

Saturday 30th

Please reflect on the Passion of Jesus today.

Sunday 31st (Easter Sunday)

Today give thanks to God for the Resurrection of Jesus. We also hope to hold Baptisms during the morning service, so please pray for the 3 potential candidates we are preparing.

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

Spring lambs, Easter Bunnies, chocolate, no more rain; perhaps some of the nice things to hope for in March. All the drab, dismal days of winter being in the past could be something to be glad about. The message of Easter, new life from the old, sad and sinful way of the past is a message of hope for everyone. God stoops to earth at Christmas and again at Easter as the story of redemption of people is retold. The main character is God Himself, doing what the Old Testament prophets predicted would happen to put right all the misdoings and errors which Israel and Judah committed on the journey from Haran, (where Abraham came from) to the days of Jesus.

This month please give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus and His resurrection. Ask God to show you how to be able to share that gift with someone else.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : march 2012

*I want to know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his
sufferings, becoming like him in his death*

Philippians 3:10

In our society, Christmas has become the biggest festival of the year. Every year Christians bemoan the fact the Christmas has become more secular and commercial and has lost much of its Nativity focus. In fact, for Christians the major festival of the year is not Christmas, but rather it is Easter. How much more has the message of Jesus been taken out of the Easter holidays! The story of Holy week, Good Friday and the resurrection have all but disappeared from our culture, and often as Christians we even think of Christmas as the main celebration of the Christian year. This year, let's remind ourselves of the centrality of the cross and the empty grave. The cross isn't just for Good Friday—it's for the whole year!

Pastor Roger

Friday 1st

Please remember the youth meetings taking place, Xtreme, Beyond Xtreme, and After Nine. Pray for the young people, leaders and helpers.

Saturday 2nd

Saturday is usually a day for doing your own thing if you work all week. Pray that those precious times with God find a way onto your agenda.

Sunday 3rd (Third Sunday in Lent)

Today the 'Family Time' service will be downstairs doing wonderful innovative things, while the rest of the congregation enjoy a different service. Please pray for those taking part. Roger Grafton and Steve Lock are leading downstairs and Jonathan Bugg and Will Roberts upstairs.

Monday 4th

Please pray for the ministry of Home Mission, which is run by BUGB, and funds pastors, chaplains, youth workers and new projects doing outreach all round the country.

Tuesday 5th

Please remember the Playgroup running each weekday morning at Tabs. Remember the children, parents and leaders.

Wednesday 6th

Pastors Roger and Jonathan are travelling today to Cheltenham for 3 days of church leadership training: please pray for them. Leadership Council were due to meet today, please pray for them as they meet to consider the business of the church at a re-arranged meeting.

Thursday 7th

Pray for the small groups which meet during the day every week. Hold up to God the members and leaders as they study the Bible and pray.

Friday 8th

Please pray for the preparation for Sunday services. Remember Roger Grafton, Jonathan Bugg and the itinerant preachers from Tabs, as they do services every Sunday.

Saturday 9th

BUild is a programme run by Baptists to assist and reach people with learning difficulties. Please pray for anyone you know with physical or mental needs.

Sunday 10th (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Let Jesus be honoured in the services in Tabs today.

Monday 11th

Translating the Bible into languages which have no translation is a long process. Wycliffe Bible Translators, The Bible Society and other groups promote new translations all round the world. There are people groups in India numbering millions of people for whom no Scripture exists. Uphold the work of Bible translators.

Tuesday 12th

The war in Syria is ongoing and causing refugees in surrounding countries. Please pray that God will put an end to the war in Syria and relieve the suffering of its people.

Wednesday 13th

Please pray for those who take part in the Communion service held today in Tabs.

Thursday 14th

Please pray for those who are sick, a suitable list can be found on the weekly newsletter.

Friday 15th

Please pray for the maintenance team who fix up the repairs in Tabs' building.

Saturday 16th

Please pray for the Tabs football team.

Sunday 17th (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

Please pray for an unsaved friend or relative today.

Monday 18th

Please remember the ladies meetings going on, Women's Hour each week and Ladies Evening Fellowship once a month.

Tuesday 19th

Please pray for the Parish of Penarth and Llandough - St Augustine's, Holy Nativity and St Dochdwy's churches.

Wednesday 20th

Please pray for the Tabs' finance team as they look after the church's money.

Thursday 21st

Please pray for the worship group who lead the services every week. Ask God to give them imagination in their presentations.

Friday 22nd

Please pray for the Pastoral Visiting team who minister to the housebound members of Tabs.

Saturday 23rd

Please pray for the European Baptist Federation, led by Tony Peck, which brings together more than 800,000 Baptists from 56 unions across Europe, East and Central Asia, (BMS).

Sunday 24th (Palm Sunday)

Please pray for those attending services in Tabs today.

Monday 25th

Please pray for the Prayer Ministry team who help people after services and as needed at other times.

Tuesday 26th

Please pray for those who support Tabs' ministry in administration, those who produce the weekly news sheet, prepare video presentations, pay the bills, prepare rotas and 101 other such tasks.

Wednesday 27th

Please pray for any older members who have needs you know about. If you don't know any perhaps you could find out.

Thursday 28th

Please pray for those in spiritual pain, perhaps with a dying relative or friend, having marital difficulties etc.

Friday 29th (Good Friday)

Please uphold the March of Witness in Penarth today. Perhaps you could go and join in and pray for the people of Penarth.