

### **Monday 27th June**

Pray today for those who are sick, a suitable list can be found in the weekly newsletter.

### **Tuesday 28th June**

Remember those in trouble, at home or abroad, (see piece at the end).

### **Wednesday 29th June**

Pray for those men and women who have gone from Tabs to the ends of the earth and just up the road in full time service.

### **Thursday 30th June**

Recruits for the maintenance team are needed, ask God to raise up suitable workers for that ministry.

### **Thought for the Month**

Troubles come in many forms. Sometimes they come as a surprise, like when a cat runs out in front of your car, and you are grateful to not have been rammed in the rear. Bad news can come in an official communication, like a tax demand, or bad news in a letter. People bring things which one would rather not hear, people in trouble, accidents, deliberate evil actions and many others. Abram received bad news when his nephew was carried away by bandits. Abram had to get his guys and go and sort them out. (Gen 14:11-16). Sometimes sorting out the bad things in life can be done oneself, sometimes you need a little help from a friend, sometimes only God can help.

When praying this month think of some of the bad situations you have knowledge about, e.g. refugees in Europe & the Middle East. Ask God to raise up solutions, take personal and other problems, and plead for God to send grace into seemingly intractable situations. Pray for peace in the wars around the world, pray for someone who is very sick, ask mercy for those deep in sin, and help for those in bondage or other difficult places. Let us pray for those in trouble this month.

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# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : june 2016

"Come to me, all you who are weary and  
burdened, and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28

In this edition of the prayer diary John Stansfield reminds us that we are coming to the season when many people take their annual holidays. It can be a time for rest and recuperation, but it can also be a time which is stressful and busy as we prepare to go away. Modern life is very busy and in addition to a regular pattern of having a job or keeping a home, at Tabernacle we ask an awful lot of people in terms of attending worship, small groups, meetings and volunteering. Frankly, some people are just exhausted!

Over the next few weeks why don't you look in your diary and see if there is a space you can set aside simply to rest? As the church winds down over the summer period and people are away, be proactive in making time for rest and recovery. The scriptures urge us to be still and know that he is God, and to come to Jesus for rest. Jesus never said, "come to me and I will give you another rota!" Resting is an important part of the activity of the Christian life, so why not make the most of the opportunity the summer can present?

**Pastor Roger**

### **Wednesday 1st June**

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

### **Thursday 2nd June**

Today many of the small groups will meet, please pray for God to be glorified in each gathering.

### **Friday 3rd June**

Please pray for those involved in the youth outreaches of the church, meeting on weekend evenings. Remember young people, parents and leaders.

### **Saturday 4th June**

Remember those who were recently elected as Elders and Deacons in Tabs.

### **Sunday 5th June**

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 6th June**

Pray today for an everyday type of topic: someone who works, goes to school, looks after kids or who is old and lonely. Lift up someone you know who needs a touch from God.

#### **Tuesday 7th June**

Remember to pray for the staff of the South Wales Baptist Association. Remember to uphold the appointment of two new Regional Ministers. Candidates are being interviewed TODAY.

#### **Wednesday 8th June**

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.

#### **Thursday 9th June**

Think of those who are facing death today, uphold them to God.

#### **Friday 10th June**

Think about a situation on the news recently for which you can give thanks. Thank God for a lost child found, someone made well, a peace deal signed, something positive.

#### **Saturday 11th June**

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 12th June**

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.

#### **Monday 13th June**

Think today about the women 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 14th June**

Praying for the nations of the earth is advocated in scripture, so which nation have you prayed for recently? "Prayer Mate" is a phone app which can be used to get such information as daily updates from "Operation World" designed to pray for the whole world, country by country each day.

#### **Wednesday 15th June**

Using electronic media is often mentioned in modern prayer requests from mission organisations. Pray for any outreach ministries you may know about which use

Internet technology.

#### **Thursday 16th June**

Taking time to be quiet before God can be difficult for working people. You need discipline, resolve and determination to make having a quiet time a habit. Once hooked you will miss it when too busy, pray for God to give you a good habit.

#### **Friday 17th June**

Holidays will loom large for most people over the next few weeks. Pray for people you know going on holiday.

#### **Saturday 18th June**

Preparation for Sunday services can be very demanding for good results. Pray for those who plan, lead and enthuse over serving God in worship and praise. Ask God to give planners a bit of vision beyond the chorus sandwich, which can be as stale as a hymn sandwich used to be.

#### **Sunday 19th June (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 20th June**

Today please pray for the children who go to Playgroup each weekday morning in Tabs. Remember Mums and helpers too.

#### **Tuesday 21st June**

Please pray for the Street Pastors who work in Cardiff sorting out the drunks, while the rest of the world sleeps.

#### **Wednesday 22nd June**

Please pray for those who take part in the revamped Communion Service every week on Wednesdays.

#### **Thursday 23rd June**

Pray for Tabs members who work in professional jobs, to maintain high standards of ethics and be reliable and dependable.

#### **Friday 24th June**

Give thanks to God for something which you have received this year.

#### **Saturday 25th June (Armed Forces Day)**

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 26th June**

Please pray for other Baptist churches in Britain you may have visited. Remember the work of BUGB and all who work at Baptist House in Didcot.