

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 29th**

Please pray for the needs of the women in the church. Pray for a lady whose needs you may know about, commend her to God.

#### **Wednesday 30th**

BMS\* is the Baptist Church's very own mission society. Without the active support of Baptist churches like Tabs BMS will cease to exist. Please pray for the ministry of full time personnel, medium and short term people, the HQ at Baptist House in Didcot and the International Mission Centre, IMC, in Birmingham.

#### **Thursday 31st**

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

TWAM\* Tools With A Mission

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### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

Have you ever been on one of those homeless support sleep out events, or spent a night huddled in a make shift shelter down a back alley somewhere, or taken part in a 'Slum Survivor' type publicity stunt? All these designed to point to the fate of many people in the world who live in abject poverty. Jesus promised that there would always be poor people: 'The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me', (Matthew 26:11). The political economists would have us believe that poverty can be removed by humanitarian means, but history shows this to be bunk. New wealth in the developing world is hoarded by the elite instead of being shared by all. In the developed world social security systems rob people of the incentive to enterprise and look to better themselves, so poverty continues. In almost every political system in the world the status quo remains, and the poor remain at the bottom of the economic heap.

Jesus told His disciples to feed the poor and hungry, help the oppressed and deal in social justice. Please pray this month for people who seek to change the status quo in favour of the poor, the hungry and sick. Pray for honesty in governments who tax the rich, to make sure the poor benefit. Pray for aid agencies who promote self help schemes to help people be self supporting. Ask God to bless those who work on long term developments like hydroelectric infrastructure, irrigation schemes and other self help projects. Pray for a project with which you have an affinity.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : july 2014

This is the time of year when many of our members go away on holiday. This has an impact in a number of areas of our church life:

- Children's and young people's groups become difficult to staff.
- Leading worship can become more challenging for the worship leaders, especially in the evenings where the congregations can be much smaller than usual.
- Those travelling can often miss church and the vital teaching and fellowship that goes with it, especially if travelling overseas where there is no English language service
- Those who remain at home can find it a lonely time of year, especially once mid week meetings and small groups close down for the summer

Please pray for our church during the summer break!

**Pastor Roger**

#### **Tuesday 1st**

TWAM\* meets on Tuesday & Thursday to clean up tools and equipment to send to Africa, to help people earn a living. Please pray for the TWAM team.

#### **Wednesday 2nd**

The Communion service happens each Wednesday led by a member of Tabs congregation. Pray for those who participate today.

#### **Thursday 3rd**

Small groups meet in the day and evenings. Please pray for those who go to small groups.

#### **Friday 4th**

Please pray for the youth outreach run on Friday evenings, Xtreme, Beyond Xtreme and After Nine. Pray for all those involved in youth ministry.

#### **Saturday 5th**

Remember Sam Hackett as he is ordained at Tabs today. Please remember the itinerant preachers in Tabs who go week by week to support the ministry of other churches. Please pray for the churches where they go to lead services and the quality of that service.

#### **Sunday 6th**

Today many people will contribute to the worship in Tabs. Please pray for each person who does a specific job, and also for all those who attend for services. Let God be glorified today.

### **Monday 7th**

Many people will be looking to take holidays and be travelling in the next few weeks. Pray for someone you know who will be on holiday.

### **Tuesday 8th**

Please pray for the Douglas family as they enjoy their leave and return to Nepal soon.

### **Wednesday 9th**

Please pray for those preparing for full time service from Tabs: Sam Hackett, Jon Dickerson, Jon Birch and Gareth Davidson.

### **Thursday 10th**

Give thanks for the teenagers' group which meets at Manse 2 each week for fellowship. Pray for those young people to be receptive to God.

### **Friday 11th**

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.

### **Saturday 12th**

Please pray for the ministerial team in Tabs: Roger Grafton and Johnathan Bugg. Also pray for other clergy and ministers in the churches in Penarth.

### **Sunday 13th**

Please remember services in other Baptist Churches around the country. Pray for the ministry, outreach and fellowship of somewhere you have visited.

### **Monday 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.

### **Tuesday 15th (St Swithun)**

Swithun was an Anglo-Saxon bishop of Winchester and subsequently patron saint of Winchester Cathedral. Born: Hampshire Died: 2 Jul 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.

### **Wednesday 16th**

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.

### **Thursday 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, and ask God to give the Nigerian Government some backbone.

### **Friday 18th**

Please pray for the ministry to hospitals supported by Tabs. Remember Chaplaincy teams at Llandough and UHW who seek to minister to the sick.

### **Saturday 19th**

Today is Carnival Day, remember Tabs activities. Please remember the work of the Gideons as they place scripture in different places. Pray for 'Blitz' campaigns which visit one place for a specified time with a large team and go to many places in the same locality.

### **Sunday 20th**

Pray for Christians in countries who are being targeted by extremists, like Iran, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan, Egypt, Afghanistan, Pakistan and many more.

### **Monday 21st**

Please pray for the Holiday Club being held each morning this week and the concluding service on Friday. '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, 2012 and 2013. 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.

### **Tuesday 22nd**

The Home Access ministry attends to the needs of the homeless. Please pray for Claire Grafton, Jan Booker and committee as they do this ministry.

### **Wednesday 23rd**

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.

### **Thursday 24th**

Producing scriptures in 'heart languages' has long been recognised as a vital part of mission outreach. Please remember today efforts in translating indigenous languages in Brazil for native Indian people. Pray for patience, purpose and drive for those engaged in this task. (Joan Richards).

### **Friday 25th**

In the New Testament Paul tells us to pray for those in authority, (Rom 13). Please pray for the Royal Family, the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, MPs, the First Minister, AMs and local councillors.

### **Saturday 26th**

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.

### **Sunday 27th**

Ask God today to open His word in the services you attend – pray through any difficult issues in your life.

### **Monday 28th**

During July and August most organised activities are suspended. For some people this represents a