

Humphreys, and Claire Grafton and Jan Booker at Home Access.

Thursday 29th

Please pray for carers, they seldom get time off and can feel very isolated sometimes. Ask God to give a special blessing on a carer you may know.

Friday 30th

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.

Saturday 31st

The football season will now be under way again and many people will be getting involved in local teams and competitions. Pray for those who seek to bring the gospel to men and boys in sport: chaplains, coaches, players etc.

UN* United Nations
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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

There was an Irish stamp issued recently which had a whole poem engraved on it about Dublin. The words were written by an Irish teenager who had got to grips with the history of Dublin, including that it was once a Viking settlement. The spirit of the poem evoked the lives of the people who had lived in his city before him. In the Christian church there is a vast body of history which includes the land where the people of Tabs live and work every day. Highlights of the history of the church in Wales were the revivals which have taken place at approximately century intervals over the last several hundred years. In the twentieth century there was Evan Roberts. At the end of the eighteenth and early nineteenth century there was the Methodist revival started by the Wesleys and Whitfield, and taken to Welsh speaking Wales by Hywel Harris.

At the start of the twenty first century there is yet to be any major revival of any sort in Wales, or for that matter in most of Europe. The saying that history repeats itself is pretty much correct in most things, they may have different names but trends repeat themselves, as any good economist would tell you. Given the sorry state of most of the church in Wales today, the time is ripe for history to repeat itself in Wales. So if God's people pray every day for revival, perhaps God will hear and raise up another 'Evan Roberts' type figure to point Wales to God. This will only happen if the church prays in earnest, starting with every member who can pray.

tabernacle : penarth

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

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Be joyful always; pray continually
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Activities around the church tend to wind down a bit during the month of August. Small groups close down, mid week meetings take a break and many people go away on holiday. However, the work of the kingdom continues ceaselessly: worship and prayer carry on; the food bank and Home Access continue working and people still keep arriving at the church looking for spiritual or physical help. As we enjoy what looks like being a long warm summer, please remember the centre staff and volunteers who keep working through this time of the year, and pray that we might see healings, conversions and kingdom work being performed amongst visitors to the church centre and services.

Pastor Roger

Thursday 1st

Please pray today for the church in a place where being a Christian costs. Think of Christians in Sudan, Yemen, India, Pakistan, or Iran where persecution of believers is common place. Ask God to support and nourish His church in these places.

Friday 2nd

Have you meditated on God's word recently? Holidays are a good time to take a passage, read it maybe in a couple of versions, look up the commentary and think about what God is saying. The need is time set aside to pray and meditate properly.

Saturday 3rd

Please remember people on holiday, pray for travelling mercies, refreshing experiences and return to take up their God given ministries reenergised for service.

Sunday 4th

Please pray for trouble spots around the world, Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Syria to name just a few. Remember peacemakers and pray for peace.

Monday 5th

Please remember UN* efforts to bring aid to refugees displaced by the war in Syria. Pray for

God to make the G25 leaders of the wealthiest nations responsive to needs.

Tuesday 6th

Please pray for the Welsh Assembly Government, the First Minister AMs and all who exercise power in Wales.

Wednesday 7th

There is no leadership council in August, but please continue to pray for the leadership: their responsibilities continue through the holidays!

Thursday 8th

Please think about those who are missing their small groups. Give thanks for all the enjoyment over the last year and pray for new energy when the groups resume.

Friday 9th

There are no youth activities as such being run by the church in August. However young people still need to be prayed for, to keep them out of harm's way, help them to stay sane in the holidays, and many other needs. Please pray for a young person you may know.

Saturday 10th

Please pray for efforts to take the gospel to people with special needs. Remember anyone you may know who needs the gospel who has special needs.

Sunday 11th

Please give thanks for all those who have contributed to the worship in Tabs today. Let God be glorified.

Monday 12th

Many people are on holiday, but many have to go to work as normal. Pray for someone who works.

Tuesday 13th

Pray for a Mum today, probably wishing for somewhere to take or send her kids.

Wednesday 14th

Please pray today for Lifeboat crews who help stranded sailors and holiday makers. Give thanks for their service over many years. Pray for the crews of the Penarth and Barry boats.

Thursday 15th

Pastoral helpers do not get holidays as the housebound cannot go on holiday, so they need the ministry of the Pastoral Care Team more than ever at this time of year. Please pray for this ongoing ministry.

Friday 16th

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

Saturday 17th

Please remember Angus and Helen and their children. Pray for their needs to be met: spiritual, financial, health and fellowship.

Sunday 18th

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 19th

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.

Tuesday 20th

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.

Wednesday 21st

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.

Thursday 22nd

Prayer is portrayed in scripture as a way of life, an attitude before God which says 'I choose to be led by and dependant on God'. Some might take this as a show of weakness; however it needs courage and strength of character to submit voluntarily to the will of God. Pray for that humble attitude which allows God to work through us by prayer.

Friday 23rd

All the people involved in itinerant ministry from Tabs will be preparing for their Sunday appointments today. Please pray for those who minister in other fellowships on Sundays away from Tabs.

Saturday 24th

Please pray for the church at Cosmeston, their vision, outreach and fellowship. Pray for the elders and deacons and all the people.

Sunday 25th

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

Monday 26th

In a few weeks the ministerial students at the Baptist College in Cardiff will reassemble. Please pray for all ministerial and mission students at this time.

Tuesday 27th

Sydney Mugerwa, Josephine Nabacwa, Priscilla Timo, and Bob Turyatunga work at the Donald Gray skill training centre in Kampala, Uganda. This workshop is sponsored by TWAM*, so please pray for the staff and students at this facility.

Wednesday 28th

Please pray for the staff employed by Tabs, Roger Grafton, Jonathan Bugg, Gemma