

school assemblies. These can be jazzed up by a turned on person and present good outreach opportunities. Pray for those who take assemblies, like Roger Grafton and others in local churches.

Wednesday 30th

Have you considered your giving to Tabs and other causes recently? Do you agree with tithing and review your contributions in the light of pay rises, up or down movements and other changes in your money? Pray for God to show you how you should be spending what He provides for you, so good stewardship may prevail.

Thursday 31st

Today is Halloween (All Hallows (Souls) Eve). Please pray for protection for people and alternative services offered instead of the occult offerings.

TWAM* Tools With A Mission

BMS* Baptist Mission Society

KISC* Kathmandu International Study Centre

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 will soon be a distant memory and everyone will be turning their thoughts towards the Festive Season and all the razzmatazz which goes on. With the passing on of the year new beginnings are considered and new plans dreamed, booked and hoped for when holidays come around next year. New babies are and have been born, old friends have passed away or moved on, and the flux of life continues. In the middle of change there is God, who promises to be the same today, yesterday and in times to come. Many people find the idea of God being constant and consistent in an ever changing world very comforting.

Scripture promises that God will never leave or forsake His people, those who live by His way and confess His name. In return for that security in God He expects His children to live lives which witness to Him and the resurrection of Jesus. In all the plans and preparations for the birthday of Jesus please be reminded to include those who are not as fortunate as you. There are Shoe Box schemes to support, Pharaoh and his Pantry could use a few treats apart from the usual tins and cartons of condensed milk. In short in the next few weeks there will be ample opportunity for ministry. In that opportunity please remember to pray for those in need, those who need a touch from God, and not least to give thanks for all God's gifts to you.

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

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"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19

October is the start of a season of special events and services for the church: Women's Hour Anniversary, Refined Women's Day, Harvest, Bible Sunday and Church Anniversary are amongst the main ones. However, many of these events are 'inward looking' in as much as they are designed primarily for Christians. As a church which has committed itself to being a missional community we must be cautious of spending too much time 'navel gazing'! Pray that these events would inspire us, encourage us, equip us and train us to be more effective so that as we leave the building and the special services we go as missionaries to share the Gospel wherever we find ourselves.

Pastor Roger

Tuesday 1st

Ask God to show you about taking time for a 'quiet time' each day. Some people do not spend time with God each day, but they should because Jesus tells us to pray to Him each day for all our needs.

Wednesday 2nd

The Leadership Council will meet today. Please pray for the deliberations and decisions taken.

Thursday 3rd

Please pray for Small, Alpha and other groups which meet week by week to pray and study scripture.

Friday 4th

Please pray for the ministry of Xtreme, Beyond Xtreme and After Nine who meet to cater for the needs of young teenagers. Please in particular uphold the needs of the leaders in what can be a very stressful environment.

Saturday 5th

The ministry among women has always been an important part of the work of the local church. Please pray for any women you know who benefit or contribute to that ministry today.

Sunday 6th

William Tyndale was executed by burning in Oxford on this day in 1536, for the crime of translating the Bible into English. Let us give thanks to God for those who translated the Bible into our mother tongue, and pray for those who still translate and publish the Bible in other 'heart languages'.

Monday 7th

Please pray today for those who spend their days at work, and ask God to give them a good witness in their employment.

Gideons will be making a Presentation of Youth Testaments to Year 7 students at Bryn Hafren Girls School, Barry today. Please pray for students and staff present on that occasion.

Tuesday 8th

Today is a good time to remember those who are sick; a suitable list appears in the weekly news sheet.

Wednesday 9th

Please pray today for the people of Syria. There used to be a sizeable Christian minority in the form of the Syrian Orthodox Church before the present troubles began. Please pray for all the people of Syria and ask God to grant them peace.

Thursday 10th

Please spare a thought for those who will be away from home at Christmas. Now is the time to buy that special gift and send it with your prayers.

Friday 11th

Please pray for those who started out married life this summer. In particular pray for Katie and Alex Bertera who tied the knot in August.

Saturday 12th

Please pray for Roger Grafton, Jonathan Bugg and their families as they lead services in Tabs today. Think of other duties they perform, funerals, weddings, counselling, visiting and comforting the dying, ask God for wisdom.

Sunday 13th

Please pray for those doing the services in Tabs today, the preacher, worship leader, stewards, musicians, Sunday school teachers, washers up, servers, sound crew, cleaner, & etc. Give thanks that everyone does their bit for the glory of God and so you can enjoy worship today.

Monday 14th

Please pray for those who are housebound and find getting out and coping difficult. Think of the team of pastoral assistants who do visits, administer communion and generally make those who are housebound feel special, not just a forgotten minority.

Tuesday 15th

Please pray today for that difficult relation that always has a go at you, the one who mocks your faith and tries to make you feel inadequate. Ask God to be gracious to that person, and in the process grow in your faith in God.

Wednesday 16th

The weekly communion service will take place today, please remember all those who take part.

Thursday 17th

Please pray today for those who serve in the Armed Forces around the world. Pray for an end to the war in Afghanistan and peace to be established. Ask God to bless those who seek an end to bloodshed and fighting.

Friday 18th

Do you pay PAYE on your salary? Do you support a favourite charity or mission enterprise? If the

answer is yes to either then please pray about using 'Stewardship' or similar entity to add a tax refund to your gifts.

Saturday 19th

God has blessed Tabs with enough finance to generally meet the needs. Please give thanks for those charged with care of financial affairs: pray for honesty, integrity, commitment and dedication.

Sunday 20th

Please today pray for the Anglican parishes in Penarth, St Augustine's, All Saints, St Dochdwy in Llandough, St John's in Sully, St Peter Old Cogan, and Holy Nativity. Please pray for those who attend these churches and their witness, outreach and ministry.

Monday 21st

Please consider whether you could contribute to a disaster fund. One such fund is run by BMS World Mission which provides grants in disaster zones, usually administered via local partner organisations. During good times such funds need to be filled up to meet emergencies when they arise. Please ask God whether this should be part of your regular giving.

Tuesday 22nd

Please pray for the Latham family who minister in Uganda. Dr Tim, wife Jackie and their family with Youth With A Mission. Please pray for their needs in terms of prayer, financial, and spiritual items.

Wednesday 23rd

TWAM* asks for prayer for its Overseas Coordinators who deal with requests for equipment: David Ginns, John Fowler, Bob Hicks, John Marshment, David White, Peter Fisher, Jack Norwood and Martin Humphries.

Thursday 24th

Please pray for Angus and Helen Douglas and their family in Kathmandu Nepal at KISC*.

Friday 25th

Please pray today for students. Some from Tabs have gone away from home for the first time. The ministerial students at the South Wales Baptist College are now back, so remember any young people you know in tertiary education.

Saturday 26th

"Believing in the Impossible" is the theme for the Refined Ladies' day at Tabs today. Please pray for Tabs ladies today.

The Vale of Glamorgan Gideons will be holding a Friends Rally on today at 2.30 p.m. in Cadoxton Methodist Church, Barry. The speaker is Mr Bill Thomas, International President. ALL ARE WELCOME. Tea will be provided. Please pray for this event.

Sunday 27th

Please uphold the team from Tabs taking the service at Bethel House, Hebron Hall today.

Monday 28th

Please pray for the children, Mums, leaders and helpers who have a part in the Playgroup. Ask God to give them happy play and rewarding time spent together each weekday morning.

Tuesday 29th

One of the ways to reach young people is through