

Friday 29th

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

Saturday 30th

Today please pray for a subject which only you know about.

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pigeon hole before 7th of the month.

Thought for the Month

Where is God?

How many funerals have you attended? Do you dread going to such events, or are you so used to going that it becomes just another day out? Saying "goodbye" is always a difficult thing to do. In the 18th & 19th centuries many Irish migrants left home to go to America or come to Wales. The families of such people very often never saw them again after they departed. In the Bible there are stories of long journeys made at the direction of God, where people were sent to do particular tasks. Samuel got sent all over the place to visit prophets, deliver blessings and warnings, as well as judge the disputes of the people of Israel. Very often life is portrayed as a journey, like in 'Pilgrim's Progress'. Psalm 23 speaks of journeying through a valley, a dark and dismal place described as: 'the Valley of the Shadow of Death'. In all these situations God is present. He never sent anyone somewhere without preparation, and setting up the players. When Jesus sent two disciples to collect a donkey, it was where it was supposed to be. One of the hardest lessons in the Christian life is to learn to be dependent upon God. Some people do this much better than others, so this month when praying ask God to show you how He looks after you. Can you see God at that funeral, at work, at home, in church, in the shop or when out with friends? Ask God to increase your perception of His leading in your life in your prayers.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : september 2017

The steadfast love of the LORD never
ceases, His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

September is always seen by many as a new start to the year. A new academic year begins and many people leave home for the first time to start university or college. Others change school. It is also a common time for people to begin new jobs and in churches we tend to start our new programmes at this time of year. September is something of a fresh beginning after the summer slow-down.

Of course, it is not the only 'new start' in the year: there is the real New Year on January 1st. There is the new beginning that comes at Easter with the story of new birth and new life in the resurrection. For the church worldwide the liturgical year begins afresh on Advent Sunday, and the church's birthday (and start of a new beginning) is Pentecost. So many new starts in the year!

A few weeks ago I was leading worship, but at the music practice before the service one of the singers said, "Why are we singing this song? Surely it is an Easter Sunday song." It is easy to forget that every Sunday service is a celebration of the good news of the resurrection and the new beginning we have in Christ. Early Christians moved their day of worship to a Sunday (from the Sabbath/Saturday) to remind themselves that every Sunday is a resurrection day! Indeed, every new day can be a new beginning and a fresh start in Christ.

Roger Grafton

Friday 1st

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.

Saturday 2nd

Remember to pray for those people who preach. There will be last minute preparations by pastors, itinerant preachers, Sunday School teachers and anyone else involved in delivering ministry. Pray for their preparation and delivery.

Sunday 3rd

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 4th

Pray for the thousands of children who should be heading back to school in the next few weeks, but who will not go. Some live in war zones, some cannot afford the fees, some live where there are no schools. Thank God for UK education, and pray for kids who do not get that chance.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 6th

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

Thursday 7th

Pray today for Cell Groups of whatever shade recommencing after the holiday. Ask God to bless their ministries in encouragement, outreach, pastoral care and prayer.

Friday 8th

Please pray for the youth outreaches of Tabs. In particular pray for new leaders and helpers for the new academic year. Remember Owen James coordinating this outreach.

Saturday 9th

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

Sunday 10th

Let Jesus be glorified in the worship in Tabernacle today.

Monday 11th

Ask God to bless the ladies who meet for Women's Hour today.

Tuesday 12th

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

Wednesday 13th

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 14th

Please pray for the members of Tabs out doing The Paradise Run tonight in Cardiff.

Friday 15th

'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.

Saturday 16th

Please pray for Helen and Angus and their three children with BMS. Pray for their needs in

finance, prayer support, practical arrangements for the children and the needs of their ministry. Ask God to bless them in their travels on holiday.

Sunday 17th

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

Monday 18th

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.

Tuesday 19th

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

Wednesday 20th

Remember to pray for the workers at Home Access, helping people in need every week as part of Tabs' outreach to the wider community.

Thursday 21st

(International Day of Peace)

The U.N. General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The Day's theme for 2017 is "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All." Pray for peace.

Friday 22nd

Today pray for the Coptic Church in Egypt. Pray for revival in Egypt, ask God to reach out to the Egyptian church, protect them from persecution, inspire them by the Spirit and encourage them in faith and ministry.

Saturday 23rd

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

Sunday 24th

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.

Monday 25th

Pray for persecuted believers in places around the world. The church faces discrimination from: Islamic terrorists, Maoist rebels, Hindu extremists, Buddhist vigilantes, atheists and just plain apathy. Ask God to use each situation to extend His kingdom.

Tuesday 26th

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.

Wednesday 27th

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

Thursday 28th

Please pray for those who have been bereaved recently.