

### **Saturday 28th**

Please pray for the preparation for Sunday services. Remember Roger Grafton, Jonathan Bugg and the itinerant preachers from Tabs, as they do services every Sunday.

### **Sunday 29th (Palm Sunday)**

The vision of the church needs to be led and directed by God. Please pray for the vision of the church and those charged with planning the direction of ministry in Tabs.

### **Monday 30th**

Please pray for the plans to set up a shop front ministry at Tabs. Pray for wisdom in leadership, finance and enough volunteers to make it work.

### **Tuesday 31st**

Please pray for those hurting through loss, (see piece below).

TWAM\* Tools With A Mission

BUGB\* Baptist Union of Great Britain

BMS\* Baptist Missionary Society.

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### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

#### **Getting Lost**

Being lost can be a very frightening experience. When things go wrong in a strange place you have no familiar signposts to direct you. Going on a long rail journey sometimes used to involve changing platforms or even stations in a strange place, up against a deadline could be very hard task. Losing something precious is very upsetting, like a valued piece of jewellery, a loved one or a favourite pet. Imagine then losing your son or daughter and knowing they are still alive, out there somewhere and you cannot share their life. Distress comes in many ways but this sort of loss is one of the worst. When you fall out with your best friend, life becomes meaningless, hopeless and everything else seems unimportant. This is how God felt when the people of Israel turned away to worship idols, this is how the father felt in the story of the prodigal son when his youngest son left home. Today in many lives there is hurt and pain because of broken relationships, arguments which have alienated people from each other, parents and children separated due to a plethora of reasons. While praying this month please remember those who have lost something or someone who was precious. Ask God to reconcile broken hearts, mend fences, kick butt as necessary and make the impossible happen to restore the lost. Most of all thank God for the reconciliation of Jesus on the cross between God and each person who accepts His gift of eternal life.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : march 2015

He has risen!  
(Mark 16:6)

Easter is a moveable feast and isn't on the same date every year. The date for Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox (March 21). And once you find the date of Easter, everything else finds its place. Once you know the date for Easter, you then know the date for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, for Ash Wednesday and the Transfiguration, you know the date for Ascension and Pentecost. More importantly, once you find the truth of Easter, the whole of life falls into place. We find meaning in life knowing that even in the darkest moments God is still in charge, that death is defeated and that there is hope for the future. When we put Easter in its right place, then life makes sense! As we keep Lent, let us remember we are heading towards Easter and the joy of resurrection..

**Pastor Roger**

### **Sunday 1st (2nd Sunday in Lent) (St David)**

As St David gets celebrated by people all over Wales, let us remember that David was involved in mission in a hostile land. God blessed his ministry so let us give thanks for Welsh heritage and for those who went before to bring the gospel to Wales.

### **Monday 2nd**

Please pray for Angus and Helen Douglas and their children in Nepal. Uphold them for finance, fellowship and ministry. Ask God to guide your praying for overseas nations and workers.

### **Tuesday 3rd**

Please remember the operations of TWAM\*, meeting every week to collect and clean up tools to send to Africa. Recently the Chairman stressed the importance of keeping a Christian identity, so please pray for all involved.

### **Wednesday 4th**

Today the Leadership Council will meet, please pray for them as they meet to consider the business of the church.

### **Thursday 5th**

Pray for the fellowship and small groups which meet every week. Hold up to God the members and leaders as they study the Bible and pray.

### **Friday 6th**

Wycliffe Bible Translators (WBT) has many success stories in disparate places all round the world: sign language DVDs in India, new translations in Indonesian New Guinea, language clusters in Nigeria for example. Please pray for Bible translators around the world.

### **Saturday 7th**

Please pray for Sam Hackett recently started as minister at Ruddington Notts. Pray for Sam as he and Esther get married in July, for a Spirit led ministry.

### **Sunday 8th (3rd Sunday in Lent)**

Please think of someone today who might be backsliding. This could be someone who was a Christian once, but turned away from God. Bear them up today.

### **Monday 9th (Commonwealth Day)**

"People aged 29 or under account for the majority of the Commonwealth's population", according to Secretary-General Kamalesh Sharma. Please pray for the church in places overseas where maybe you don't regularly pray.

### **Tuesday 10th**

BUild is a programme run by Baptists to assist and reach people with learning difficulties. Please pray for anyone you know with physical or mental needs.

### **Wednesday 11th**

International Nepal fellowship (INF) ministers to poor communities in Nepal and a diaspora of many thousands all round the world. Pray for the leadership and ministry of INF.

### **Thursday 12th**

BMS\* is the Baptist Church's own outreach arm overseas. Please pray for the BMS personnel working at Baptist House Didcot and the training facility in Birmingham. Ask God to provide finance, fellowship and ministry for all BMS workers all round the world.

### **Friday 13th**

Please think of the Street Pastors who will be out on the streets of Britain tonight. Ask God to bless their endeavours now and in the future ministering to revellers in city centres. Pray for Jackie Bradshaw coordinating local efforts.

### **Saturday 14th**

Please pray for the ministry of Home Mission, which is run by BUGB\*, and funds pastors, chaplains, youth workers and new projects doing outreach all round the country.

### **Sunday 15th (4th Sunday in Lent) (Mother's Day)**

Today is Mothering Sunday so please pray for that special lady who makes a difference in your life.

### **Monday 16th**

Please remember the ladies meetings going on each week, Women's Hour and Ladies Evening Fellowship.

### **Tuesday 17th (St Patrick)**

Ireland is not a destination where missionaries traditionally travel to, rather from where they originate. Today the Irish church is in serious decline and Ireland is once again a mission field. Pray today for outreach all over Ireland.

### **Wednesday 18th**

Please pray every week for those who take part in the communion service held every Wednesday morning.

### **Thursday 19th**

Barnabas Fund (BF) campaigns on behalf of persecuted Christians around the world. BF provide small, microeconomic loans and relief for displaced people to restart businesses. There is also a call to governments around the world to do more to stop persecution of all minorities by Communist, Islamist and any other "ist" persecutors. Pray for persecuted minorities.

### **Friday 20th**

Much prayer is offered for the needy of the world. Today let us remember those who have everything in material terms, but who do not have Jesus. Pray for one rich person today that they might find God.

### **Saturday 21st**

Please pray for Judy Cook working in Thailand at the Agape children's home in Chiang-Mai. Judy mentions the Hope care home for children, please pray for the ministry amongst sick and abandoned children.

### **Sunday 22nd (5th Sunday in Lent)**

Please pray for the ministry of Bethel Penarth church: vision, outreach, fellowship and evangelism in the town.

### **Monday 23rd**

On a typical working day please pray for the witness of those who go to work in offices, factories, schools, shops etc. Let their everyday service be offered to God as a witness.

### **Tuesday 24th**

Please pray for those who support Tabs' ministry in administration, those who produce the weekly news sheet, prepare video presentations, pay the bills, prepare rotas and many other such tasks.

### **Wednesday 25th**

The war in Syria and Iraq is ongoing and causing refugees in surrounding countries. Please pray that God will put an end to this war and relieve the suffering of the people.

### **Thursday 26th**

Men sometimes miss out on hearing about God because they are too busy. Pray for a man in your life today.

### **Friday 27th**

Please remember the youth works that take place in Tabs on Friday evenings, with three groups for teenagers. Please pray for the leaders, young people and helpers in these clubs.