

### **Monday 29th**

The Douglas family in Kathmandu, Nepal request prayer for health, safety on the roads and their ministry at KISC.

### **Tuesday 30th**

As the world becomes more swamped in technology, ask God how you should be using it in your life, (see piece below).

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**

#### **Technology**

Today "technology" is a word over used by the media, writers and just about everyone to describe a process, a method of work or way of doing things. Technology used in some places can seem backwards and primitive to someone used to a more advanced environment. To Western eyes water in the tap is normal and no one takes any notice of the infrastructure behind it. To people in developing countries where the norm is to go and draw water from a well or spring it is a marvel when it comes to their village. Does not having the latest tech bother you? For some people it is essential to have the latest gizmo, gadget, phone, computer or whatever. In some ways this reflects the "keeping up with the Joneses" mentality which pervades modern society. Other people struggle to cope with technological advances, while others reject such new fangled notions. In past times there was just as much pressure to keep up to date as there is today. A weapon made from iron was much better than a bronze knife, a machine run by water power could do more than a horse. Power from a steam engine was much more efficient than a water wheel. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray there was no need for technology, all they needed was a penitent heart and time to listen to God. Today the same applies; the minister may use a tablet to preach from instead of a sheaf of papers, but the message is still the same: "seek me and I will answer your prayer". When praying this month ask God to show you how to use technology in the work of His kingdom.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## **prayer june : 2015**

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

At the end of this month we will be half way through the year: we will in fact be closer to Christmas than we were at the beginning of the year! Time passes quickly and as we get older it seems to pass ever quicker. This realisation ought to make us conscious of how we use our time. The Apostle Paul counsels us to make the best use of the time that we have for the purposes of the Kingdom of God. As you pray this month, pray that God will open up opportunities for you to work for His purposes and His glory and make the most of all your resources for His Kingdom.

**Pastor Roger**

### **Monday 1st**

Please pray for students facing exams in schools and colleges. Pray for those leaving education and looking for employment, as well as those going to college from school.

### **Tuesday 2nd**

Remember those who were recently elected as Deacons in Tabs.

### **Wednesday 3rd**

Leadership Council meets today to consider the work of Tabs. Please pray for the proceedings.

### **Thursday 4th**

Pray today for those who are doing studies in small groups around the town. Pray for leaders and participants; remember those who meet on different days too.

### **Friday 5th**

Please remember those students from the Baptist College who are finishing their courses and looking to start full time ministry. Ask God to guide them in their lives.

### **Saturday 6th**

Fairtrade has become a niche movement with a limited range of products. Pray how the ideas behind Fairtrade could be applied to the mainstream markets of consumer Britain.

### **Sunday 7th**

Praying for the persecuted parts of the church should be on every prayer leader's agenda. Ask God to strengthen those faced with persecution, and also that He will do more to make governments around the world stop torture,

trafficking, exploitation and persecution of minority groups.

#### **Monday 8th**

Bible translation is one of the support ministries which are vital to church growth. Please pray for societies and individuals who work for translations and distribution of scripture. Some examples are: Bible Society, Gideons, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

#### **Tuesday 9th**

Please bring a prayer topic dear to you today, a friend, family member, thanksgiving or request to God, whatever you need to lay before God.

#### **Wednesday 10th**

In the working world many people have no time for God; standing out of the crowd can be difficult. Please pray for someone you know who works full or part time.

#### **Thursday 11th**

There has been a trend in recent years for Gideon bibles to be excluded from some hotel chains. Ask God to enable new and old locations to be restocked with appropriate bibles by Gideons.

#### **Friday 12th**

Please pray for the ongoing set up and operations at the Arcot St property. Remember the Food Bank and Home Access as they move offices, pray for the volunteers who will be adjusting to working in new surroundings.

#### **Saturday 13th**

Please remember the itinerant preachers who go out from Tabs week by week. Ask God to bless their ministries and the churches where they preach.

#### **Sunday 14th**

Today please pray for those leading the services in Tabs and all those who give their time and talent to make worship the event and experience that it is. Pray that Jesus should be glorified in the worship today.

#### **Monday 15th**

Think today about the ladies of the church. Some of them will meet together in the afternoon, ask God to bless their gathering. Pray for any special ladies you may know.

#### **Tuesday 16th**

Please pray for those who were elected to public office in the recent elections. Pray for integrity and a sense of duty for new MPs.

#### **Wednesday 17th**

Remember all the very young people who attend Playgroup each morning of the week. Please pray for the Mums, helpers and children.

#### **Thursday 18th**

At this time of year there are holiday clubs in the advanced stages of planning, children's missions run by a plethora of organisations. Please pray for any outreaches you may know about running over the summer: including Tabs very own event in July.

#### **Friday 19th**

Revival is the renewal of a church, a nation or a whole continent by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to send revival to Britain, starting today.

#### **Saturday 20th**

Please pray for the other Baptist Churches around the town meeting to worship tomorrow: Eden, Stanwell, Llandough, and Dinas Powys. Pray for their ministry, worship, outreach and vision.

#### **Sunday 21st (Father's Day)**

Please pray for the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and other men you know who do not 'do' Jesus, or have no time for God.

#### **Monday 22nd**

Haiti is one of those places the world forgot. Battered by hurricanes, afflicted by poverty, corruption and environmental degradation the problems are endless. Please pray for hope for the church and people of Haiti. Jesus came to save poor Haitians as much as rich Britons and Americans; pray for revival in Haiti.

#### **Tuesday 23rd**

As the war in Iraq and Syria drags on with no end in sight, please pray for peace. Pray for an end to the suffering of all displaced and persecuted peoples, and ask God to bring about a political resolution to the many intractable problems in the Middle East.

#### **Wednesday 24th**

Visiting the sick can be very demanding, praying for the sick and dying sometimes is equally harrowing. Please pray for or visit someone in need, start with the list in the newsletter.

#### **Thursday 25th**

Please pray for the youth outreaches sponsored by Tabs throughout the week. Ask God to bless their ministries and remember the leaders, young people and their parents.

#### **Friday 26th**

In the next few weeks people will be going on holiday, please pray for those folk who you know going to relax and refresh. Pray for travelling mercies and good times, weather and happy experiences.

#### **Saturday 27th**

Today will mark Armed Forces Day which is intended to celebrate living members past and present of the military, as opposed to the dead on Remembrance Day. Please pray for all personnel serving in theatres of war around the world. Remember those maimed and injured and the relatives of those killed in action.

#### **Sunday 28th**

Today please think how you could better join in with the worship in church. If there is a problem, sort it out, if you are sick, ask for prayer, if you are fed up, find someone to talk to about what is wrong. Enjoy being in God's house and be blessed by those around you.