

Sunday 29th

Let Jesus' name be honoured in the services in Tabs today, give thanks for those who lead the services today.

Monday 30th (Bank Holiday)

Please pray for someone having a day off, they should have a good day.

Tuesday 31st

Proverbs tells us to seek wisdom in our relationships with God and each other. Pray to God to give each one wisdom and discernment in our prayer lives. (See piece at the end).

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

'Thinking smarter' is a slogan often trotted out in business seminars about being competitive and getting an advantage over the opposition. In the book of Psalms the writer speaks of getting wisdom as a way of understanding God: 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding', (Psalm 111:10). In each of these precepts the idea is to become better at the task in hand; selling a product or knowing God. Both generate returns which will benefit the person involved; better financial reward or deeper understanding of God. 'The fear of the Lord' is just the beginning; it is not a magic formula which will generate instant results. Launching a campaign to improve efficiency in an enterprise, either personal or corporate needs work, trial and error, evaluation, feedback, retry and so on until a better outcome is found. Similarly with deepening a relationship with God, prayer, humility, feedback, retry, evaluation and experience all add to the experience. The first step is to recognise a need to develop a better situation, secondly the resolution to do something to change. Once these two are met the process of change can begin. Ask God to show you this month how to 'think smarter' about prayer, and develop your relationship with God as a result.

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

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Jesus said, "It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."
John 16:7

During May this year we celebrate the feasts of both Ascension and Pentecost. Ascension is always celebrated on a Thursday, so it often gets forgotten mid-week, but it is an important point in the churches' calendar. Jesus said that unless he went away the Holy Spirit wouldn't come to us. Where would the church be without the Holy Spirit?

However, at the Ascension Jesus told us very clearly why he was sending the Holy Spirit upon the church. In Acts 1:8 Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The power and person of the Holy Spirit was not sent to make our worship times better, to help us in our prayers or to make us better disciples (although he does all those things!) The Holy Spirit was sent to make us witnesses. The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is alive in you (Romans 8:11) to make you a better witness: So GO!

Roger Grafton

Sunday 1st

Helen and Angus Douglas will be coming home from Nepal in May/June. Please uphold them and their children before God in the tour they will do around Britain.

Monday 2nd (Bank Holiday)

Remember the work amongst the ladies in the church. Pray for all the ladies meetings. Pray for the individual needs of a lady you might know.

Tuesday 3rd

Pray for the children, helpers and Mums that meet every morning in Tabs for play and fun. Ask God to bless their times together.

Wednesday 4th

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

Thursday 5th (Ascension Day)

Today in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland there will be elections for devolved Assemblies. Pray for God to overrule in these elections.

Friday 6th

Many young people will be sitting exams in the next few weeks. Pray for Tabs young people in school and college in the coming days.

Saturday 7th

Remembering the persecuted church in faraway places is not an additional extra for the church. Please pray for persecuted believers in prison every day.

Sunday 8th

Please pray for the Anglican Church in Penarth, their vision, outreach and ministry in Penarth and district. All Saints, St Augustine's, Holy Nativity, St Dochdwy Llandough, St Peters Old Cogan, St John Baptist Sully and St Peters Dinas Powys.

Monday 9th

Please pray for those who do pastoral visiting to the housebound and sick. Pray for the Chaplaincy team at Llandough and UHW hospitals. Remember anyone you know who cares for those who are sick.

Tuesday 10th

Please pray for the recently elected diaconate as they get busy with responsibilities running the church.

Wednesday 11th

Football fans will all be thinking about the end of the season, who will win in the Cup etc. Pray for chaplains and evangelists involved in taking the gospel to the many thousands of people involved in football.

Thursday 12th

Praying for revival should be a standard part of every prayer meeting. Please pray for revival in Small Groups today.

Friday 13th

Please pray for the leadership team doing youth outreach every week. Ask God to provide new recruits to this ministry and prosper their outreach to young people in the area.

Saturday 14th

Today the Baptist Assembly will take place in Oxford. Please pray for everyone involved.

Sunday 15th (Pentecost or Whit Sunday)

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is emphasised today as we remember the first Pentecost in Jerusalem. Give thanks for the Spirit and ask God to send out a fresh outpouring on the church today.

Monday 16th

Christian Aid week will take place this week and people around the country will be seeking to raise awareness and funds to aid the fight against global poverty. Please pray for their

efforts today and whether you could take envelopes and help the fund raising effort.

Tuesday 17th

Please pray for a senior citizen you may know. There are always names in the newsletter.

Wednesday 18th

The long suffering people of Zimbabwe have experienced years of oppression, bullying, hunger and general bad luck. Please pray for the people of Zimbabwe and the churches trying to lead the country to a better future.

Thursday 19th

Death comes at all seasons of the year. Pray for someone who is dying or someone recently bereaved.

Friday 20th

Please pray for the maintenance team who work to keep Tabs' building working properly. They meet on Mondays and Fridays, and need recruits, safety and cake every week.

Saturday 21st

Please pray for those people who are sick. Pray for those who are sick listed in the newsletter.

Sunday 22nd

Please pray for the young people who meet upstairs on Sunday evenings after church. Ask God to bless their times together.

Monday 23rd

Please pray for the minister at Tabs and the family, Roger and Claire Grafton. Pray for the process of appointing further members of staff in this year.

Tuesday 24th

Please remember the members from Tabs involved in the ministry of TWAM* as they seek to send suitable material abroad for people to earn a living.

Wednesday 25th

Home Access seeks to meet the needs of homeless people in the area. Pray for the service Claire Grafton and Jan Booker offer to those in need.

Thursday 26th

Remember to pray for those fulltime workers who you enthusiastically promised before they went. Think about Angus & Helen Douglas, Sam Hackett, Judy Cook, Jon Birch, Jon Dickerson, Gareth Davidson and anyone else you know.

Friday 27th

Please pray for outreaches to young people and teenagers on Friday nights. Think of the Street Pastors in Cardiff and other places out doing the gospel on Friday nights.

Saturday 28th

Please remember those who are leading services in other churches in Penarth tomorrow. Pray for lay preachers going out from Tabs as well.