

Monday 30th

Pray today for those who are sick, a list is in the newsletter.

Tuesday 31st

Pray for something which you find difficult to deal with today, like suffering, war, famine. Ask God to help you see Him in such situations.

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Thought for the Month

In the book of Ezekiel the young man Ezekiel is confronted by an angel, who tells him that God has called him to be a witness to all Israel, Ez 2. In Chapter 1 Ezekiel sees a vision of four cherubim with eyes and wheels of fire. For Ezekiel this was a completely new experience, nothing like that had ever come into his experience before. God was writing a new chapter in the long history of Israel and this new experience for Ezekiel was a major part of the story. In the lives of ordinary Christians the new experiences which God delivers may not involve such graphic visions, but God is still writing the story of the church and each person has a part to play. The new experience may be a piece of scripture that jumps out of the page while having your quiet time, or a sermon which managed to stimulate your interest instead of helping you to nod off. There may be a new book you read, a new person you met, a new place you visited, whatever happens God does new things often. To Ezekiel it was obvious what he had to do because the angel spelled it out in words of one syllable. For the average Christian it may not be quite so obvious, but God does lead if people are ready to listen.

In this New Year ask God what new experience He is sending your way: 'Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near', Isaiah 55:6. The idea that God will do something new in people's lives may be novel to some people, but there are clear examples in everyone's past. Think how you felt when Jesus came into your life, or when you had the courage to speak about your faith in public to one or many people. These were 'new things', so today pray that God will again begin 'new things' in your life.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : january 2017

"Let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1

Our verse for the year in 2017 is a call to persevere and keep being faithful in our journey with Jesus. It is part of a wider call in Hebrews to the church to remember the saints who have gone before us and how they gave us an example of faithfulness, and fix our eyes upon Jesus who endured so much, yet remained committed to the calling of God.

We live in a world of the novel, the new and the latest. Everything is constantly being updated and replaced, but we are called to keep on following the same race which has been set for us by the Lord. It isn't always exciting or glamorous. Sometimes it can be hard work persevering with worship, fellowship and love in a grace-filled way week after week, but we do so fixing our eyes upon Jesus, and remembering his example of service and love.

Pastor Roger

Sunday 1st (New Year's Day)

If you had a good Christmas, then give thanks to God for all the good things you enjoyed.

Monday 2nd (Bank Holiday)

Today think of those who did not enjoy such a good Christmas, like refugees, so pray God will meet their needs today.

Tuesday 3rd

In this season of peace and goodwill, pray today that there will be peace in the world. Pray for those who seek to end conflict and cultivate peace between nations.

Wednesday 4th

The Leadership Council meets today, so please pray for all the Elders and Deacons as they gather to consider the needs of the church.

Thursday 5th

Volunteers from Tabs will be in action with The Paradise Run in Cardiff this evening. Pray for them and the whole Paradise Run ministry which operates every day.

Friday 6th (Epiphany)

Think about foreigners today. Three wise men visited Jesus and were welcomed, which is more than can be said for many today. Remember the International Café, pray for refugees living in Wales, ask God to bless outreach events to overseas students.

Saturday 7th

Pray for your favourite outreach activity today. Remember those who go to support small churches around the district who will be polishing their sermons today.

Sunday 8th

Remember to pray for the other churches in Penarth. Ask God to bless their witness, outreach and services today.

Monday 9th

This week normal service will resume in many places, school, work, college, so ask God to bless those who seek to witness for Him in their daily lives in such places.

Tuesday 10th

Please pray for those who have gone from Tabs into full time service. Pray for those who have offered themselves for training, ask God to anoint their efforts.

Wednesday 11th

Remember to pray for the weekly Breakfast Club at Arcot House. Pray for the staff of Home Access who are involved with many of the clients of the Food Bank as well.

Thursday 12th

Remember the home visitors who go to see those people who are housebound, infirm, old, and lonely. Pray for the visitors, and their clients.

Friday 13th

Pray today for the youth outreaches which take place on Friday evenings. Ask God to bless their efforts, give them a safe and enjoyable club and remember those who lead, those who support and the kids and their parents.

Saturday 14th

Pray today for those who will take part in Tab's services tomorrow. Ask God to bless the preacher, reader, sound desk operators, greeters, caterers and all involved.

Sunday 15th

Let the name of Jesus be hallowed and honoured in the services in Tabs today.

Monday 16th

Far East Broadcasting Association, (FEBA), has been operating for years. New community radio stations are being fostered by FEBA in developing countries to meet local needs. Pray for the ministry of 'Umoja FM' in Congo and other projects, ask God to bless their efforts.

Tuesday 17th

Please pray for Roger and Claire Grafton as they lead the church. Pray for Roger overseas, bless Matthew Eales who is also away.

Wednesday 18th

Pray for the church based events which take place through the week amongst young children. Pray for their parents, helpers and that they will be kept safe.

Thursday 19th

Many small groups meet on Thursdays. Ask God to bless all who lead and contribute to Alpha and small groups.

Friday 20th

Please pray for Helen and Angus as they work with BMS. They have many things to do and consider. Ask God to bless them and their children, provide for their needs, keep them safe and facilitate their ministry.

Saturday 21st

In the New Testament Paul tells us to pray for those in authority, (Rom 13). Please pray for the Royal Family, the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, MPs, the First Minister, AMs and local councillors.

Sunday 22nd

Ask God today to open His word in the services you attend – pray through any difficult issues in your life.

Monday 23rd

Remember the Baptist College in Cardiff. Please pray for staff and students at this time. Think of those people taking up new pastorates after graduating from college.

Tuesday 24th

Missionary Aviation Fellowship fly light planes where there are few roads to isolated communities in Africa, Papua New Guinea, Nepal, Arnhem Land Australia, Timore-Leste, Madagascar, Haiti, Guatemala, Mexico, Mongolia, Indonesia and Bangladesh. Pray for the staff, users, supporters and all the support infrastructure needed to maintain this ministry.

Wednesday 25th

Christians Against Poverty has become a strategic partner for Tabs in the ministries run from Arcot House. Ask God to bless the partnership and the outworking in Tabs.

Thursday 26th

Please consider the spiritual needs of a person in your small group. Pray for that person.

Friday 27th

Please pray for a subject close to your heart today - someone sick, a lonely person, a 'thank you' to God for a blessing, & etc.

Saturday 28th

Death comes at any time and sometimes the loneliness and mourning get forgotten in the rush of life. Remember some of the relatives of those in the church who passed away recently.

Sunday 29th

'Operation Cyrus' is a worldwide initiative to pray for North Korea. This is the world's most repressive Stalinist regime in terms of suffering and misery. Pray for change to come to N. Korea in whatever way God sees fit.