

Wednesday 29th

Death comes calling when least expected or wanted. Pray for someone who is near the end, or someone who has been recently bereaved.

Thursday 30th

Today pray for refugees. There are millions of people displaced by war, famine, natural disaster and poverty. Ask God to provide for their needs and for those who minister to them.

Friday 31st

Like him or loath him Donald J Trump is now President of America. Romans 13 tells the church to pray for world leaders. So pray for Donald, Mrs May and other world leaders, that they will serve the people and not just their own interests.

Contributions can be sent to john.stansfield5@btinternet.com before 7th of the month.

Thought for the Month

Marine artists paint pictures of the sea, the sky, the land, ships and the people that sail the sea. There are never two maritime views the same, yet the pictures all originate in the same medium, the sea. Other artists do the same with other subjects, animals are never the same, landscapes capture a multitude of moods, colours, subjects and locations, yet they all originate on land. There are certain rules which all artists need to observe to make pictures, like about perspective, techniques, depth of field etc. No two artists are the same, yet they get classified by subject, by school, by period and other criteria as people try to make sense of different pictures. Each artist has to 'feel' their subject, 'get inside it' to make a good work of art.

When Christians pray they have a blank canvas to paint their prayers upon. Some will choose wide open subjects, others pray for specific situations which are known only to them, someone else will try to cover every topic in one go. There are rules which need to be observed, humility, listening to God, reacting when God leads and so on. There are as many styles of prayer as there are Christians, yet they all have one thing in common, communication with God is the ultimate aim. When praying this month ask God to guide you in your style and the content of your efforts before heaven.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : march 2017

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear
him; for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.

Psalms 103:13-14

Recently I have been reading a novel about a cavalry officer in the 1880's who has recently been promoted to a senior position. A Latin phrase keeps coming to mind as he considers his elevation: "*Respice post te! Hominem te esse memento. Memento mori!*" which translates as 'look behind you and remember that you are just a man who will die.' This phrase was first used when senior Roman generals or Emperors entered Rome in triumph. A slave would stand behind them whispering the words which basically mean, "You may have glory and power now, but don't forget that like all men, you will die one day!"

On Ash Wednesday a phrase derived from this is used at communion: "Remember that you are dust. From dust you came and to dust you will return." Lent is meant as an opportunity to remember what our life was like without Christ, look forward to where we are going with Christ, and repent of anything in our life which is not of Christ. May I commend a truly penitent and sober minded preparation for Easter to you?

Pastor Roger

Wednesday 1st (Ash Wednesday)

In the season of Lent ask God for guidance in preparing for Easter, meditate on Jesus, think about salvation and give thanks for the resurrection.

Thursday 2nd

Please pray for the volunteers tonight from Tabs involved in the Paradise Run ministry to the homeless in Cardiff.

Friday 3rd

Please pray for people who have been members of Tabs who are now in full time ministry. There are many, missionaries, ministers and others.

Saturday 4th

Pray today for those who have 'moved on' from Tabs, but not perhaps in a way to be desired. Pray for those who have become disillusioned, bored, had arguments, lost their faith or whatever. Ask God to pour balm on their hurts.

Sunday 5th

Outreach to local communities has always been in the Church's remit. As preparations are made for another season of outreach over the summer, ask God for guidance for those who plan these events.

Monday 6th

Remember those who work and volunteer at Home Access.

Tuesday 7th

Please remember to pray for the Douglas family in Nepal. Ask God to provide for their spiritual, physical and ministry needs. Also to keep them safe while doing Kingdom business.

Wednesday 8th

Please pray for the weekly distribution from the Food Bank at Arcot House, ask God to overrule in this ministry.

Thursday 9th

Pray for the Small groups which meet every week. If you are not in a small group, pray about it and speak to Cedric Longville.

Friday 10th

In many colleges and universities the Christian Unions run missions in the spring term. Pray for young people reaching out to students up and down the country.

Saturday 11th

Please pray for the Grafton & James families as they minister in Tabs.

Sunday 12th

As Lent progresses remember the journey Jesus went on in the days prior to Easter. Where is He leading you in this season of Lent?

Monday 13th

The Penarth Times carries a column every week about God. For the readers that may be the only mention they have of spiritual matters. Ask God to use that written message in people's lives.

Tuesday 14th

Remember the other Baptist Churches around the district, Stanwell Rd, Llandough, Eden, Dinas Powys, Bethel & Mt Pleasant in Barry and many others. Ask God to bless their outreach, ministry and witness.

Wednesday 15th

Please pray for those who attend the weekly communion service on Wednesday mornings.

Thursday 16th

Pray for those who are lonely. The church is often a haven for those in difficult situations, so ask God to give grace to those who have to deal with the socially challenged members of the fellowship.

Friday 17th

Please pray for the young people who are associated with Tabs through the various youth groups. Ask God to bless the youth and young people's outreach.

Saturday 18th

Do you have a vision to pray for countries around the world? Pray for Uzbekistan, Uruguay and Iceland for example. Ask God to build up His church in those faraway places.

Sunday 19th

Which missionary society do you support? This month please pray for Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade as they sell up the old HQ at Bulstrode and move to Coventry. Note: (Get your mission featured here, give the author some material by email or in person).

Monday 20th

Today will be a normal working day for most people. Ask God to help someone you know be a good witness today at work.

Tuesday 21st

Please pray about anyone you may know who is sick. A suitable list is in the weekly newsletter.

Wednesday 22nd

Remember the Visitors Team who go to see the old, frail, those in hospital etc. Please pray for them and those who they visit.

Thursday 23rd

Pray for the preschool children who meet every morning in Tabs. Ask God to bless their times together. Pray for their Mums, leaders and helpers.

Friday 24th

Outreach to men has a very low profile in Tabs. Ask God to show the church how to improve this sector in the life of the church.

Saturday 25th

As Lent moves on towards Easter, what has God shown you about your spiritual journey? Perhaps now is the time to seek a fresh leading from God about Himself.

Sunday 26th (4th Sunday in Lent)

Let the name of Jesus be glorified in Tabs today. Give thanks for everyone who contributes to the services. Ask God to keep everyone's attention so everyone goes home happy, not frustrated, bored or fed up.

Monday 27th

Today pray for a topic which involves a member of your family.

Tuesday 28th

Please pray for that situation which God has put on your mind. Someone who is ill, in trouble, an overseas situation or whatever.