

### **Tuesday 28th**

The long suffering people of Zimbabwe have experienced years of oppression, bullying, hunger and general bad luck. Please pray for the people of Zimbabwe and the churches trying to lead the country to a better future.

### **Wednesday 29th**

Please pray for those people who are sick. Pray for those who are sick listed in the newsletter.

### **Thursday 30th**

Justice is a quality which Christians should seek to extol. Let us pray for justice in many different situations.

### **Friday 31st**

As spring unfolds so too will the number of tourists visiting the area. Please pray for those seeking to do outreach to visitors, like the Lightship in Cardiff.

Contributions for the prayer diary should be sent to [john.stansfield5@btinternet.com](mailto:john.stansfield5@btinternet.com) or left in the pigeonhole in the foyer by 7<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

Doing the right thing and living holy lifestyles have been much on the agenda in Tabs in the last few months. All the leadership can do is preach and exhort people to take on the need to live what they believe. At the end of the day it is up to each individual to decide whether they will take any notice. One thing is for sure if you are the Cardinal in charge of a country and you misbehave, like a recent one in Scotland, many people will have more reason to discount the church as just another bunch of hypocrites.

As members of a local congregation the fallout from living a bad lifestyle and calling yourself a Christian may not reach national and international levels, but someone will notice. The person who you long to see accept Christ may be the one who will see through you if you have a lifestyle which does not meet their expectations. As members and people struggle to get into a 'holy lifestyle' mindset, please pray that God will send His Spirit to sustain and help their efforts.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : may 2013

Jesus said, "For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly."  
Mark 7:21-22

On the back page of this prayer diary John Stansfield writes a wonderful and passionate piece about holiness and righteous lifestyles: I commend his short article to you. In the western church whenever we think of holiness we almost always think first of all about sexual sin - and usually the sexual sin of others. There is a weird prurience in the church which seems over-concerned with what other people do once they take their trousers off! Jesus and Paul had other equally important concerns about holiness in the church: greed (avarice), lying, envy, gossip (slander).

There are too many of these sins in Tabernacle at the moment; too much concern about other people's relationships and too much talking about it, 'just for prayer'. God warned us months ago about the enemies attack on our worship, our health and our unity and called us to stand TOGETHER and pray. I am calling you to pray for the church at this spiritually dangerous time, and do ALL you can as a believer to seek the peace of the church.

**Pastor Roger**

### **Wednesday 1st**

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

### **Thursday 2nd**

Please remember those who gather for small groups this evening.

### **Friday 3rd**

Please pray for the maintenance team who work to keep Tabs building working properly. They meet on Mondays and Fridays, and need recruits, safety and cake every week.

### **Saturday 4th**

Please pray for the situations in Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq and other trouble spots around the world. Pray for peace.

### **Sunday 5th**

Please pray for the young people who meet on Sunday evenings after church in the 'Next Generation'. They have discipleship events and social evenings.

### **Monday 6th**

Remember the work amongst the ladies in the church. Pray for Women's Hour, Dorcas, and Ladies Evening Fellowship. Pray for the individual needs of a lady you might know.

### **Tuesday 7th**

TWAM request prayer for Beryl Dewhurst who runs the 'Scholar Pack Scheme', sending materials to schools in Africa.

### **Wednesday 8th**

Robert Turton was baptised on Easter Sunday, please pray for him and the rest of his family.

### **Thursday 9th (Ascension Day)**

Please pray for the ministers at Tabs and their families, Roger and Claire Grafton and Jonathan and Catherine Bugg.

### **Friday 10th**

Please pray for Jon Dickerson and Jon Birch and their families as they consider the demands of training for full time ministry.

### **Saturday 11th**

Football fans will all be thinking about the end of the season, who will win in the Cup etc. Pray for chaplains and evangelists involved in taking the gospel to the many thousands of people involved in football.

### **Sunday 12th**

Please remember those who are having services in other churches in Penarth today.

### **Monday 13th**

Christian Aid week will take place this week and people around the country will be seeking to raise awareness and funds to aid the fight against global poverty. Please pray for their efforts today and whether you could take envelopes and help the fund raising effort.

A prayer for Christian Aid Week

God, who is more than we can ever imagine, give us a bigger picture of the world; give us a broader view of justice; give us dreams of love that are not defined by boundaries of geography or race or religion, or by the limitations of worldly structures and systems. Enlarge our imaginations and inspire our courage this Christian Aid Week to put ourselves in that bigger picture. Keep us struggling, keep us faithful, keep us strong, so that we never give up on the promise of your kingdom, where the world is transformed, and all can enjoy life in all its fullness. Loving God, in Jesus you offer life to the world and love to its people. When we see life only for ourselves, forgive us. Help us to hear your transforming love speaking to us of respect, dignity and worth, telling us that we are loved and that we are to love one another. In the knowledge of this love, work through us to bring your justice to the world, this Christian Aid Week and beyond.

### **Tuesday 14th**

Please pray for a senior citizen you may know. There are always names in the newsletter.

### **Wednesday 15th**

Many young people will be sitting exams in the next few weeks. Pray for Tabs' young people in school and college in the coming days.

### **Thursday 16th**

Proverbs tells us to seek wisdom in our relationships with God and each other. Pray to God to give each one wisdom and discernment in our prayer lives.

### **Friday 17th**

Please pray for outreaches to young people and teenagers on Friday nights. Think of the Street Pastors in Cardiff and other places out doing the gospel on Friday nights.

### **Saturday 18th**

Death comes at all seasons of the year. Pray for someone who is dying or someone recently bereaved.

### **Sunday 19th**

Let Jesus' name be honoured in the services in Tabs today, give thanks for those who lead the services today.

### **Monday 20th**

Please pray for those who do pastoral visiting to the housebound and sick. Pray for the Chaplaincy team at Llandough and UHW hospitals. Remember anyone you know who cares for those who are sick.

### **Tuesday 21st**

Pray for a need which no one else is going to pray for today, a family member, someone who is far away, a mission situation close to your heart.

### **Wednesday 22nd**

Today there will be a communion service led by a member of Tabs, please pray for those who attend.

### **Thursday 23rd**

Please pray for the recently elected diaconate as they get busy with responsibilities running the church.

### **Friday 24th**

Pray today for yourself or your family. Give thanks to God for all his blessings, physical and spiritual.

### **Saturday 25th**

Please pray for those who seek to reach out to foreign students, au pair workers, and foreign nationals in Penarth through International Cafe and other meetings.

### **Sunday 26th (Trinity Sunday)**

Sunday should be a day of rest but the large retail chain stores are trying to make it just another working day. Pray for those who campaign to keep Sunday as a day of rest.

Please pray for the monthly event at Bethel House at Hebron Hall led by Tabs' members.

### **Monday 27th (Bank Holiday)**

Please pray for someone having a day off, they should have a good day.