

Saturday 25th

Exodus 23:2 "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd." Is justice on your agenda? Pray for those who seek to uphold justice in the face of entrenched interests, corrupt legal systems, injustice or exploitation.

Sunday 26th

Let the name of Jesus be hallowed in Tabs today. Give thanks for the helpers who make services work.

Monday 27th

Pray for someone who works today.

Tuesday 28th

Pray for the Playgroup, meeting each morning of the week.

Wednesday 29th

Pray today for something for yourself.

Thursday 30th

As the season of Advent approaches, ask God to prepare your heart for celebrating the birth of Jesus.

Contributions can be sent to

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Thought for the Month

Do you let other people make up your mind for you? Are you the sort of person who always needs to get your own way, do you get uptight when someone else steals the limelight? Or on the other hand are you one of those people who just 'go with the flow' and never make a stand about anything? In the group of people who were Jesus' disciples there were both sorts of people. Peter was the sort of bloke who wanted to be at the front of the queue for everything. Some of the others get few mentions in the gospels, and very often appear to just be along for the ride, to make up the numbers.

When it comes to thinking about what to pray for how do you decide what to give support to, and what to leave to someone else? Being able to think for yourself is one of those life skills which education is supposed to teach everyone. Sometimes it works and sometimes not. Making up your mind to follow Jesus is something which no one else can determine for you, however much they want you to or not as the case may be. Similarly learning to pray is a life skill which you can get taught the theory for, but which only comes together by experience and practise, like leaning to swim or ride a bike. When praying this month ask God to clearly show you the things to pray for, and the discernment to know what to leave on the table.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : november 2017

"Do this in Remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

Remembrance is a word which sums up the month of November. On the 1st we have All Souls or All Saints Day when we remember those in the faith who have died and gone ahead of us to heaven. On 5th November we remember the events surrounding the Gunpowder Plot, and on the 11th we have Remembrance Day followed by Remembrance Sunday on the 12th this year. It is good to remember where we have come from as a nation and as believer, as this reminds us who we are and where we are heading.

The most important acts of remembrance during November, though, will happen on the evening of 5th November, the morning of 19th November and each Wednesday morning at 10.00 am. These are the times and dates when we remember Jesus' sacrifice made once for all people on the cross. It is the time when we remember how much God loved us, and the power of the resurrection in our lives. It is the time when we gather for our communion services. Let me urge you to make meeting together a priority Sunday by Sunday, but all the more so when we gather together to break bread and drink wine in remembrance of Jesus.

Roger Grafton

Wednesday 1st (All Saints (Souls) Day)

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

Thursday 2nd

Please pray for any students you know. Ask God to sustain faith in Christian students in an atheistic academic environment.

Friday 3rd

Remember the youth outreaches which take place on Friday evenings. Ask God to bless each young person, leader and helper involved.

Saturday 4th

Do you contribute to the ministry in Tabs, singing, playing music, catering, among the youth, cell group leader, finance team, prayer? If not then maybe now is the time to offer your gift to God of service, by asking Roger Grafton. Ask where the greatest need that you could fill is to be found and get stuck

in. Pray for God's leading.

Sunday 5th

Bonfire night is about remembering the preservation of Parliament and the monarch. It is a reminder of the rule of law personified by Parliament, and the peace of the realm in the face of anarchy. Pray for MPs, the Queen & Royal Family and give thanks for the democratic freedoms enjoyed today in Britain.

Monday 6th

Praying for the church in faraway places needs imagination, information and time. Ask God where you should be praying for today, take a geography lesson, pray for somewhere no one else will.

Tuesday 7th

Today please pray for the ongoing sustainability of Tabs' assets. Give thanks for the dedicated team who have overseen the recent renovations project on the building, the Finance Team who oil the wheels of getting things done, and the diaconate who give leadership.

Wednesday 8th

Any day of the week is a good day to give thanks. Give thanks to God today for something special to you that God helped you achieve.

Thursday 9th

Tonight the volunteers from Tabs involved in the Paradise Run in Cardiff will be on duty. Please remember them in prayer

Friday 10th

Please pray for those for whom Christmas will not be so merry. Perhaps now is time to pack a shoe box for a prisoner's child, a missionary kid overseas, a Syrian orphan or someone else who God has put into your thoughts.

Saturday 11th

Today is Armistice Day which celebrates the official end of the First World War. Please pray for all those who will march to remember the fallen of many conflicts around the world, not just WW1.

Sunday 12th (Remembrance Sunday)

The whole nation will stop today to pay respect to the dead of two world wars. Many people will seek to remember fallen family members and friends, some known in person, some just by family links. Pray for those who remember today.

Monday 13th

Today please pray for the ladies who meet for 'Women's Hour' each week.

Tuesday 14th

Please pray today for the sick, lonely, bereaved and someone in need of a touch from God. Give thanks for those who visit the housebound and take Communion when required. A suitable list can be found in the newsletter.

Wednesday 15th

Please pray for the Breakfast Club, Food Bank and communion service events which take place on Wednesday mornings. Ask God to bless all these ministries and those who benefit from them.

Thursday 16th

Please pray for all those who lead and participate in cell, small and Alpha groups. Ask God to bless their meetings, let prayer be offered, let it not just be a gossip shop.

Friday 17th

Do you pray and have a quiet time every day? Ask God to inculcate a desire for Him that leads to you wanting God, like a junkie wants a fix. Make a New Year Resolution to meet with God every day in 2018. Keep a tally.

Saturday 18th

Please pray for the smaller causes in Penarth: Capel Bethel, Hebron Cogan, Sully Community Church, Eden, Bethesda Dinas Powys, Elfed Avenue Uniting Church, Plassey Street Gospel Hall and any others you know. Ask God to bless their witness, outreach and ministry.

Sunday 19th

Roger Grafton sometimes prays for the children in church on Sunday mornings. Please pray for the young people who come to Tabs week by week. Give thanks for them, and remember places where there is no children's ministry.

Monday 20th

The ongoing war in Syria and Iraq is the worst war disaster since World War 2. Ask God to end this sorry situation and bring peace.

Tuesday 21st

Overseas Missionary Fellowship, (OMF), currently have just under 1400 members from 40 nations working throughout East Asia, and serving in Western nations where East Asians work or study. Remember the work of OMF before God today.

Wednesday 22nd

Praying for outreach projects is not very glamorous, probably not cool either. But, praying for mission, revival, and outreach to the wider community should be part of every Christian's agenda. Ask God to guide you what to pray for today.

Thursday 23rd

Fairtrade products have a revolutionising effect on people's lives when implemented. However the greed for profits hinders just pricing of commodities in world markets. Pray for renewed efforts to help people trade their way out of poverty despite the problems.

Friday 24th

Please pray for Angus & Helen and their children in Nepal. Pray for all their needs: financial, spiritual, fellowship, safety and professional.