

thank God for the opportunity.

### **Tuesday 30th**

Pray for a charity fund raiser, someone who spends time helping others by raising money.

### **Wednesday 31st**

Today pray for a topic which only you know about, someone who does not 'do' God, a situation at work or school, a personal problem. Take it to God in prayer.

### **\*TWAM Tools With A Mission**

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### **Thought for the Month**

Does collecting things count as a distraction from God? Taking pride in a pet can bring great satisfaction, yet is this something which leads away from God? There are many things which are bad for you if the doom mongers are to be believed: full fat cheese, animal fats, chocolate, heroin, cocaine, or sniffing glue. Sometimes it is necessary to make a judgement about to what extent you get involved with something. There are recognised medical conditions for people who get carried away with things which can become detrimental to health, for example religious mania. Jesus called His disciples to leave everything and follow where He led them: 'and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him', (Matt 4:22). So is Jesus asking people today to do the same? To some the answer will be 'yes', while for others it will be 'no'. Some will be called to full or part time ministry, others to just get on with life.

Knowing where to draw the line in being involved with something and where to get in deeper depends on each person. To one person God may say: 'go and get involved in Friday night ministry on the streets of Cardiff picking up the drunks'. To another God may say: 'you are to pray every Friday for that Street Pastor, because you are his spiritual powerhouse, without you his ministry will fail'. God calls each individual to a particular ministry which needs spiritual maturity to see, without the collection, the pet, the cause or anything else getting in the way. This month pray for God to show you what is getting in the way, and what you should be doing about it.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : august 2016

When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. (Acts 20:36-37)

As I watched the young guests at Tom and Rachel's wedding last month, I reflected on the friends of my own youth. There was a circle of close friends who I had gone through university with, and in the months after we parted company, we would get together for weddings or social gatherings. I could never imagine a time when these people wouldn't be my friends! However, as time has gone by we have all moved house several times, changed career, formed new relationships and changed. The nature of the modern world is that life and homes are transient, and we easily lose touch. It is sad, but true.

When Paul left the Ephesians (in Acts 20) they all wept because they knew they would probably never see Paul again. They were more than friends - they were family in Christ. At this time of year when many people are on holiday and many people move house ready for a fresh start in the Autumn, let us remember in prayer those brothers and sisters who have moved on to pastures new. People may be separated from us physically, but they are still joined to us in Christ: so pray for those who are away, and those whom we don't see very often any more.

**Pastor Roger**

### **Monday 1st**

On the first day of the height of summer pray for those on holiday, good weather, travelling safety and safe return for new service.

### **Tuesday 2nd**

Using time to meditate on God's word can bring spiritual benefits when there is quiet and peace, like when on holiday. Ask God for a suitable opportunity.

### **Wednesday 3rd**

The Link Scheme run by the Tabs Visiting Team over the summer provides opportunity to meet together and have fellowship. Pray for those hosting, organising and using this service.

### **Thursday 4th**

Today will be a working day for many people. Please pray for someone who works, ask a special blessing on them today.

### **Friday 5th**

There are no youth activities run in the

church in August. However young people still need to be prayed for and upheld before God. Pray for a young person you may know today.

#### **Saturday 6th**

Please pray for those who are missing their weekly meetings while they are closed for the summer.

#### **Sunday 7th**

Pray for those visiting Tabs today. Pray for greeters and stewards to be aware of visitors and ask God to give them a good experience of Tabs.

#### **Monday 8th**

Please pray for the church where to be a Christian can cost everything. Pray for Christians being persecuted in Northern Kenya, Somalia, and Eritrea by the Islamist terror group Al-Shabab. Ask God for protection from armed terror attacks.

#### **Tuesday 9th**

Please pray for peace in the world, where ever there is war ask God to bring peace.

#### **Wednesday 10th**

Ask God to bless the ministries which should be running from Arcot House. This has been a long time coming, so ask God to anoint each enterprise with His blessing.

#### **Thursday 11th**

Please pray for a family in full time service overseas.

#### **Friday 12th**

Pray for the Prison Fellowship operating in Cardiff, Swansea, Usk, Parc Bridgend and other local facilities. Ask God to bless those from Tabs who participate in this ministry.

#### **Saturday 13th**

Remember some of the Anglican parishes in Penarth: St Augustine's, All Saints, Holy Nativity, St Peter's Old Cogan, St John Sully, St Andrews Dinas Powys and St Dochdwy Llandough. Ask God to bless their witness, outreach and ministry.

#### **Sunday 14th**

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

#### **Monday 15th**

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

#### **Tuesday 16th**

Carers usually do not make headlines. For every one who does there are hundreds who do not. Pray for a carer you may know today

#### **Wednesday 17th**

Pay particular attention to Mums today. By now looking forward to sending the kids

back to school. Pray for a Mum you may know today.

#### **Thursday 18th**

Please pray for the ministerial staff of Tabs: Roger and Claire Grafton, and others in supporting roles.

#### **Friday 19th**

In a few weeks final year students at the Baptist College will be starting work in churches around the country. Pray for ministries starting soon.

#### **Saturday 20th**

Exam results for A level, GCSE and University will mostly be known by now. Ask God to guide young people faced with choices about their future career, academic or other occupation. Pray particularly about anyone you know.

#### **Sunday 21st**

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

#### **Monday 22nd**

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

#### **Tuesday 23rd**

Pray for your favourite activity, cause, person or whatever today.

#### **Wednesday 24th**

Pray today for a brother or sister somewhere in the world who went hungry today. Ask God to use Fairtrade, sustainable development, ethical trading and improved food production to provide enough food for everyone.

#### **Thursday 25th**

Ask God to send rain to drought hit areas in India and Africa. If you did not know there is drought in these places, Google it and be informed.

#### **Friday 26th**

Remember those who mourn today. Ask God to bless those at the end of their lives, pray for the work of Ty Hafan the hospice for children. Remember anyone you know who recently lost a loved one.

#### **Saturday 27th**

As the new term starts over the next few weeks, please pray for children, parents, leaders and helpers in Playgroup, Toddler Group, Sunday School and Young People's activities in Tabs.

#### **Sunday 28th**

When you go to service today, ask God to show you how you can be of service to someone less fortunate than you.

#### **Monday 29th (Bank Holiday)**

If you enjoyed a nice holiday this year,