

Thursday 28th

Pray for God to show you what is on the cards for your agenda, maybe something God has decided which you have not acceded to yet, (see piece at the end).

Friday 29th

Praise God for the progress on Arcot House. Ask God to oversee the ongoing work with debt counselling and CAP courses.

Saturday 30th

Give thanks for those who visit the sick, housebound and lonely. Ask God to bless those who get visited, the deacon who runs the rota and everyone involved.

Sunday 31st

Please pray for the Sunday School and everyone involved. Give thanks for dedicated teachers who look after kids every week and do the preparations as well. Give thanks for Gaynor Haldenby who oversees the whole enterprise.

Contributions can be sent to john.stansfield5@btinternet.com before 7th of the month, or left in the pigeon hole in the foyer.

Thought for the Month

Giving is always portrayed in the Christian Church as a virtue. Usually when the topic arises the main subject is financial. However, there are other things which can be given that are valued more than just money, such as: time, friendship, presents, kindness or help in difficult circumstances. Very often when it comes to mission the average 'pew sitter' is content to put a few quid in the collection and leave the rest to someone else. When confronted with demands on for example your time to visit someone, pray for someone or something, or other event which prevents you doing what you want, what is your reaction? Do you just say 'no' as a matter of principle, or are you one of those people who cannot say 'no', resulting in a frazzled life, going round in ever decreasing circles? Learning when to accept or give time, presents, friendship, service to others comes from experience. When you have been exploited or ripped off by someone who abused your trust, you tend to think twice about volunteering for anything. That is a very human reaction, but what would Jesus have done? He never turned down those who made demands on his time, but always sent them away healed and forgiven. How often do you say 'no' when in fact it is obvious that you should be saying 'yes'? God has a habit of keeping on asking when His will is not being observed, so this month ask God what He is prompting you to do, which you are somewhat reluctant to take up.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : july 2016

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert
for ALL the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Baptist churches are historically independent. The church meeting is a supreme authority and we don't have Synods or Bishops over the church telling us what to do. However, whilst we are independent we are also interdependent. That means that churches rely on one another for support, help and fellowship. For Tabernacle this means that we are part of the South Wales Baptist Association and the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Whilst our church meeting may be the final authority on matters concerning our own church, we are also part of the wider fellowship of Baptists. Last month the SWBA appointed new Regional Ministers and held its AGM. Would you please remember the other Baptist churches in our immediate area, across the Association and in the whole of our Union. Pray for all God's people, but especially remember our brothers and sisters in the Baptist Church.

Pastor Roger

Friday 1st

Friday night is when Xtreme and Beyond Xtreme meet to minister to young people, (years 3-9). Pray for fun, good times and a safe club for all involved.

Saturday 2nd

Please pray for the Douglas family as they enjoy their leave and return to Nepal soon.

Sunday 3rd

Please remember the itinerant preachers in Tabs who go week by week to support the ministry of other churches. Please pray for the churches where they go to lead services and the quality of that service.

Monday 4th

Pray for the ladies who meet every week for Women's Hour and those who are invited to speak.

Tuesday 5th

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

Wednesday 6th

Please pray for the newly elected leadership team as they get to grips with moving the church forward, meeting this evening.

Thursday 7th

Café International meets every week ministering to overseas nationals living in Penarth. Ask God to bless this ministry.

Friday 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.

Saturday 9th

The choir appears from time to time contributing to services in Tabs. Ask God to prosper this ministry and all involved: conductor, singers, musicians, audiences.

Sunday 10th

Ask God to guide and help those who plan, lead and execute services in both morning and evening services. Bless the assorted group of people who play in the band and sing.

Monday 11th

Pray for the Prayer Meeting held every Monday evening. Do you support this ministry, ask why not? Ask God to reinvent this ministry in Tabs.

Tuesday 12th

Remember the JAFFA outreach held for years 1-2 on Tuesdays. Bless the children, leaders and parents.

Wednesday 13th

Think about Christians who suffer for their faith. Ask God to uphold those who suffer in His name, and grant that they be good witnesses to Jesus in the face of persecution and death.

Thursday 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.

Friday 15th (St Swithun's Day)

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.

Saturday 16th

Please pray for those who have been at the Baptist College and are now facing doing ministry for real. Pray for all the men and women from Tabs studying, looking for placements and now in pastorates.

Sunday 17th

Ask God to bless the efforts of those who operate the sound desk every service.

Monday 18th

Pray for the maintenance team doing jobs round Tabs every week.

Tuesday 19th

The staff meet every Tuesday morning for prayer and planning, ask God to guide Roger Grafton as he looks after these events.

Wednesday 20th

Think of someone you would like to pray for and bring them before God today.

Thursday 21st

Ask God to look favourably on the music group practise held every week on Thursday evening. Ask God to raise up sufficient interested people to meet the needs of worship in Tabs.

Friday 22nd

Ask God to prod those whom 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 23rd

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.

Sunday 24th

Pray for the newly elected Welsh Assembly and ask God to oversee the workings for the benefit of all the people of Wales.

Monday 25th

Pray for someone you know who works full time.

Tuesday 26th

Pray for the guys at TWAM collecting tools to send overseas. Ask God to send along a few more volunteers.

Wednesday 27th

Remember the Food Bank operating on Wednesday mornings. Ask God to bless this ministry, and give thanks for other Penarth churches and Sainsbury's who all give donations.