwise never have exposure to the gospel message. Experiences which take place in teenage years can influence whole lifetimes. Please pray for young people, leaders and potential leaders in Xtreme and Beyond Xtreme.

### **Saturday 6th**

At this time of year there is much interest in sport by many people. Bringing the gospel message to sportsmen and women is a crucial outreach. BUGB has lots of initiatives in this area, so please pray for sports based outreach projects.

### **Sunday 7th**

Pray today for someone you may know who is facing a crisis. These can be personal, work related, relationships, medical, the list is endless. Just lay whoever before God today.

### **Monday 8th**

Please remember Anne Morse, Ann Niblett, Jonathan Bugg, Gemma Humphreys, Andrew Langley, Pete Everitt, Richard Jackson and anyone else preparing or training for full or part time ministry who comes from Tabs.

### **Tuesday 9th**

Today please pray for John Weaver, staff and students at the South Wales Baptist College in the busiest term of the year. Remember the prayer, financial and other needs of students and college.

### **Wednesday 10th**

Give thanks for recent dedications of young children in which the church promised to support parents in their children's upbringing. Three were David and Catherine Elston, Alex and Sara Redwood and Suzanne and Iestyn Jones. Let us pray for these parents and their children and seek to support them in any appropriate way.

### **Thursday 11th**

The sick and infirm as well as those who are housebound are always around. Please pray for the home visit team who take communion to those unable to get out, and for those stricken with illness, for speedy recovery and healing.

### **Friday 12th**

Remember those who find life difficult because of mental health conditions. Sometimes these folk gravitate to the church because they receive help and support. Please pray for those involved in any way with those needing such help and support.

### **Saturday 13th**

Remember today Roger and Claire Grafton as they lead the church. Please pray for Roger to be fit and able to meet the demands which will come his way as Senior Pastor.

### **Sunday 14th (St Valentine)**

Rejoice with those for whom a red rose is a thing of beauty and joy forever, be sad with those who have a broken heart and pray for all those in love, young or old.

### **Monday 15th**

Please pray for teachers and educators who seek to teach young people in education. Pray for any teachers you may know.

### **Tuesday 16th**

Please pray for everyone caught up in the war in Afghanistan. Pray that God will comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Also pray that God will apply the heavenly 'boot' to the politicians to seek peace and an end to the conflict sooner rather than later.

### **Wednesday 17th (Ash Wednesday)**

As the season of Lent kicks in let us pray that God will prepare each of us to appreciate what he has done for us by sending Jesus into the world, see below. Please pray for yourself and others to better know Jesus in your life.

### **Thursday 18th**

Persecution can come to anyone who names the name of Jesus. It is not just the preserve of repressive political tyrants or fanatical fundamentalists. It can come in the playground, at work, at home or just 'out'. Please pray for anyone who is being persecuted for Jesus.

### **Friday 19th**

Please remember 'Pharaoh's Pantry' which could be getting a bit bare right now. Please pray for those in need helped by Home Access and that provisions will keep on being donated.

### **Saturday 20th**

The Copenhagen summit came and flopped, the world still faces the same difficult decisions. Please pray for World Leaders from China to USA to begin to tackle the issues of poverty and global warming in a meaningful way.

### **Sunday 21st**

As you attend service and offer worship to God today, remember to pray for your own needs amid the clamour and demands from others.

### **Monday 22nd**

Please remember the Playgroup meeting Monday to Friday each week. Please pray for the children, helpers and parents.

### **Tuesday 23rd**

Please pray for the ladies meeting and men's club which meet on Tuesdays.

### **Wednesday 24th**

Please pray for the Communion held every week in the mornings, led by different members of the congregation.

### **Thursday 25th**

Remember the youth group which meets every week to study the Bible and eat.