

Tuesday 27th

Please pray for Jeff and Mary Dyas as they minister to the congregation at Mt Pleasant, Cadoxton, Barry.

Wednesday 28th

Literature translation, electronic media like television, internet and radio are playing an ever increasing part in outreach to difficult places. Please pray for those whom God is reaching in this way.

Thursday 29th

Praying for revival in Britain and Wales should be a daily task for all church members. Ask God to start with the members of Tabs.

Friday 30th

Praying for big things is encouraged in scripture. Ask God to do big things in your favourite country today. See below about praying for the nations of the world.

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

Summer is long gone, washed away in deluge after deluge in the summer that never was in 2012. There were many events which called the nation together, like there are in November, with Remembrance and Armistice days. On all these occasions the emphasis is on the collective nation, rather than the individual person. In scripture God often speaks to nations, as well as individuals. Praying for nations is about praying for whole collections of people rather than some mystical 'country' out there somewhere.

If you pray for the people of Syria, Afghanistan or Iraq for peace, is that a wasted effort or does God heed your prayer? In the book of Habakkuk the prophet asks God why He chose to punish Israel using the terrible Babylonians. They were renowned for their destructive cruelty, yet God brings a regional superpower to discipline Israel for its idolatry. Interestingly in the same passage, (Hab 1), God also predicts the demise of Babylon at the hands of other nations which it threatens in the region.

If God speaks to nations in the scripture, then surely the church should also take a bigger view of world events than: 'God bless me and my church, oh and my town too'. There are more than 200 national entities recognised by the UN, plus countless smaller regional places in the world. Please pray for the nations of the world this month, try somewhere you never thought of much before, like Austria, Burma, Laos or Paraguay.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : november 2012

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,
descended from David. This is my gospel..."
2 Timothy 2:8

"Remember, remember the fifth of November!" This month we will celebrate Bonfire night, but the truth is that many people have forgotten the meaning behind the celebration, and almost all of us have forgotten the religious intolerance and horrors surrounding the event.

The New Testament commands us to remember something on 21 separate occasions from remembering those in prison to remembering your leaders; from remembering what befell Lot's wife through to remembering what we were before we received God's mercy.

This month, let's keep one of those commands and remember Hebrews 13:3 which tells us to remember those who are in prison for their faith. Around the world many people suffer for Christ, so let us not forget them in our prayers!

Pastor Roger

Thursday 1st (All Saints Day)

Today is an opportunity to remember with thanks those who have inspired faith in each one of us. Pray for the witness of 'the saints', i.e. the church now and in the future. Ask God to bless your witness.

Friday 2nd

Please remember in prayer those who are sick, bereaved or lonely. A list can be found in the weekly notice sheet. Pray for anyone you may know who needs God to minister in their life.

Saturday 3rd

Many people enjoy sport and there are many ministries which do outreach to participants and spectators alike. Please pray for those who witness to Jesus in sport.

Sunday 4th

'How lovely is thy dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God', (Psalm 84:1-2). Let this be your attitude going to service today.

Monday 5th

Tonight will be bonfire night and lots of fireworks will be let off. As usual there will be casualties who get burnt. Please pray for safety for people who are near fire and fireworks. Also pray for medical staff and fire crews who have to clear up the mess.

Tuesday 6th

Pray for those on the Tabs ministry team who minister to the sick and housebound, serving communion, visiting and providing friendship.

Wednesday 7th

Today the Leadership Council will meet. Please pray for each person and the responsibilities they undertake.

Thursday 8th

Please pray today for the outreach to women. There are many ladies who value their fellowship inside the church, but there are many more who would value the chance to join in from outside. Please remember efforts to reach women where ever they are found.

Friday 9th

Pete Hodge has been involved with Open Air Campaigners in Cardiff and surrounding areas for many years. Tabs have contributed often in prayer to this ministry, so please remember Pete and his team in schools and colleges around Cardiff.

Saturday 10th

Nepal is a place dear to the hearts of several Tabs members. Now Angus and Helen and their children need your prayers and gifts with BMS in Kathmandu. Please remember to pray for this family.

Sunday 11th

This year Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday are on the same day. Please pray for those in the armed forces past and present who serve(d) their country in countless conflicts. Pray particularly for bereaved families of service personnel.

Monday 12th

The Baptist Union Council meets for three days this week, and we remember them in our prayers. Please also pray for the ongoing discussions with The Baptist Union of Wales.

Tuesday 13th

Fairtrade products can be found in many supermarkets, thanks to the efforts of people who campaign for workers' rights. Please remember efforts to eradicate poverty around the world. Pray for your favourite project, if you don't have one, find one to pray for today.

Wednesday 14th

Think of your favourite missionary, can you send them a Christmas present? If it is safe pray what you could send, otherwise how you could contribute to a parcel for a full time

worker. It will need to be posted very soon.

Thursday 15th

As the weather gets to grips with winter Home Access is in demand for housing. Please pray for the Management Committee, employees, Trustees and clients who use the service.

Friday 16th

Vision in the church is always a difficult subject, especially in a large church because everyone has their own ideas. Please pray for a united vision for Tabs for 2013.

Saturday 17th

As the Festive Season begins to be on everyone's lips perhaps you could pray about who you could give a gift to who might otherwise miss out. Perhaps a shoebox to Tab's chosen distribution partner, please pray and act soon.

Sunday 18th

Please pray for everyone who contributes to worship today. Enjoy praising God and give thanks for salvation through Jesus.

Monday 19th

Please pray today for some of the smaller causes around Penarth. Stanwell Rd BC, Llandough BC, Elfed Avenue Uniting Church, Capel Bethel, Plassey St Gospel Hall, Sully Christian Fellowship, Hebron Cogan, St Peters and Bethesda in Dinas Powys.

Tuesday 20th

Please remember Tabs members in training for ministry, Christine Haggitt in 4th year in Glasgow, Sam Hackett in Cardiff...

Wednesday 21st

Please pray for those who participate in the communion service today.

Thursday 22nd

Please pray for those who attend small groups today. Pray for those who miss out on fellowship, due to sickness, old age, or other reason.

Friday 23rd

Please pray for the youth groups meeting today, Xtreme, Beyond Xtreme and After Nine. Ask God to bless their activities.

Saturday 24th

Please pray for the efforts of Prison Fellowship to help prisoners to a better life. Remember Tabs members who are involved in this ministry.

Sunday 25th

Please pray for the ministry of The Lightship in Cardiff Bay. Tabs members are involved in this enterprise, so please uphold all the staff and clients.

Monday 26th

Please pray for Playgroup meeting each morning of the week. Think of the children, their parents and the staff.