

Saturday 30th

Joel Evans is marrying Laura MacRitchie at Gilcomston Church in Aberdeen today. Joel grew up in Tabs, so please pray for them as they start married life together.

*BUGB Baptist Union of Great Britain

*MAF Mission Aviation 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

In the Welsh psyche there is an inbuilt tendency to look back at the past. Pick up any newspaper produced in Wales and there are always items about the past, as well as news and sport. Many people in Wales when asked what 'Curiosity Rover' is would not know it is a vehicle exploring Mars. When shown pictures from Curiosity and asked to identify the location, someone even pointed to Barry Island! Looking to the past is all well and good but the present generation have to face the future. World changing processes like climate change, food production and other global questions will not be solved by looking at the past, only action for the future, with positive policy objectives in mind will suffice.

What has future policy on world problems got to do with prayer? In Scripture every character who faced difficult situations prayed. Moses prayed when faced with hostile clans blocking his route, David prayed before battles, Jesus prayed throughout His ministry. Today God performs miracles in hospital through doctors for people who would have died years ago. Those procedures came from experiment, science and God's revelation to researchers. The problems of the 21st century need God's input too. Facing a future which scripture claims is in God's hands means God's people must pray those solutions into reality.

Praying for the needs of the modern world must begin with recognising who and what God is, Omnipotent, what His revealed will is for everyone, get saved, and using wisdom to see where God is leading today. God uses science, mass media, and every conceivable means of communication to reach lost people. This month please pray for God to show how to pray for the modern world.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : november 2013

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor ... to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Luke 4:18,19

Tab's leadership meet for a whole day on Saturday 23rd to clarify God's vision and ensure that Tab's is going where God wants us to be. Many people find change uncomfortable yet it remains vital to the life of the church that we never stagnate. Just as the blind, oppressed and imprisoned are uncomfortable, we must also be willing to be uncomfortable if we are to be Christ to them. Please pray throughout this month for the leadership as they in turn seek the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the courage of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

Pastor Jonathan

Friday 1st

Today is an opportunity to remember with thanks those who have inspired faith in each one of us. Pray for the witness of 'the saints', i.e. the church now and in the future. Ask God to bless your witness.

Saturday 2nd

Please remember in prayer those who are sick, bereaved or lonely. A list can be found in the weekly notice sheet. Pray for anyone you may know who needs God to minister in their life.

Sunday 3rd

Rev Lynn Green was inducted into the office of General Secretary of BUGB* in September. Please pray for her in a demanding role in the leadership of the denomination.

Monday 4th

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

On 4th November 2013, Baptist women from around the world will come together to study God's word, pray and give so that our world will be impacted for Christ

Tuesday 5th

Tonight will be bonfire night and lots of fireworks will be let off. As usual there will be casualties who get burnt. Please pray for safety for people who are near fire and fireworks. Also pray for medical staff and fire crews who have to clear up the mess.

Wednesday 6th

Fairtrade products can be found in many supermarkets, thanks to the efforts of people who campaign for workers' rights. Please remember efforts to eradicate poverty around the world. Pray for your favourite project, if you don't have one, find one to pray for today.

Thursday 7th

Think of your favourite missionary, can you send them a Christmas present? If it is safe pray what you could send, otherwise how you could contribute to a parcel for a full time worker. It will need to be posted very soon.

Friday 8th

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 9th

Please pray for the housebound in Tabs. The names on the weekly news sheet are people who are not able to attend church. Please pray for someone you may know.

Sunday 10th

Remembrance Sunday is set aside to remember the dead of both World Wars and the many conflicts since in which many died. Please pray for all those who will remember today.

Monday 11th

Armistice Day celebrates the actual end of World War 1. Please pray for all who will be involved in acts of service today.

Tuesday 12th

Today members of Baptist Union Council will meet for three days. Please pray for God to guide their deliberations.

Wednesday 13th

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

Thursday 14th

The ongoing war in Syria is causing many people to become refugees in nearby countries. Please pray for agencies and donors who seek to help these peoples. Also pray for political action to end the war so people can go home in peace

Friday 15th

South Sudan was a new country a few years ago. There are many problems, some of which are being addressed, but much needs to be done. Pray for organisations like MAF* who seek to improve life in this place.

Saturday 16th

Please pray for everyone who contributes to worship tomorrow. Enjoy praising God and give thanks for salvation through Jesus.

Sunday 17th

'How lovely is thy dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to

the living God', (Psalm 84:1-2). Let this be your attitude going to service today.

Monday 18th

As the weather gets to grips with winter Home Access is in demand for housing. Please pray for the Management Committee, employees, Trustees and clients who use the service.

Tuesday 19th

As the Festive Season begins to be on everyone's lips perhaps you could pray about who you could give a gift to who might otherwise miss out. Perhaps a shoebox to Tab's chosen distribution partner, please pray and act soon.

Wednesday 20th

Please pray for the efforts of Prison Fellowship to help prisoners to a better life. Remember Tabs members who are involved in this ministry.

Thursday 21st

Please pray today for some of the smaller churches around Penarth. Stanwell Rd BC, Llandough BC, Elfed Avenue Uniting Church, Capel Bethel, Plassey St Gospel Hall, Sully Christian Fellowship, Hebron Cogan, St Peters and Bethesda in Dinas Powys.

Friday 22nd

Please pray for the ministry of The Lightship in Cardiff Bay. Tabs members are involved in this enterprise, so please uphold all the staff and clients.

Saturday 23rd

Today is the annual meeting of the trustees of TWAM*. Please pray for those deliberations, also Simon Danks Collector's Coordinator in Ipswich and Robert Tumuhairwe Office Manager in Kampala, Uganda.

Sunday 24th

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

Monday 25th

Literature translation, electronic media like television, internet and radio are playing an ever increasing part in outreach to difficult places. Please pray for those whom God is reaching in this way.

Tuesday 26th

Please pray for the team of visitors who visit the housebound within the fellowship to pray with them and support them spiritually. Pray for a fresh blessing upon them as they minister to those in need, (Liz Freeman).

Wednesday 27th

Please pray for Playgroup meeting each morning of the week. Think of the children, their parents and the staff.

Thursday 28th

As Christmas approaches please pray who you could do something special for this year.

Friday 29th

Praying for revival in Britain and Wales should be a daily task for all church members. Ask God to start with the members of Tabs.