

Sunday 26th

The Fair Trade movement is a win-win situation for all: producers, traders, exporters and customers. It creates social, economic and environmental development for people. Pray for all engaged in promoting fair trade.

Monday 27th

Please pray for Peter Stevenson as Principal and other members of faculty and students at the South Wales Baptist College. Ask God to direct their studies and life as a College. Remember the A.G.M. tonight.

Tuesday 28th

In 2012 Tabs had a 'Come as You Are' campaign, which was supposed to bring people into the Kingdom of God. Reflect with God, three years on, whether that effort had any lasting effect on you or the church.

Wednesday 29th

Remember the families who have lost loved ones in recent weeks and months. Commend them to God.

Thursday 30th

Please pray for those who cannot get to a small group because of infirmity or old age.

MAF* Missionary Aviation Fellowship.
TWAM* Tools With A Mission.

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

Spring

As the winter cold fades from memory and the days get longer everything seems brighter, more alive and vibrant. Thoughts turn to summer activities like BBQs, holidays, lazing around in the sun, having time off work, doing the garden and enjoying life. While for many people this is mostly true, for some this will not be the case. There may be no money to go on holiday, no job; there may not be a garden, live in a flat etc. The downtrodden, exploited and marginalised people of the world will always be around like Jesus said they would, "The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me". (Matt 26:11).

Praying for the poor and desperate people of the world needs to assume a proper place in the order of prayer of any Christian. There are also other things to pray for like praising God, confession of misdeeds, intercession for revival, the sick, family and many other things. Striking a balance in prayer, as in most things, it is important to make sure all the major topics are covered in a given period. Ask God to show you wisdom in what to pray for this month.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : april 2015

We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)

I remember when I was in 6th form walking home from school one Spring evening. The first warm sun of the year was shining on my back, and all seemed well with the world. It was the first time I was conscious of the joys of Spring!

The approach of summer and the new life which breaks out at this time of year is a physical reminder from nature of the new life we experience in Christ. What may have seemed bleak during the winter months is now replaced with the joy of the new. Death is defeated; the grave is overcome; sin has been dealt with and new life is possible! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed: Hallelujah!

Pastor Roger

Wednesday 1st

As the church all over the world prepares to celebrate the feast of Easter, let us pray for those being persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Let us also remember fellow believers around the world for whom Easter will be a joyous day. Pray for anyone you know overseas today.

Thursday 2nd (Maundy Thursday)

In preparation to celebrate the greatest Christian festival of the year let us confess before God all our sins and beg forgiveness and mercy.

Also spare a thought for Her Majesty the Queen who has to give out 160+ sets of Maundy pennies today. (80+ men & 80+ women!).

Friday 3rd (Good Friday)

Please pray for the services today and the March of Witness organised by Cytun for all the churches in the district.

Saturday 4th

Please pray for those preparing to lead worship on Sunday. There are the Pastors Jonathan Bugg and Roger Grafton. In addition the itinerant preachers taking services around the district, plus the members in Tabs doing rotas and leading worship.

Sunday 5th (Easter Day)

On the most important day of the Christian year when the church worldwide celebrates the risen Christ, give thanks to God for the salvation offered to anyone who will accept Christ.

Monday 6th (Easter Bank Holiday)

As spring gets underway, let us give thanks to God for all the many good things which He gives us. Remember in particular what Christ did for everyone who believes on His name. (See piece at the end).

Tuesday 7th

Think today about the ministry to young families at Playgroup run each morning in Tabs. Pray for the leaders, helpers, Mums and kids.

Wednesday 8th

The South Wales Baptist Association employs Nick Bradshaw, (an ex Tabs boy), Jackie Godding and Andy Hughes. Please pray for Nick, Andy and Jackie as they seek to serve the Baptist churches of South Wales in ministry and mission.

Thursday 9th

Please pray for everyone who leads and takes part in the home groups meeting around the town during the week.

Friday 10th

Please pray for the outreach to young people run on Friday evenings. Ask God to inspire new volunteers as leaders and pray for good time for kids and leaders each week.

Saturday 11th

Pray for the Anglican parishes in Penarth and their associated churches: St Augustine's, Holy Nativity, St Dochdwy Llandough, St John Sully, All Saints, St Peter's Old Cogan, and St Peter's Dinas Powys. Ask God to bless their worship, outreach and ministry.

Sunday 12th

Please pray for those who are sick, some have minor troubles, others more serious like cancer and heart conditions. A suitable list is published in the weekly newsletter.

Monday 13th

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

Tuesday 14th

Please pray for the group of people volunteering at TWAM* in Penarth, attempting to make a difference to people in Africa.

Wednesday 15th

Barnabas Fund asks for prayer for Christians in Iraq and Syria displaced by the ongoing war in the region and the persecution inspired by militant Islamists. There are more than a million Syrians in refugee camps in Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon.

Thursday 16th

Judy Cook is living in Chiang Mai, so please pray for her work at the Agape home for

mothers and babies and her finance, fellowship, pastoral needs and support

Friday 17th

BMS is the Baptist Church's own outreach arm. Please pray for the HQ staff in Didcot, the IMC in Birmingham. Also pray for Angus and Helen and their children in Nepal. Ask God to give them all the means to fulfil their respective callings: finance, prayer and fellowship.

Saturday 18th

The Baptist Assembly is on in May. Please pray for the speakers, the delegates and all involved. Pray for the planning, logistics, the delegates and all aspects of preparation. Ask God if you should be attending.

Sunday 19th

Please pray for a situation only you know about. Remember old friends, that awkward "friend", personal needs, whatever you need to bring to God.

Monday 20th

Please remember the church prayer meetings held on Monday nights. Think of a good reason why you should attend and then ask whether Jesus would approve of you not going.

Tuesday 21st

Former MAF* pilot Mike Riley is now based in the Ashford Kent office. As a member of the Human Resources team, he works hard to fill the many vacancies MAF has for its programmes overseas. Please pray for Mike, and for his vital role in recruiting and supporting new staff, (Jeannette Minns).

Wednesday 22nd

There will be national elections in May. Please pray for people to go and vote, for the candidates and for fair elections around the country.

Thursday 23rd (St George)

Evangelism in England comes in many forms. Please pray for Home Mission situations specifically in England today, that the gospel may be spread in ways honouring to God.

Friday 24th

Praying for revival is not everyone's favourite occupation, so remember those who do meet regularly to pray for it, and pray for the church to be more open to God's leading.

Saturday 25th

Today is ANZAC day in the antipodes. Please remember those who have served in the armed forces of Australia and New Zealand alongside British troops in many conflicts up to and including the present day. Please pray for current service personnel in all other theatres around the world. Pray for the relatives and families of deceased soldiers, sailors and airmen of all nations involved in current conflicts. Remember injured service people having to adjust to life on "Civvy Street".