

### **Sunday 26th**

Please uphold the team from Tabs taking the service at Bethel House, Hebron Hall today. Remember that today is 'Back to Church Sunday' and Harvest Sunday. Who could you invite?

### **Monday 27th**

Today will be a church meeting in the evening. Please uphold all who attend and that God's will may be found in the business and discussions.

### **Tuesday 28th**

Please remember Christine Haggitt at college for a second year doing a theology degree. Also pray for Jon Bugg, Andrew Langley, Pete Everitt and any others studying for ministry this year.

### **Wednesday 29th**

Rev'd Jonathan Woodhouse is the Deputy Chaplain General in the British Army. It has just been announced that he will be the next Chaplain General—the most senior chaplain in the Army. He is the first Baptist to be appointed to this important position, and has links with Tabs through his conversion and family. Let us pray for him!

### **Thursday 30th**

Let us pray today for Her Majesty the Queen, all the Royal Family, Prime Minister, MPs, The First Minister, AMs, local Councillors and all in public office, (Romans 13).

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**

Summer came and summer is nearly spent, the seasons turn and God stays ever the same in His eternal state. Each one of us gets older and hopefully a little wiser. The young married couple faced with a screaming new baby are all fingers and thumbs. The wide eyed five year old going to 'big school' for the first time, and the even more wide eyed year seven off to secondary school are full of apprehension. Some sixth formers become freshers in college and those 'God's gift' new graduates face a workplace where they are regarded with less than awe. So life goes on with ups and downs and in it all is God's plan working His purpose out for each one of us.

God's word tells us that everyone is precious in His sight, but sometimes the acts of barbaric bloodletting reported on the news makes one wonder. How can a God of love allow such things people ask, where is the answer to 'suffering'. The truth is there is no wrong or right answer, just the love of God available to everyone who accepts it to get you through the rough bits. When people hit a 'hole in the road' in the car the suspension sometimes needs fixing afterwards. Also when people hit the hole in their life they need a bit of fixing. That is where prayer for each other comes in. When someone is hurting at one of those milestone events in life, or rejoicing for that matter, let us remember to pray for them and share the joy or sorrow. After all Jesus told us to support each other's burdens.

**John Stansfield**

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : september 2010

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and  
perfector of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

The autumn is an incredibly busy time at Tabs. As well as re-starting Sunday groups and mid week meetings we have a number of festivals and special events: Harvest, Back to Church Sunday, Church Anniversary, Compassion Sunday, Women's Hour Anniversary and Remembrance Sunday. September is also a time when a lot of people who have moved to Penarth in time for the start of the school year are looking for a Church, and so our numbers of visitors go up. Before we know it, we are in Advent and the Carol service and Christmas are upon us! In our busyness, let us not forget the purpose of our meeting together is to encounter Jesus, worship him and learn more of his purposes for our life and church. It doesn't matter how busy we are, or how special the Sunday is—if we forget to put Jesus at the centre, we gather in vain.

**Pastor Roger**

### **Wednesday 1st**

Think today of young people restarting school in the next week. Please pray for any scholars you may know going back to school, the work, the social interactions, new teachers and new environments all pose their own challenges.

### **Thursday 2nd**

Andrew Ireland was a member of Tabs and went into the Ministry from Tabs 17 years ago. He is Minister of Wincanton BC; he has a wife Catherine and two sons Matthew and Luke. Andrew is suffering from cancer. Please pray for Andrew and his family, (John James).

### **Friday 3rd**

Please pray for BMS supported worker Jozsef Cauhai, coordinating the Baptist Roma mission in Hungary - and the fast growing Roma churches - with a vision to reach Roma beyond Hungary's borders, (BMS).

### **Saturday 4th**

When Helen and Angus leave to go and work with BMS the football team will need a new manager. Please pray for Helen and Douglas and for a new manager for Tab's own footie team.

### **Sunday 5th**

As people return from holiday and get ready for the Autumn term, please pray for the worship and services at Tabs. Pray especially for those who are looking for a new church, and who will visit Tabs during September.

### **Monday 6th**

Do you remember 2006 like yesterday? Those children born in 2005/6 are now starting school, which for them is a big adventure. Remember those little people and their parents faced with big challenges.

### **Tuesday 7th**

Please pray for the Ladies Evening fellowship which will be starting their new session tonight. Monthly Coffee Evenings in the lounge are replacing their fortnightly meetings with speakers. Thank God for past blessings and pray that He will use the Coffee Evenings to deepen fellowship and befriend newcomers, (Margaret Henry).

### **Wednesday 8th**

Today the Leadership Council will meet to prepare for the new term. Please pray for God to lead their deliberations. Pray also for Playgroup recommencing today and for Sarah Pedwell in her new leadership role.

### **Thursday 9th**

Please pray for the hosts of small groups who will have their homes invaded again for the new session of weekly meetings. Please pray for consideration and thankfulness to those who attend.

### **Friday 10th**

Pray for South Wales Baptist College community at the start of a new academic year as they welcome both new and continuing students. Pray for present and new staff and the continuing partnerships with Cardiff University and local churches. Remember John Weaver as Principal, also Elder at Tabs, (BUGB).

### **Saturday 11th**

TWAM have become a fixture in Tabs since John Haggitt got interested. Pray for the ongoing work of Tools With A Mission shipping materials to: Zimbabwe, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa and many more all round Africa in 2009.

### **Sunday 12th**

Racial Justice Sunday is promoted in Baptist churches by BUGB to promote Migration 2010, an initiative to show the churches' commitment to welcoming strangers and building inclusive communities, (BUGB).

### **Monday 13th**

Faith is an essential element of prayer. Jesus said that God would not quench a smouldering wick, but protect and nurture it. Pray for someone today you may know who has a 'faith' problem, or someone who may resemble that wick or new blade of grass in their spiritual journey.

### **Tuesday 14th**

Midweek meetings like Jaffa meet to cater for junior school aged children. Please remember this ministry before God today, helpers, leaders and children.

### **Wednesday 15th**

Please pray for the ongoing weekly communion service held for people to 'take five' midweek. Remember those Tabs members delegated to lead and those folk who attend week by week.

### **Thursday 16th**

Ninian was an evangelist who went to Scotland to the Picts amongst others. He is celebrated in Cardiff as St Ninian. Let us pray for those involved in football wherever they are today. Ask God to bring revival in football clubs.

### **Friday 17th**

Please pray for the ongoing youth outreaches which take place on Friday evenings. Please ask God to provide enough leaders, and give young people an enriching experience and safe club time activity.

### **Saturday 18th**

Today would be a good day to pray for the church which suffers persecution. Christians in Orissa India were put out of their houses last year and forced to flee for their lives. Two Pakistani brothers: Rashid & Sajid Emmanuel were murdered on the steps of the court house in Faisalabad in July for being Christians, (Baptist Times 30th July 2010, P4). Please remember the persecuted church around the world.

### **Sunday 19th**

Rev'd Desmond Tutu is known around the world as one who stood up to the worst of Apartheid and all its injustices. Praise God for a life of service and dedication to others as Rev'd Tutu retires in February next, aged 79.

### **Monday 20th**

Please pray for the full and part time staff in Tabs, that God should bless their ministries in the coming days: Roger Grafton, Gemma Humphreys, Pete Everitt, Sam Hackett, Sara Redwood and Jayne Neadley. Also Claire Grafton and Jan Booker in the Home Access office.

### **Tuesday 21st**

Today is designated as International Day of Peace. Let us pray for peace in the world and an end to conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the world.

### **Wednesday 22nd**

Pray for the families of those killed in recent conflicts, and remember those injured and maimed and their families. Uphold those medical professionals who have to rehabilitate injured soldiers.

### **Thursday 23rd**

Please pray for the Methodist churches in the district: Trinity, Albert Road and Dinas Powys that their ministries may be under God's direction.

### **Friday 24th**

Please pray for fire crews at Penarth and other stations faced with massive budget cuts, and still required to maintain a working service.

### **Saturday 25th**

On Saturday nights the toll of human misery goes up as large quantities of alcohol are consumed. Please pray for the police, hospital out patients' staff, ambulance crews, street pastors etc.