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Thursday 29th

Please pray today for students. Some have left home for the first time. The ministerial students at the South Wales Baptist College are now back, so remember any young people you know in tertiary education.

Friday 30th

Please pray today for your favourite ministry in Tabs. Ask God to bless whichever ministry you support and give grace, wisdom and love to those who participate in whatever role, leader, helper or client. (Get your ministry in here by submitting a prayer request).

Saturday 31st

Today is Halloween (All Hallows (Souls) Eve). Please pray for protection for people and alternative services offered instead of the occult offerings.

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

There are many experiences which make up a life. Everything that happens to a person can be a learning experience. Some things sink in and are always there like speaking, walking, eating and other biological processes. Good experiences like being loved by parents, siblings and life partners and friends make life good. Bad experiences make life bad, like illness, death, arguments, accidents and other misfortunes. Learning from experiences is what gives wisdom, the ability to see all sides of a situation and turn the outcomes to advantage. The Bible has a lot to say about these sorts of matters, like learning to trust God in bad times on the basis of outcomes in good times. Jesus tried to teach the disciples about the kingdom of heaven using parables. Jesus would tell the parables to the people, like the story of the Sower, then interpret the meaning to the disciples later, (Matt 13).

Learning about God is a lifelong process. Some of the most important biblical figures did not begin their careers working for God until they were old, e.g. Moses. On the other hand some were recruited very young, like David, Isaiah and Jesus himself. They all had a learning experience about God, so it would not be unreasonable to expect modern followers of Jesus to have to do the same. This month pray for those learning about God, new converts, young people who went to Soul Survivor, people in new situations, people going through the ringer, anyone you know who needs God's guidance and love.

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our church, community and world

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I the LORD do not change.
Malachi 3:6

In Henry Lytes' famous hymn "Abide with me" there is a line in the second verse that reads "Change and decay in all around I see". During autumn we see that in evidence in creation with trees shedding their leaves and flowers dying away. When this happens there is a tinge of sadness as the beauty of summer becomes only a memory. Changing seasons also remind us that we constantly change and that may unnerve us. It's a real comfort and encouragement to know that despite all the change around us that our God does not change. We can confidently come to Him then and find the mercy and help only He can give. So let's boldly approach His throne this month with our prayers and thanksgiving and then give Him all the glory as He answers us in His way.

Julian Haines

Thursday 1st

Ask God to show you about taking time for a 'quiet time' each day. Some people do not spend time with God each day, but they should because Jesus tells us to pray to Him each day for all our needs.

Friday 2nd

Please spare a thought for those who will be away from home at Christmas. Now is the time to buy that special gift and send it with your prayers.

Saturday 3rd

Please remember someone who is backslidden. Someone who you may know who got fed up with God, sick at heart or just lost their faith. Ask God to show them mercy and give them His grace, in abundance.

Sunday 4th

On this Harvest Sunday remember to pray with thanks for our daily bread.

Monday 5th

Please pray today for that difficult relation that always has a go at you, the one who mocks your faith and tries to make you feel inadequate. Ask God to be gracious to that person, and in the process grow in your faith in God.

Tuesday 6th

Today is a good time to remember those who are sick; a list of those known to us appears in the weekly news sheet.

Wednesday 7th

Today our first CAP job club starts, please pray for all those seeking employment at the moment and remember Steve, Dave & Claire as they lead this new project.

Thursday 8th

Please pray today for the people of Syria and Iraq. There used to be a sizeable Christian minority in the form of the Syrian Orthodox Church and Chaldeans, before the present troubles began. Please pray for all the people of Syria and Iraq, and ask God to grant them peace.

Friday 9th

Pray today for the teenagers who went to Soul Survivor in the summer, who might be struggling with spiritual issues about now. Pray for Gareth, Carol and Naomi as they lead our young people

Saturday 10th

Remember the many Christians around the world being targeted by persecution. Pray for God to uphold His church in the face of assaults from the enemy.

Sunday 11th

Remember to pray for Pastor Roger and the whole family during Roger's sabbatical leave.

Monday 12th

Women's Hour celebrates their anniversary this weekend with a rally this afternoon.

Tuesday 13th

Please remember TWAM* meeting every week, with many people from Tabs.

Wednesday 14th

Please consider whether you could contribute to a disaster fund. One such fund is run by BMS which provides grants in disaster zones, usually administered via local partner organisations. During good times such funds need to be filled up to meet emergencies when they arise. Please ask God whether this should be part of your regular giving.

Thursday 15th

Please today pray for the Anglican parishes in Penarth, St Augustine's, All Saints, St Dochdwy in Llandough, St John's in Sully, St Peter Old Cogan, and Holy Nativity. Please pray for those who attend these churches and their witness, outreach and ministry.

Friday 16th (Latimer, Ridley, and Cranmer)

Today is dedicated to these English martyrs who were burned at the stake in Oxford for wanting people to read the Bible in their own language. Pray today for Bible translators. Wycliffe, Bible Society, Gideons and many others.

Please also pray for the launch of this term's Alpha course at the Comedy Night today.

Saturday 17th

Spare a thought for the leaders of the Sunday School who have to prepare material each week, to keep many children occupied during the Sunday morning services.

Sunday 18th

Please pray for those taking part in the services at Tabs today, the preacher, worship leader, stewards, musicians, Sunday school teachers, washers up, servers, sound crew, cleaner etc. Give thanks that everyone does their bit for the glory of God and so you can enjoy worship today.

Remember Mission Aviation Fellowship on their day of prayer today.

Monday 19th

Please pray for those who are housebound and find getting out and coping difficult. Think of the team of pastoral assistants who visit regularly to administer communion and generally make those who are housebound feel special.

Tuesday 20th

Please pray for the children; parents; leaders and helpers who have a part in the Playgroup. Ask God to give them happy play and rewarding time spent together each weekday morning.

Wednesday 21st

This paper often brings the concerns of young people, one such being their school Christian Unions. Please remember young people seeking to live a biblical lifestyle at school in the middle of a hostile environment, Stanwell, St Cyres, and other local secondary schools.

Thursday 22nd

God has blessed Tabs with enough finance to generally meet our needs. Please give thanks for those charged with care of financial affairs: pray for honesty, integrity, commitment and dedication.

Friday 23rd

Pray today for the youth outreaches taking place in the evenings. Pray for leaders, helpers and all the young people involved.

Saturday 24th

Have you considered your giving to Tabs and other causes recently? Do you agree with tithing and review your contributions in the light of pay rises, up or down movements and other changes in your money? Pray for God to show you how you should be spending what He provides for you, so that good stewardship may prevail.

Sunday 25th

Let the name of Jesus be honoured in the services in Tabs today. Remember all the folk from Tabs ministering in other churches today around the district.

Monday 26th

The Global Mission Group sets out to promote mission in our church, our community and the wider world. Please pray for the work of the GMG.

Tuesday 27th

Ask God to show you what to pray for today: perhaps a friend, a situation, the ministerial situation, a need or something else.

Wednesday 28th

The women of Tabs will be having their 'Refined 2015' on 7 Nov 2015. Pray for the participants