

Monday 29th (Bank Holiday)

Please today pray for the ministry team in Tabs. Pray for Roger Grafton, Owen James and the elders as they lead the church.

Tuesday 30th

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

Wednesday 31st

The mid week communion service happens on Wednesday mornings, pray for those who lead and attend.

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Thought for the Month

When you get to listen to someone preaching with whom you are not familiar, do you try and analyse what they say? For example when there is the annual pulpit exchange organised by Cytûn do you query what is preached? How about when you go on holiday and visit a church on the off chance it might be ok? If the preacher tells you God has three heads, lives on Mars and eats chocolate, do you think you would believe him? On the other hand if the preacher tells you that Jesus is just a good man, would you take issue with his theology? What if he claimed to have a special, private revelation from God, only he knew about, what would you think then? The last two ideas are historical ideas which were condemned as heresy back in the mists of time. Does what you believe matter, is it ok to believe everyone will be forgiven and go to heaven, or do you believe in judgement? Salvation through Jesus Christ atones for sin, thus allowing forgiveness from God, but if you do not believe these things why do you claim to be a Christian?

If you debate belief with a follower of a different faith to Christianity, they will vigorously defend what they believe. If you debate with an atheist, they will try and debunk everything you believe based on faith and Biblical revelation as myth. For Christians it is very important to know what you believe, and what is condemned as heresy. Biblical belief can be seen as bigoted and narrow minded, but basic Christian belief is common to most mainline denominations. Ask God to help you sort out what you truly believe, and how to present it to anyone who wants a debate or speak about faith.

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

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Jesus said, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about." Acts 1:4

I have spent a lot of time waiting around in the last few months: waiting in airports, waiting for news from home, waiting for people to arrive, waiting for events to begin. In the Army there is a phrase, "hurry up and wait", which describes the sense of urgency which follows a set of orders being given, and then having rushed around to get ready, having to sit around as nothing happens. I have discovered I am not very good at waiting!

The disciples had to learn to be patient and wait for the Holy Spirit before they could begin the mission Jesus had set them at His ascension. We too need to learn patience as we wait on God for direction and guidance through the Holy Spirit to accomplish all He wants us to do today in Penarth. This period between Easter and Pentecost is a good time to remind ourselves that patience is a virtue!

Pastor Roger

Monday 1st (Bank holiday)

As you enjoy a day off work, pray for those for whom this will be just another working day. Ask God to help a person you know to be a good witness today.

Tuesday 2nd

How much do you contribute to the outreach programme of Tabs? Were you involved in giving out roses on Valentine's Day, or Christmas hampers in Llandough? Ask yourself how God wants you to contribute to outreach efforts this summer.

Wednesday 3rd

Today the Leadership team will meet, pray for them as they make decisions about the running of Tabernacle.

Thursday 4th

Local government elections will take place in Britain today. Pray for people to get out and vote, and that the result will reflect the will of God for this nation.

Friday 5th

Pray for young people involved in exams, moving on to new opportunities and growing up.

Saturday 6th

'Think Smarter' is a strap line much loved of advertisers and management speak gurus. Thinking smarter about prayer is about getting into God more. Get into God more today.

Sunday 7th

Apologetics is the way questions and queries about the Christian faith can be answered in a respectful and convincing manner. Do you know how to give an account of what you believe, and can you tell someone else? (See piece at the end).

Monday 8th

Pray for the ladies who meet every Monday for fellowship and chat, ask God to bless their meetings.

Tuesday 9th

Remember the Playgroup who meet every morning at Tabs for fun and games.

Wednesday 10th

Remember to pray for the Breakfast Club and Foodbank at Arcot House every Wednesday. Pray for those who work there, and for those who are in need of the help.

Thursday 11th

Remember the people who meet week by week for small, alpha, prayer and other groups. Ask God to bless such gatherings.

Friday 12th

The outreach to teenagers and young people takes place on Friday evenings. Ask God to prosper this ministry and really bless leaders, children and their families.

Saturday 13th

The Baptist Assembly will take place today in Harrogate. Pray for those who take part and for God to be glorified in the decisions taken.

Sunday 14th

Christian Aid Week starts today. This is the 60th anniversary of collections for the world's poor. Take an envelope today, pray for the millions of refugees around the world, and give thanks for what you enjoy in life today.

Monday 15th

Praying for revival should be a standard part of any prayer gathering. Ask God to revive Tabernacle today.

Tuesday 16th

TWAM* is a cause supported by many members of Tabs, and also other people as well. Destiny Village near Freetown in Sierra Leone is being built using tools supported by TWAM*. Pray for completion of this project over the next few years and ongoing support from TWAM*

Wednesday 17th

The people of Zimbabwe are still under the thrall of a dictatorial regime which shows no sign of being removed. Ask God to bless the long-suffering people of Zimbabwe, and ask Him to bring about reform in this nation.

Thursday 18th

Remembering the persecuted church in faraway places should be on every Christian's list of topics. Remember believers in prison, on trial for their lives in some cases, ask God to sustain them. Often the prayer requests are

not for the persecution to stop, which would be great, but for God to give them a good witness to their enemies.

Friday 19th

Death comes at all seasons of the year, pray today for someone whose relatives have died. If you do not know any recently deceased people, look in the death notices in the Penarth Times.

Saturday 20th

Please pray for the Street Pastors out in Cardiff picking up the drunks and showing the love of Jesus to an uncaring world. Pray for Jackie Bradshaw as she coordinates this ministry.

Sunday 21st

Let Jesus' name be glorified in Tabs today. Give thanks for those who lead, preach and support the worship.

Monday 22nd

Pray for some of the smaller Baptist Churches in Cardiff today, like Splott Road. Many members from Tabs help take their services, pray for them to get a new vision, before the doors finally close for good.

Tuesday 23rd

Remember to pray for the recently elected elders and deacons.

Wednesday 24th

Have you prayed over the needs of the summer children's outreach which takes place in July? Ask God to raise up suitable people to lead, help and backup this annual extravaganza.

Thursday 25th (Ascension Day)

Today is the day Jesus is celebrated for returning to Heaven at the conclusion of His earthly ministry. Pray for the Spirit which Jesus promised the church as a consequence to be seen in Tab's fellowship.

Pray for Tabs' members on the Paradise Run in Cardiff this evening.

Friday 26th

Please remember to pray for the full time workers you enthusiastically promised to support when they had commissioning services. Some names which spring to mind: Angus & Helen Douglas, Jon & Emma Birch, Judy Cook, Jon Dickerson, Gareth Davidson, Sam Hackett and anyone else you know.

Saturday 27th

Today will see the final of the FA Cup played at Wembley. Pray for football fans who need Jesus as much as anyone else. Remember those who witness in sports teams week in week out to reach men and women for Jesus.

Sunday 28th

Please pray today for David Evans leading the fellowship at Grangetown Baptist Church. The ministry faces many challenges, ask God to bless their outreach, ministry and witness in the area.