

### Friday 31st

Today is Halloween (All Hallows (Souls) Eve). Please pray for protection for people and alternative services offered instead of the occult offerings.

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### THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Ask any business student what is the most tedious and dull subject which they have to study, and Organisations or Statistics would both be at the top of the list. Both of these subjects deal with generalisations and 'on average' type data. When you watch science programmes on TV the level of detail is often skimmed over for the dramatic shot of the presenter doing some outrageous stunt. Getting down to detail involves work, detailed planning of data gathering, analysis and inference of conclusions. Once the conclusions are formulated a theory about the subject under investigation can be dreamed up and further experiments designed. When getting close and personal with God there are two levels to the process. One is like the 'average data subjects' or TV science, you skim the surface and then consider yourself an expert. The second is to take a little more care, do some research, read around the prayer topic, compare notes with others. (Scientists call this 'peer review', a most important stage in the Scientific Method). The resultant prayer is better informed, more targeted into the enemy's territory, more powerful in effect and more likely to result in being in the Will of God, hence more likely to be effective in the long term. Try a 'more effective prayer today'; you will be amazed at the results.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : october 2014

As we enter the month of October it always seems to be associated with more than its fair share of gloom. It's very much Autumn, the weather changes, the days get shorter, the clocks go back, and holidays in the sun become just memories. There is implicit in this harvest season a great deal of labour and toil, bringing in the harvest and ploughing the fields ready for winter, while many in our modern society begin to look towards Christmas as the next break from work. In our prayers this month as we run the risk of getting carried away with the mayhem of pre Christmas life, let us not forget that we worship a God who loves us, and gave us the command to rest as a gift.

"Six days you shall labour, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the ploughing season and harvest you must rest." Exodus 34:21

**Pastor Jonathan**

### Wednesday 1st

This month the annual madness for Christmas will begin in earnest. Pray that God will help you see past the tinsel to a real appreciation of the Incarnation.

### Thursday 2nd

Please pray for Small, Alpha and other groups which meet week by week to pray and study scripture.

### Friday 3rd

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 need for new leaders in what can be a very stressful environment.

### Saturday 4th

Please remember someone who is backslidden. Someone who you may know who got fed up with God, sick at heart or just lost their faith. Ask God to show them mercy and give them His grace, in abundance.

### Sunday 5th

The ministry among women has always been an important part of the work of the local church. Please pray for any ladies you know who benefit or contribute to that ministry today.

### Monday 6th

Some Tabs ladies meet regularly on Mondays, please pray for their meetings.

### Tuesday 7th

Please pray today for the people of Syria. There

used to be a sizeable Christian minority in the form of the Syrian Orthodox Church before the present troubles began. Please pray for all the people of Syria and ask God to grant them peace.

#### **Wednesday 8th**

Today is when the Leadership Council will meet, please pray for them all.

#### **Thursday 9th**

Today is a good time to remember those who are sick; a suitable list appears in the weekly news sheet.

#### **Friday 10th**

Please spare a thought for those who will be away from home at Christmas. Now is the time to buy that special gift and send it with your prayers.

#### **Saturday 11th**

Please pray for Judy Cook in Thailand, working with special needs children in Chiang Mai.

#### **Sunday 12th**

Please pray for Roger Grafton, Jonathan Bugg and their families as they lead services in Tabs today. Think of other duties they perform, funerals, weddings, counselling, visiting and comforting the dying, ask God for wisdom.

#### **Monday 13th**

Please remember to support one of the many shoe box schemes run to help alleviate poverty. Pray for those who try to get presents for poor kids in UK or overseas.

#### **Tuesday 14th**

Please remember TWAM\* meeting every week, with many people from Tabs.

#### **Wednesday 15th**

Please pray for a topic dear to your own heart today.

#### **Thursday 16th**

##### **(Latimer, Ridley, and Cranmer)**

Today is dedicated to these English martyrs who were burned at the stake in Oxford for wanting people to read the Bible in their own language. Pray today for Bible translators. Wycliffe, Bible Society, Gideons and many others.

#### **Friday 17th**

Please pray for Angus and Helen and their family in Kathmandu Nepal at KISC\*. They recently returned after home leave in UK, pray for them all to readjust.

#### **Saturday 18th**

Spare a thought for the leaders of the Sunday School who have to prepare material each week, to keep many children occupied during the Sunday morning services. Please pray for the ladies on their Refined day away from home.

#### **Sunday 19th**

Please pray for those doing the services in Tabs today, the preacher, worship leader, stewards, musicians, Sunday school teachers, washers

up, servers, sound crew, cleaner, & etc. Give thanks that everyone does their bit for the glory of God and so you can enjoy worship today.

#### **Monday 20th**

Please pray for Sam Hackett recently starting work as a new Pastor in Nottinghamshire.

#### **Tuesday 21st**

Please pray today for students. Some from Tabs have gone away from home for the first time. The ministerial students at the South Wales Baptist College are now back, so remember any young people you know in tertiary education.

#### **Wednesday 22nd**

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

#### **Thursday 23rd**

Please pray for those who are housebound and find getting out and coping difficult. Think of the team of pastoral assistants who do visits, administer communion and generally make those who are housebound feel special, not just a forgotten minority.

#### **Friday 24th**

Please remember Home Access who will be seeing demand for their services going up as the winter gets nearer. Remember Jan Booker, Claire Grafton and the committee that supports them.

#### **Saturday 25th**

Please today pray for the Anglican parishes in Penarth, St Augustine's, All Saints, St Dochdwy in Llandough, St John's in Sully, St Peter Old Cogan, and Holy Nativity. Please pray for those who attend these churches and their witness, outreach and ministry.

#### **Sunday 26th**

Let the name of Jesus be honoured in the services in Tabs today. Remember all the folk from Tabs ministering in other churches today around the district.

#### **Monday 27th**

Working people often have little time for God during the week, ask God to bless a full time worker who you know.

#### **Tuesday 28th**

Please pray for the children, Mums, leaders and helpers who have a part in the Playgroup. Ask God to give them happy play and rewarding time spent together each weekday morning.

#### **Wednesday 29th**

Remember the many Christians around the world being targeted by persecution. Pray for God to uphold His church in the face of assaults from the enemy.

#### **Thursday 30th**

Pray today for the teenagers who went to Soul Survivor in the summer, who might be struggling with spiritual issues about now. Remember Catherine Bugg as she mentors this group.