

### Friday 29th

Did you ever think of having a prayer partner? Ask God to show you who you could pray with regularly.

### Saturday 30th

The football season will now be under way again and many people will be getting involved in local teams and competitions. Pray for those who seek to bring the gospel to men and boys in sport: chaplains, coaches, players etc.

### Sunday 31st

Today is a good day to give thanks to God for a good holiday and pray about topics which you may need to give an airing before God.

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

'Renewal' is one of those overused words that get greeted with a groan by many people as some political pundit bangs on yet again about renewed opportunities, economic events etc. The need for renewal stems from a situation where the present regime is tired, time limited or just plain stuck. When your other half says she wants the house decorated it means loads of work, getting rid of the old and introducing the new. During the upheaval everyone gets fed up, but when the nice new decor is completed everyone feels uplifted and glad. Sometimes there is even reason to have a party.

When God gets the idea of renewing His church the old has to go and the new has to take its place. No one can redecorate and use the old paint, it all has to be fresh and shiny, and so it is with God. The old habits, excuses, ways of doing things etc. have to go, and new and different experiences take their place. God provides repentance as a way of shedding the old, and baptism by the Holy Spirit as the guide to the new. When praying this month please think about renewal. Pray for revival in Wales, ask God to show you a new vision for your ministry, pray for inspiration for change as God leads.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : august 2014

When you are with unbelievers,  
always make good use of the time.  
Colossians 4:5 (CEV)

Over recent months there have been many opportunities for the church to share its faith with those outside the church. Holiday club and the carnival event are just two of many events this year. However, there comes a point where we would hope to see these missional events produce fruit with people coming to church and coming to faith. Late summer and autumn is a time of new starts for many people: new schools, new terms, new universities, new jobs and new homes. Please pray that as people start new seasons in their lives, they might remember an encounter they had with a Tabs member and make the decision to come and visit us in church. Pray that NOW will be a time of great harvest as we gather in the fruit from the seeds we have scattered.

**Pastor Roger**

### Friday 1st

Please remember people on holiday, pray for travelling mercies, refreshing experiences and return to take up their God given ministries reenergised for service.

### Saturday 2nd

Have you meditated on God's word recently? Holidays are a good time to take a passage, read it maybe in a couple of versions, look up the commentary and think about what God is saying. The need is time set aside to pray and meditate properly.

### Sunday 3rd

Please pray that the All Age Summer Link Scheme will prove a blessing and will help alleviate any loneliness that might otherwise be experienced during the August holiday. Thank God for the generosity and willingness of those hosting each event. (Margaret Griffiths).

### Monday 4th

Today is a working day for many people. Please pray for someone who works, ask a special blessing on them today.

### Tuesday 5th

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

### **Wednesday 6th**

The Communion Service held each week is led by a Tabs member. Pray for those who attend. Please also pray for our young people and leaders going to Soul Survivor

### **Thursday 7th**

Please pray for those who are missing their fellowship groups while the holidays are here.

### **Friday 8th**

There are no youth activities as such being run by the church in August. However young people still need to be prayed for, to keep them out of harm's way, help them to stay sane in the holidays, and many other needs. Please pray for a young person you may know.

### **Saturday 9th**

Pray today for peace in the world, where ever there is war, eg. Syria.

### **Sunday 10th**

Ask God to ease the sorrow of someone who is in physical or spiritual pain.

### **Monday 11th**

Please pray for a family in full time service overseas.

### **Tuesday 12th**

Today please pray for political leaders, that their God given brief will be done with integrity, (Rom 13).

### **Wednesday 13th**

Please pray for the smaller churches in Penarth.

### **Thursday 14th**

Please pray for a situation in the news this week, not forgetting the students receiving examination results today.

### **Friday 15th**

Please remember someone who is being persecuted for their faith. Christians in many places round the world fit the bill.

### **Saturday 16th**

Pastoral helpers do not get holidays as the housebound cannot go on holiday, so they need the ministry of the Pastoral Care Team more than ever at this time of year. Please pray for this ongoing ministry.

### **Sunday 17th**

Please pray for anyone visiting Tabs today and hope they have a good experience to take home. Ask God to inspire those who are on rotas etc to be 'on the ball'.

### **Monday 18th**

Prayer is portrayed in scripture as a way of life, an attitude before God which says 'I choose to be led by and dependent on God'. Some might take this as a show of weakness; however it needs courage and strength of character to submit voluntarily to the will of

God. Pray for that humble attitude which allows God to work through us by prayer. (See piece at end).

### **Tuesday 19th**

Prison Fellowship tries to help the chaotic lives of prisoners who need to be presented with the love of Jesus. Please pray for outreach in local prisons like Cardiff, Parc Bridgend, Swansea, Usk and places further afield. Also remember members of Tabs involved in this ministry.

### **Wednesday 20th**

Which mission worker or minister do you uphold regularly in prayer? Do you have a prayer card, letter or other aide memoir to remind you to pray for that person? Please pray for a special person today and undertake to uphold them regularly in future.

### **Thursday 21st**

Please use today to pray for someone near to you.

### **Friday 22nd**

All the people involved in itinerant ministry from Tabs will be preparing for their Sunday appointments today. Please pray for those who minister in other fellowships on Sundays away from Tabs.

### **Saturday 23rd**

Remember the work of Home Access which provides much needed help to those who are homeless. Pray for dedicated staff, proper management, enough finance and positive leadership.

### **Sunday 24th**

Please pray for those who are sick. A suitable list can be found in the summer news sheet.

### **Monday 25th (Bank Holiday)**

Please pray today for Lifeboat crews who help stranded sailors and holiday makers. Give thanks for their service over many years. Pray for the crews of the Penarth and Barry boats.

### **Tuesday 26th**

Remember Tab's students as they go back to college, or to college for the first time, or out into the workplace. Keep each one covered with prayer and ask God to lead them to appropriate churches and fellowships.

### **Wednesday 27th**

As the new term starts over the next few weeks please pray for children, parents and helpers involved in Playgroup, Toddler Group and Sunday School.

### **Thursday 28th**

Please pray for those returning to school, especially those who are going up to 'big school' and may be a little nervous or afraid.