

Wednesday 26th

Please pray for those who are sick. A list of those asking for prayer can be found in the summer news sheet.

Thursday 27th

Please pray for the Wales Assembly Government, the First Minister, AMs and all who exercise power in Wales.

Friday 28th

As the new term starts over the next few days please pray for children, parents and helpers involved in Playgroup, Toddler Group and Sunday School. Pray for the Leadership as they meet today.

Saturday 29th

Please remember to pray for the new Members of Parliament who were elected in May as they return to work for the autumn session of Parliament. Pray for local MPs: Alun Cairns in the Vale and Stephen Doughty in Penarth & S. Cardiff.

Sunday 30th

Pray for Pastor Jonathan as he leads his final service with us this morning.

Monday 31st

Remember Tabs' students as they go back to college, or to college for the first time, or out into the workplace. Keep each one covered with prayer and ask God to lead them to appropriate churches and fellowships.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:4 (NIV) A Time for Everything ... "a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."

In this verse from the passage on times for different things it says that there is a time to be happy as well as be sad. In the summer it is good to be happy, to enjoy the good things God provides like long summer days, holidays, BBQs, friends and just the joy of being alive. Very often prayer requests focus on those in trouble, pain, having hard times and general misery, which is appropriate in its place. This month should be a time to be happy, give thanks to God for all His blessings. Praise God for the many opportunities He provides for people, to share with others and praise Him just for who He is and what He did in offering salvation to all who will believe on His name. When praying this month please take time to do some of the above and be happy.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : august 2015

"If anyone forces you to go one mile,
go with them two miles."

Matthew 5:41

God willing, by the time I next see you face to face, I will have travelled literally thousands of miles. To travel to Uganda and back is over 8,000 miles and the round trip to California is 11,000 miles. Add in the road journeys in between and I will travel over 20,000 miles this summer! How far would you go spiritually to show someone the love of God and the Kingdom of Heaven? Jesus told us to go the extra mile, both literally and spiritually. Whether we are travelling great distances or staying in Penarth this summer, we can all do that bit extra for someone else to reflect the love of God in our church, community and world.

Pastor Roger

Saturday 1st

Please remember people on holiday, pray for travelling mercies, refreshing experiences and return to take up their God given ministries reenergised for service.

Sunday 2nd

Please pray today for Lifeboat crews who help stranded sailors and holiday makers. Give thanks for their service over many years. Pray for the crews of the Penarth and Barry boats.

Monday 3rd

Please pray for the ongoing ministry of the pastoral visitors this summer.

Tuesday 4th

Please pray today for the Grafton family in Uganda.

Wednesday 5th

Pray for the new ministers taking up roles at the Salvation Army and Trinity Methodist during the summer.

Thursday 6th

Please remember Angus and Helen and their children. Pray for their needs to be met: spiritual, financial, health and fellowship.

Friday 7th

There are no youth activities as such being run by the church in August. However young people still need to be prayed for, to keep them out of harm's way, help them to stay safe in the holidays, and many other needs. Please pray for a young person you may know.

Saturday 8th

Please pray today for the church in a place where being a Christian costs. Think of Christians in Sudan, Yemen, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Syria or Iran where persecution of believers is common place. Ask God to support and nourish His church in these places.

Sunday 9th

Please pray for anyone visiting Tabs today and hope they have a good experience to take home. Ask God to inspire those who are on rotas etc to be 'on the ball'.

Monday 10th

Please pray today for the ongoing ministries being run from Arcot House. Remember the volunteers and service users who will be there this week.

Tuesday 11th

Please pray for someone who is at the end of their life. Thank God for works like Ty Hafan which caters for children, pray for all involved in this activity.

Wednesday 12th

Prison Fellowship tries to help the chaotic lives of prisoners who need to be presented with the love of Jesus. Please pray for outreach in local prisons like Cardiff, Parc Bridgend, Swansea, Usk and places further afield. Also remember members of Tabs involved in this ministry.

Thursday 13th

Please pray for the members of Tabs and others involved in TWAM*, collecting tools and shipping them out to Africa.

Friday 14th

Have you meditated on God's word recently? Holidays are a good time to take a passage, read it maybe in a couple of versions, look up the commentary and think about what God is saying. The need is time set aside to pray and meditate properly.
(See piece at the end).

Saturday 15th

All the people involved in itinerant ministry from Tabs will be preparing for their Sunday appointments today. Please pray for those who minister in other fellowships on Sundays away from Tabs. Pray in particular for the churches who need visiting preachers.

Sunday 16th

Please pray for all those involved in producing services in Tabs today. Give thanks for everyone who contributes, and let God be glorified.

Monday 17th

Please pray for the other churches in Penarth, remember the Anglican parish with no minister. Ask God to bless the ministry, outreach and fellowship of all the local churches.

Tuesday 18th

Ask God to bless the ministry of Baptist Churches up and down the country. Pray for any places which you may know about in particular.

Wednesday 19th

Doubt comes to everyone at some time in their life, doubt about relationships, jobs, what frock to wear, how much to spend on a new car. In faith doubt about salvation can be an asset or liability depending on how it is handled. Many people have doubts about faith; anyone who came to faith recently may be experiencing doubt right now. Please pray for anyone undergoing doubt now and ask God to show them the way forward.

Thursday 20th

Praying for revival in Wales should be on every Christian's agenda. Ask God to blow revival through Wales starting today.

Friday 21st

Please pray for carers, they seldom get time off and can feel very isolated sometimes. Ask God to give a special blessing on a carer you may know.

Saturday 22nd

Pray for a Mum today, probably wishing for somewhere to take or send her kids!

Sunday 23rd

Prayer is portrayed in scripture as a way of life, an attitude before God which says 'I choose to be led by and dependant on God'. Some might take this as a show of weakness; however it needs courage and strength of character to submit voluntarily to the will of God. Pray for that humble attitude which allows God to work through us by prayer.

Monday 24th

Please pray for Roger & Claire Grafton during Roger's sabbatical and for Jonathan and Catherine Bugg and family as they prepare for pastures new.

Tuesday 25th

In a few weeks the ministerial students at the Baptist College in Cardiff will reassemble. Please pray for all ministerial and mission students at this time.