

Please pray to be approachable, available, and supportive of people, most of all be prepared to say how having a relationship with Jesus is the ultimate fellowship.

Friday 28th

Please remember students who went to university in September, probably getting a little homesick by now. Pray for them away from home and ask God to give them good fellowship in their colleges.

Saturday 29th

Please remember the outreach to people who have no contact with any church. Remember the Alpha course and other initiatives like street evangelism going on in Tabs from time to time.

Sunday 30th

Today let us give thanks to God for all the good things that He gives to us. Thank Him for home, family, employment, food, freedom of assembly, worship and speech, for the fellowship of the church and anything else appropriate.

Special Request

Please pray for homeless people, but especially Lee who has been having a rough time recently. (Christian Vaughan Morris)

SWBA* South Wales Baptist Association.

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

Words cannot really bring home the experiences of people displaced by the war in Syria and Iraq. Some young people living today in that area will never have known peace in their whole lives, war will be their norm. Similarly many people alive today will not have been able to experience Christmas whatever their religion. While the West and the free world run around like headless chooks in the farmyard getting ready for Christmas, this year particularly remember to pray for refugees. Lobby your MP, AM, Minister and anyone else to get action, funds, help for those still stuck in poverty while the soldiers and extremists fight and the politicians argue. Jesus went to where those in need were found, He ministered to their needs, eg feeding 5000, healing the sick and raising the dead. Ordinary people often feel overwhelmed by the rolling news repeating every half hour how many people are killed, displaced, tortured, martyred and generally abused, until it all becomes too much. Ask God to help you see such situations as He sees them, people who He loves and died for in difficulties. Pray that God will help you respond to each situation in an appropriate manner, by prayer, by giving, by going or by volunteering at home.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : november 2014

If my people, who bear my name, will humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chron 7:14)

If you go into Howells department store in Cardiff and go into the women's shoe department, it might feel quite familiar! This is because at one time this was Bethany Baptist Chapel, Cardiff. When Howells store was extended it simply incorporated the chapel into the store. If you walk into the men's department through the 'main doors' you will find the original front of the building is still there, along with a plaque commemorating a Cardiff fisherman called Rawlins White who was martyred for his faith near to the site. 150 years ago Bethany Chapel 'planted' Tabernacle in Penarth, and 150 years later we are still going strong!

As I stood in Howells last week and looked at the old chapel I was struck by the image of the chapel being absorbed by and replaced by a shop. Across our nation shopping malls are full on a Sunday whilst many chapels are virtually empty - chapel has been replaced by commerce. As we celebrate this month, we need to pray for God to renew his church in this land, that people might once again choose God over shopping

Pastor Roger

Saturday 1st

Please pray for those who are preparing to lead worship tomorrow. There will be ministers, itinerant preachers, musicians, worship leaders, Sunday School teachers and many others. Please pray for God to bless each person.

Sunday 2nd

Today we celebrate God's goodness throughout the years. 150 years ago this week a small group of Baptist believers were sent from Bethany Baptist Church in St Mary's Street, Cardiff to start a new work in Penarth.

Monday 3rd

The workaday world is the norm for most adults. Pray for someone you know who works full or part time.

Tuesday 4th

Please pray for the Playgroup children, parents, leaders and helpers who meet each weekday morning in Tabs.

Wednesday 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.

Thursday 6th

Most small groups meet on Thursdays. Please pray for everyone who goes to such a meeting each week.

Friday 7th

Please pray for adequate leaders and helpers for the youth meetings which operate on Friday evenings. Xtreme, After and After That.

Saturday 8th

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 9th

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 10th

The older ladies meet on Monday afternoons for fellowship. Ask God to bless their meetings.

Tuesday 11th

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

Wednesday 12th

Most weeks a communion service is held on Wednesdays, please pray for those who lead and those who attend.

Thursday 13th

The ongoing war in Syria and Iraq 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 14th

Please pray for the volunteers who man the reception desk each day and also those who look after the food bank on a day to day basis.

Saturday 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 and individuals who seek to help the war torn people of this nation.

Sunday 16th

'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 17th

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 Tabs chosen distribution partner, please pray and act soon.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 19th

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

Thursday 20th

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.

Friday 21st

The maintenance team works in Tabs every Monday and Friday. New recruits are always needed. Pray for the work and safety of members and give thanks for their dedication.

Saturday 22nd

Saturdays are for many people the day that is dedicated to sport, either supporting the team, playing sport or standing on the touchline in the rain. Please pray for anyone you know who plays sport, and remember those who use sport to witness as players, chaplains or supporters.

Sunday 23rd

Roger Grafton always prays for the children in church on Sunday mornings. Please pray for the young people who come to Tabs week by week. Give thanks to God for them, and remember places where there is no children's ministry.

Monday 24th

The Association SWBA* seeks to promote united events and witness in the South Wales area. Please pray for churches and committee as they promote mission and outreach amongst the churches in the area.

Tuesday 25th

Judy Cook is living and working in Chiang Mai in Thailand. She ministers in a home for women and babies, so please remember Judy and pray for all her needs, financial, spiritual, fellowship, safety and professional.

Wednesday 26th

Please pray for Angus and Helen and their children working in Nepal. Pray for all their needs, financial, spiritual, fellowship, safety and professional.

Thursday 27th

Being lonely is a state of mind, a failure or ending of relationships due to circumstances. People do not wear a label saying 'I am lonely'.