

Unions in places of tertiary education. Please pray for IFES staff engaged in student outreach and encouraging students to witness to their peers, (www.ifesworld.org).

Sunday 29th

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

Monday 30th

Remember the ladies of the church as they meet in different forums week by week. Pray for a special lady you may know.

*TWAM Tools With a Mission.

*INF International Nepal Fellowship

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

The news seems to be full of stories about wars, atrocities, famine, and natural and manmade disasters of every description. Getting to hear good news from anywhere in the world is rare. Events which have the possibility to bring hope to people in desperate circumstances seem to be very few, but only because they do not make good TV! The status quo always seems to be there forever. Imagine a peasant in the Middle Ages looking up at Caerphilly or Cardiff castles. To him the possibility of them being ruins did not arise. Think of an average Arab in Syria five years ago, would he have imagined his stable country plunged into cannibalism and chaos. Change often comes when it is least expected, an earthquake reduces a city to rubble in seconds, and the result takes years to rebuild.

In the Bible there are stories of wars, invasions, disasters and people who lose everything. Yet one night a bunch of shepherds hear angelic choirs and everything changes. Three amateur astronomers see a new star and then undertake a long journey, at the end they find a baby. Change comes either with no fanfare, or can be long heralded, either way hope is born or fulfilled for those involved. The persecuted are freed, as in the Exodus, nations rise and fall, and in all these events the Bible tells the reader that God is still in the director's chair.

When praying this month please pray for those who need hope and change, persecuted Christians in Nigeria, Iran, N Korea, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan and lots of other places. Pray for victims of war, like in Syria, victims of earthquakes, like in Haiti, and any other misfortunes blighting the lives of people in the news. Jesus' family knew what it was like to flee persecution when they went to Egypt. The least Jesus' followers can do is pray for those in similar situations.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : september 2013

"...shine like stars in the universe
as you hold out the word of life." (Phil 2:15-16)

A phrase I have heard a lot over the summer is "You were saved from something for something." In other words, we were saved from sin and hell for the purpose of serving God in this world until that day we go to be with him. In the 21st century there is no such thing as a spectator in the church! If you cannot point to your ministry in the local church, may I suggest you are being disobedient to God's plan for you? If we are to move from being maintenance minded to being missionally minded, every member needs to take seriously their call to ministry. If you do not have a ministry, role or duty in the church, the autumn is an excellent time to volunteer! If you do have a job, then now is a good time to pray about how to be most effective in your service as the new term starts and we enter this busy time of year.

Pastor Roger

Sunday 1st

Please give thanks to God if you had a nice holiday over the summer, remember those who were not so fortunate, through old age, poverty, illness or whatever reason.

Monday 2nd

Many young people will be going back to school this week. Pray for anyone who you know who might be returning, starting or changing schools.

Tuesday 3rd

TWAM* ask for prayer for their haberdashery section looked after by Christine Adams and books looked after by Jean White, both based in Ipswich.

Wednesday 4th

Please pray for Helen and Angus and their three children with BMS in Nepal. Pray for their needs in finance, prayer support, practical arrangements for the children and all the new things which have and are coming their way.

Thursday 5th

Please pray for the Small Group Leaders as groups prepare to reconvene and study the next set of material on the Spiritual Disciplines

Friday 6th

The new season of outreach to teenaged young people will recommence soon, please pray for adequate quality leaders to make this ministry viable. Also pray for the kids who attend and their parents.

Saturday 7th

The catalogue of persecution of Christians by Islamic militants grows every day. Such acts of destruction seldom make the 6 o'clock news, but happen nevertheless. Please pray for persecuted Christians and their families around the world.

Sunday 8th

Pray for something which you find difficult to deal with today, like suffering, war, famine. Ask God to help you see Him in such situations.

Monday 9th

INF* appointed Alastair Seaman as International Director starting in November. Please pray for Alastair, wife Fiona and children as they take on this leadership role in an organisation dear to many in Tabs.

Tuesday 10th

Today pray for small people in Tabs, crèche, Toddler group, Playgroup, pray for children, Mums, helpers.

Wednesday 11th

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

Thursday 12th

Please pray for the young people's group which meets at the Bugg's house every week. Thank God for the hosts and pray for the young people.

Friday 13th

Faith is an essential element of prayer. Jesus said that God would not quench a smouldering wick, but protect and nurture it. Pray for someone today you may know who has a 'faith' problem, or someone who may resemble that wick or new blade of grass in their spiritual journey.

Saturday 14th

On Saturday nights the toll of human misery goes up as large quantities of alcohol are consumed. Please pray for the police, hospital out patient's staff, ambulance crews, street pastors etc. Remember anyone in particular who you may know.

Sunday 15th

Remember today is 'Back to Church Sunday'. Consider who you could invite to come with you today.

Monday 16th (St Ninian)

Ninian was an evangelist who went to Scotland to the Picts amongst others. He is celebrated in Cardiff as St Ninian. Let us pray for those involved in football where ever they are today. Ask God to bring revival in football clubs. Remember the Tabs football team, ask God to bless their witness this season.

Tuesday 17th

Consider the needs of the Pastoral Visiting team today. They visit the house bound, sick, and in general hurting people to bring friendship and fellowship in the name of Jesus. Pray for patience and wisdom for all involved .

Wednesday 18th

The campaign for economic justice just has to be kept going. Please pray for those people in the world who need Fairtrade conditions to make a living. Also pray for those who campaign for international debt relief and trade justice.

Thursday 19th

Jesus told His disciples to pray continuously day and night. In today's busy world it is all too easy to forget to pray. Try and use the group meetings today to put the 'pray' back in praying in this church.

Friday 20th

Please give thanks today for those who have served the church faithfully over many years and can no longer do so because of old age. Please remember those who are bereaved or sad at lost family and friends.

Saturday 21st (International Day of Peace)

By creating the International Day of Peace, the UN devoted a specific day and collaborative focus on worldwide peace and encouraged all of humanity to work in cooperation for this goal. Please pray for peace in troubled places around the world.

Sunday 22nd

Please remember churches which have no ministerial oversight. There are many small fellowships in Wales who depend on lay preachers, so please uphold one you may know about, if not ask someone who preaches away regularly, e.g. Ann Niblett or Anne Morse.

Monday 23rd

In Britain the church has enjoyed a wide variety of Bibles and other English language materials for centuries. In many parts of the world there are few or restricted materials for Christian literature. Please remember the efforts of those who translate such as; Wycliffe Bible Translators, The Bible Society and many others.

Tuesday 24th

As the new academic year begins please pray for students and staff at the Baptist College in Cardiff, especially Sam Hackett, Jon Dickerson & Jon Birch.

Wednesday 25th

Today please pray for the mid week communion service and those who take part.

Thursday 26th

Please pray for the hosts of small groups who will have their homes invaded again for the new session of weekly meetings. Please pray for consideration and thankfulness to those who attend.

Friday 27th

Pray today for something dear to you which no one else will pray about today.

Saturday 28th

International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) is the umbrella organisation that promotes organisations in countries around the world concerned with sponsoring Christian