

working day. Pray for a working Mum you may know and ask God to give her patience and love on trying days.

#### **Tuesday 28th**

Grace comes in all sorts of guises, ask God to grant His grace to someone who may not even know they need it. That boorish person who always upsets you, that funny bloke who sits just in front of you in church, or yourself.

#### **Wednesday 29th**

Pray for one of the ministries of Tabs for which you have a special regard. Ask God to prosper and bless those who lead, conduct and use that ministry.

#### **Thursday 30th**

Please pray for a subject close to your heart today - someone sick, a lonely person, a 'thank you' to God for a blessing, & etc.

#### **Friday 31st**

Ask God to bless the follow up visits and conversations from the Holiday Club and street outreaches which took place this month.

BMS\* Baptist Missionary Society

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### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

Deuteronomy 15:11 (New International Version)  
There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open handed toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

Do you buy the "Big Issue"? If the answer is "no" then you are missing out on a good deed and a good read. By helping people and buying their product you give them an income, show them respect and encourage them to continue to rebuild their life from whatever tragedy made them homeless. The West has been pouring aid into 'developing countries' for decades, the levels of world poverty are still at record levels. Charities all now trade to make money, ie using Charity Shops. Poor countries which are now 'developed', e.g. Singapore, traded their way out of poverty. 'Fairtrade' and Traidcraft products help people pull themselves out of poverty by the bootstraps. The evidence shows that to eliminate poverty people have to trade their way to prosperity.

When praying this month please think about those who impinge on your life who are worse off than you. Ask God to show you how you should be contributing to the elimination of poverty where ever it is to be found. From buying a magazine to running an import/export business, everyone can do their bit in the worldwide struggle to eliminate poverty, misery, lost hope and despair. Ask God to show you what you can do to contribute.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : july 2015

"I have one request, dear friends: Pray for me."  
Romans 15:30 (The Message)

This is the last prayer diary that I will write the introduction for before I go on sabbatical for 3 months. I have one request - please pray for me and my family! On 28th July we fly to Uganda together for 5 weeks to visit and work at the Hopelands Project in Jinja Province. On my return, I will repack hurriedly and then fly out to California with my Army Reserve Regiment. After 2 weeks desert training I am hoping to have an opportunity to travel in California to preach a little and catch up with old friends. In the time my family and I are travelling together in Africa, and in the time we are apart, please remember us in your prayers.

**Pastor Roger**

#### **Wednesday 1st**

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

#### **Thursday 2nd**

Please pray for the outreach activities in Penarth Holiday Week which the church will support. Ask God to guide and bless those who plan and execute these events.

#### **Friday 3rd**

Please remember the work of the Gideons as they place scripture in different places. Pray for 'Blitz' campaigns which visit one place for a specified time with a large team and go to many places in the same locality.

#### **Saturday 4th**

Prison Fellowship tries to meet the needs of convicts inside prisons and help people who are released back into the community to become rehabilitated. Please pray for all who seek to rehabilitate ex prisoners and those being helped.

#### **Sunday 5th**

Please pray for those involved in delivering worship in Tabs today. Please also pray for those delivering ministry in other places, pray for the ongoing ministries of churches which need to use Lay Preachers.

#### **Monday 6th**

BMS\* is the Baptist Church's very own mission society. Without the active support of Baptist churches like Tabs BMS will cease to exist. Please pray for the ministry of full time

personnel, medium and short term people, the HQ at Baptist House in Didcot and the International Mission Centre, IMC, in Birmingham.

#### **Tuesday 7th**

There have been many Jehovah's Witnesses on the streets recently. Ask God to confound their schemes and deliver those they try to lead astray from their clutches and direct them to Jesus.

#### **Wednesday 8th**

Home Mission is the way Baptists help each other to do ministry. The most prominent aspect of Home Mission is support for ministers in small churches. Money raised in Wales is mostly spent in Wales supporting ministry in deprived areas. Please pray for all aspects of Home Mission.

#### **Thursday 9th**

Some of the young people from Tabs will be going to Soul Survivor next month. Please pray for Catherine Bugg as she takes on this task, and for those who will participate, some of whom may never have been away from home before.

#### **Friday 10th**

Please pray for all involved in Arcot House: Home Access, the food bank and others putting the vision of the church into practice. Ask God for clear guidance and direction as this work develops.

#### **Saturday 11th**

Kathmandu and much of Nepal was devastated by a huge earthquake in April. Pray for the people of Nepal in the task of rebuilding their country. Ask God to provide for the needs now that the TV cameras have left and the people are left to pick up the pieces. Pray for the Douglas family in particular.

#### **Sunday 12th**

Please pray for someone in an overseas situation that you know about. Perhaps a situation no one else will pray for today.

#### **Monday 13th**

Please pray for the needs of the women in the church. Pray for a lady whose needs you may know about, commend her to God.

#### **Tuesday 14th**

Today two famous events are celebrated, the Battle of the Boyne and Bastille Day. Pray for the leaderships in Northern Ireland and France to be led by God in justice, equity and truth. Pray for the President of France M. Francois Hollande, for wisdom, leadership and integrity.

#### **Wednesday 15th (St Swithun)**

Swithun was an Anglo-Saxon bishop of Winchester and subsequently patron saint of Winchester Cathedral. Born: Hampshire Died: 2 Jul 862 AD, Winchester Buried: Old Minster, Winchester. Today is St Swithun's day, which reminds of the rain. Pray for places where rain is a rare event, and for those people who do not have a source of clean drinking water. Pray for efforts to extend water availability by Christian and other organisations. Give thanks if you enjoy

a tap in your house.

#### **Thursday 16th**

Pray for those who lead and those who participate in Small Groups. Ask God to revitalize and expand this ministry in Tabs.

#### **Friday 17th**

Ask God to prod those He is calling to volunteer for helping with the youth outreach. Ask God to lead those He is calling to volunteer for the new year in September.

#### **Saturday 18th**

Please pray for those who are getting married in Tabs this month (today Sam Hackett) and ask God to bless them as they set up new homes and families.

#### **Sunday 19th**

Ask God today to open His word in the services you attend – pray through any difficult issues in your life.

#### **Monday 20th**

"Pyramid Rock" starts today, and every day this week. Please pray for the children, leaders and helpers. Ask God to bless their activities and keep them all safe.

#### **Tuesday 21st**

The summer can be hard on those who are housebound because they cannot go out and enjoy themselves like everyone else. Please pray for those who are Tabs members – see current news sheet.

#### **Wednesday 22nd**

Roger and Claire Grafton are going to Uganda on sabbatical leave this week. Ask God to remember all their needs. Also commend Jonathan & Catherine as they take on more work in Tabs while Roger is absent.

#### **Thursday 23rd**

Pray about what support you could offer to Jonathan Bugg over the next three months to help in the running of Tabs. Pray for him and the rest of his family.

#### **Friday 24th**

Death comes at any time and sometimes the people who are lonely and mourning get forgotten in the rush of life. Remember some of the relatives of those in the church who passed away recently.

#### **Saturday 25th**

During July and August most organised activities are suspended. For some people this represents a long period alone. Please pray for those who are lonely, they do not have a label stamped on their forehead, but you definitely know of someone in this situation.

#### **Sunday 26th**

The levels of poverty and deprivation in Penarth and some other places in Wales seem to remain stubbornly static. Pray about what you could do to help in the removal of poverty, (see piece at the end).

#### **Monday 27th**

For many people, today will just be another