

else will pray for today.

Sunday 28th

Today a team from Tabs will visit Bethel House at Hebron Hall, Dinas Powys, please pray for everyone involved.

Monday 29th

Please pray for Sam Hackett, Jon Dickerson and colleagues who will be going to Thailand with the Baptist College in September. Remember the need for preparations and all the jabs, ask God to bless their trip.

Tuesday 30th

Keswick in Wales takes place this week, please pray for speakers: Sam Gordon, Eric Lewis, Wayne Sutton, Andrea Minichiello Williams, Ben Thomas and Ruth Blunt.

Wednesday 31st

In Tabs 'The Prayer Ministry Team' offer prayer for people at the end of services and other times as required. Please pray for their spiritual upkeep and 'fit for purpose' faith while helping others.

*WBT Wycliffe Bible Translators.

*BMS Baptist Missionary Society.

*INF International Nepal Fellowship.

*TWAM Tools with a Mission.

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

Electronic Bibles, podcasts, downloadable sermons and all the other electronic gizmos available today can be very confusing. What would John Wesley or Charles H Spurgeon have made of such things? Wesley would have been a bit of a Luddite, but Spurgeon would have grasped such technology with open arms. The possibility of an i-conference turned into an intercontinental prayer meeting, sending bible studies to the other side of the world at the touch of a button, Spurgeon would have used them to do ministry. Wesley and Spurgeon would both have agreed however that the best communication in the work of God would be the hot line to heaven known as prayer.

Is using electronic media a valid way to communicate the love of God, do the images on a screen convey the love of Jesus in the same way as a personal encounter? Radio has been used by Radio Worldwide, FEBA and other outlets for years. 'Twittergies' is now recognised mode of sending gospel based messages in an electronics based age. Like every technology the internet media can be used for good and bad. It can send greetings, family news, work related documents etc. It can also be used to coordinate terrorist attacks and harm people.

Prayer is communication, but with God, and doesn't need a PC or mobile phone. Prayer is free and comes with no conditions, parental controls, censorship or any user restrictions, it is available to anyone and gets an instant response from God. Try some today and see what you can do.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : july 2013

"Our Father in heaven..."
Matthew 6:9

In the early Christian church people who were not believers were allowed to attend worship and could sing and listen to the sermon. However, before communion, they were given time to leave. The communion service then started with the Lord's Prayer. The church felt that only those who have believed and been baptised could address God as 'father'. Through this prayer, Jesus teaches us to speak to His Father the way He does. By teaching his disciples to pray as He is praying, Jesus includes them in his unique relationship with God. Those who say with Jesus, "Father", openly recognise this relationship of Jesus with the Father and recognise as well that we are sharing in this relationship. To say, 'Our Father' is not just to say the name of God, but a specific expression of our relationship with him through faith in Jesus Christ. Have you spoken to your father today?

Pastor Roger

Monday 1st

During July and August most organised activities are suspended. For some people this represents a long period alone. Please pray for those who are lonely, they do not have a label stamped on their forehead, but you definitely know of someone in this situation.

Tuesday 2nd

Ruth & John Squire were recently baptised and received in to Tabs membership. Please pray for them and their family as they grow into the life of Tabs.

Wednesday 3rd

Leadership Council meets today to consider the work of Tabs. Please pray for the proceedings.

Thursday 4th

Christian Aid partner the Mine Labour Protection Campaign (MLPC) has won a major breakthrough in its efforts to secure the rights of Indian mineworkers in Rajasthan. Around 2.5 million unorganised mine workers will now receive medical, monetary and social benefits as a result. Praise God for the results of money raising efforts in Britain for the lives of Indian workers.

Friday 5th

Please pray for the outreach to young people and teenagers run on Friday evenings, Xtreme, Beyond Xtreme and After Nine.

Saturday 6th

INF* have been doing medical work in Nepal for many years. Recently this was recognised by the Nepalese government with a commendation for contributions to Biomedical Engineering. Thank God for the ongoing contributions to Nepalese life by INF*.

Sunday 7th

At this time of year the holiday season means that some ministers are away so their pulpit slots have to be filled by lay preaches. Remember the lay preachers who go from Tabs every week.

Monday 8th

Please pray for places where TWAM* send the tools collected in Britain, like Good Hope Primary and Nursery School, Uganda and Faith Orphanage Foundation Skills Training Centre, Kitwe, Zambia.

Tuesday 9th

Death comes at any time and sometimes the loneliness and mourning get forgotten in the rush of life. Remember some of the relatives of those in the church who passed away recently.

Wednesday 10th

Please pray for the Communion Service held each Wednesday and led by a member from the church.

Thursday 11th

Please pray for all those meeting in small groups today.

Friday 12th

Please pray for the maintenance team making repairs and doing maintenance in the building today.

Saturday 13th

Please think about the Pastoral team: Roger and Claire Grafton, Jonathan and Catherine Bugg, Gemma Humphreys and the Elders.

Sunday 14th

Today two famous events are celebrated, the Battle of the Boyne and Bastille Day. Pray for the leaderships in Northern Ireland and France to be led by God in justice, equity and truth. Pray for the President of France M. Francois Hollande, for wisdom, leadership and integrity.

Monday 15th (St Swithun's Day).

Swithun was an Anglo-Saxon bishop of Winchester and subsequently patron saint of Winchester Cathedral. Born: Hampshire Died: 2nd July 862 AD, Winchester Buried: Old Minster, Winchester

Today is St Swithun's day, which reminds of the rain. Pray for places where rain is a rare event, and for those people who do not have a source of clean drinking water. Pray for efforts to extend water availability by Christian and other organisations. Give thanks if you enjoy a tap in your house.

Tuesday 16th

Some of the young people from Tabs will be going to Soul Survivor next month. Please pray for Catherine Bugg as she takes on this task, and for those who will participate, some of whom may never have been away from home before.

Wednesday 17th

Attacks on churches and Christian people in Nigeria has become so widespread that the Nigerian Army is now doing counter insurgency warfare against the rebels in 4 states in northern Nigeria. Pray for persecuted Christians in Nigeria.

Thursday 18th

The summer can be hard on those who are housebound because they cannot go out and enjoy themselves like everyone else. Please pray for those who are Tabs members – see current news sheet.

Friday 19th

Giving thanks to God is more important than the endless requests which make up most prayers. Today please give thanks that God provided the financial needs for Tabs last year. Also give thanks for the 'Gift Day' donations which were collected this year, to give away to mission projects known in Cardiff and Africa. Give thanks that so far this year the financial needs have again been met.

Saturday 20th

Please pray for a subject close to your heart today - someone sick, a lonely person, a 'thank you' to God for a blessing, & etc.

Sunday 21st

'In Afghanistan, next door to Nepal, Coalition troops are still fighting a war they do not want. Please pray for a quick resolution to this conflict.' This was the prayer topic on this day in 2010, 2011 and 2012. The war in Afghanistan still rages, so please pray for peace and remember all the families of the fallen and those still on active service.

Monday 22nd

Kid's Club flying to Outer Space in 'Space Academy' begins today until Friday. Please pray every day for Claire Grafton, Gaynor Haldenby and the team as they cater for up to 100 children each day.

Tuesday 23rd

Prison Fellowship tries to meet the needs of convicts inside prisons and help people who are released back into the community to become rehabilitated. Please pray for all who seek to rehabilitate ex prisoners and those being helped. Lorna Lock recently won 'Volunteer of the Year' for service in Cardiff Prison.

Wednesday 24th

If you are deaf having scripture in sign language is a great help. Please pray for finances involved in translating scripture into national sign languages, even still in Europe, (WBT*).

Thursday 25th

The Home Access ministry attends to the needs of the homeless. Please pray for the staff and committee as they do this ministry.

Friday 26th

Project Cyrus is a year long BMS* prayer initiative to pray for North Korea. Please pray for change in this nation.

Saturday 27th

Please pray for someone in an overseas situation that you know about. Perhaps a situation no one