

Wednesday 28th

Do you have contact with someone of a different faith than yours? Pray for that shopkeeper, bus driver, repair man or whoever it happens to be that you come into contact with today.

Thursday 29th

Pray for a topic brought to you today on electronic media.

Friday 30th

Pray for yourself and your family today.

***TWAM Tools With A Mission**

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Thought for the Month

Getting a good deal is something which everyone wants, whether buying bananas or a car. When you embark upon such a transaction you immediately suspect the salesman of trying to hoodwink you. The bananas may be going off or the car might be a 'ringer', (one rebuilt after a crash write off). Everyone likes to think they can spot a rogue when they see one and so avoid getting done over for some dodgy product. Why then do people leave their brains in bed when confronted by the message of the gospel? Examination of the claims of Jesus must lead to one of two conclusions, either He was a very good conman or else He was who He claimed to be. Some people deny that Jesus ever existed, but that is a different story. The disciples all bore testimony in Acts 2 that they had seen the risen Jesus. Millions of Christians have followed Jesus down the centuries. Today you do not have to look very hard to find people who have been persecuted, murdered or displaced for sticking to faith in Jesus at all cost. On the other hand the prejudiced views about Jesus which have no basis in faith can be seen as attacks of the Devil.

Shining the light of reason on faith can be a frustrating exercise. Understanding why people choose to be Christians or not is equally frustrating. Praying for guidance in the face of unbelief or outright hostility is something every Christian will need to come to terms with sooner or later. Jesus faced hostility when going to Jerusalem for the last time, why should it be different for His followers? Ask God to give you guidance in praying this month, about why you believe in Jesus.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : september 2016

The Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth';
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak".

Jeremiah 1:7

This month our children and young people return to school for a new academic year. Some will be returning to schools they already know, but some will be moving to new schools... or even to university for the first time.

We have all heard it said that young people are the church of tomorrow. However, you may have also heard it said that the young are NOT the church of tomorrow, but the church of today and the leaders of tomorrow. A 10 year old who had given their life to Christ is as much a part of the church as a 90 years old who has been a member for decades - we are one body and one family. Young people have an important ministry in schools and amongst their peers, and often face pressures that the rest of us don't. As our children and young people return from holidays and prepare for the new term, please pray for them all. Also, why not choose one young person to be a prayer partner who you ask to pray for you and whom you pray for daily?

Pastor Roger

Thursday 1st

Café International, TWAM*, Music Group Practise and small groups all meet on Thursdays. Pray for these groups in the new academic year.

Friday 2nd

Xtreme, Beyond Xtreme, Toddler Group, and Maintenance Team all meet on Fridays. Please pray for these groups with renewed energy.

Saturday 3rd

Thinking about what you believe is important. Christians are told to be 'ambassadors for Christ'. You cannot represent something you are ignorant about, so pray for God to increase faith today. (See piece at the end).

Sunday 4th

In the next few weeks many people will change: their place of education &/or work, classes in school or Sunday School. Some will recommence regular ministries in church or to the outside public. Pray for people to cope well with change, ask God to be there for those who need help.

Monday 5th

Please give thanks to God if you had a nice holiday over the summer, remember those who were not so fortunate, through old age, poverty, illness or whatever reason

Tuesday 6th

Many young people will be going back to school this week. Please pray for anyone who you know who might be returning, starting or changing schools.

Wednesday 7th

The Leadership Council will meet today. Please pray for the deliberations and decisions taken.

Thursday 8th

Please pray for those beginning their small group meetings after the holidays.

Friday 9th

Please pray for the youth outreaches of Tabs. In particular pray for new leaders and helpers for the new academic year. Also, remember our search for a new Youth Worker.

Saturday 10th

Praying for Revival should be on every Cristian's subject list. Pray for revival in a country where you have never prayed before, like France, Zimbabwe or China.

Sunday 11th

Today could be a good day to say 'Thank You' to God for something or someone that you treasure.

Monday 12th

Women's Hour, and Prayer Meeting both meet on Mondays. Pray for those who lead and participate in these groups.

Tuesday 13th

Pray for the Playgroup every morning during the week, children, parents & helpers.

Wednesday 14th

Food distribution from the Food Bank, Breakfast Club, midweek Communion and some Small Groups meet on Wednesdays. Please pray for those who lead, serve and use these services.

Thursday 15th

The sick, old and frail are always in need of prayer. Commend them to God. A suitable list can be found in the weekly newsletter.

Friday 16th (St Ninian)

St Ninian has special significance in Wales. Let us pray today for itinerant preachers like Ninian who move from place to place, support local churches and fill in the gaps. Remember the Accredited Preachers from Tabs.

Saturday 17th

Remember to pray for those who suffer persecution in many places around the world like: China, Pakistan, Somalia, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Sudan, Eritrea, Turkey and many more.

Sunday 18th

Give thanks today for other churches in Penarth, Cardiff and district where the name of Jesus is honoured. Pray for a place you know about.

Monday 19th

Remember those who work, that they may be good witnesses in their workplace.

Tuesday 20th

JAFFA, Staff Meetings, and some Small Groups meet on Tuesdays. Pray for these ministries.

Wednesday 21st

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. Pray for peace.

Thursday 22nd

Pray today for those who work in hospitals, doctors' surgeries, community medical services etc., and give thanks for dedication and good service. Remember anyone you know who works in these occupations.

Friday 23rd

Please remember the young people who went to Holiday Club in July, Soul Survivor in August and anyone else who encountered Jesus and His change plan for their lives recently.

Saturday 24th

In the new academic year please pray for students and staff at the Baptist College, Cardiff.

Sunday 25th

Please pray for Helen and Angus and their three children with BMS in Nepal. Pray for their needs in finance, prayer support, practical arrangements for the children and the needs of their ministry.

Monday 26th

Pray for your favourite overseas missionary today. Ask God to protect them from harm and provide for their needs, financial, fellowship, health and emotional.

Tuesday 27th

Think today of that person who never seems to take much interest in God, church and 'all of that'. Ask God to show you how to be a good friend and witness to that person.