

Birch as he ministers in Church Village area. Ask God to bless the ministries of these ex Tabs people.

### **Sunday 29th**

Give thanks for those who lead Sunday School every week. Ask God to bless their efforts as they lead young people towards Jesus.

### **Monday 30th**

Remember to uphold teenagers who want to live by a Christian ethic, in a hostile, worldly environment. Pray for young people at St Cyres, Stanwell and other local schools, uphold teachers who take a stand in education for Christian standards.

### **Tuesday 31st**

Today is Halloween (All Hallows (Souls) Eve). Please pray for protection for people and alternative services offered instead of the occult offerings.

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## **Thought for the Month**

### **God In Between**

October is one of those times of year when the seasons can be so different year to year. Some years there is sunshine, summer joy and bright days until well towards the end of the month. In other years there is rain, gloom and early onset winter almost from the start. Some people try to compensate by bringing the Christmas season forward, others retreat indoors and only emerge when absolutely necessary. Even the Church is in a state of suspended animation, no major festivals to celebrate, harvest is mostly gone, just remembering the festival of Pentecost. In this 'in between' season it is good to reflect upon the goodness of God, give thanks for the blessings which get taken for granted every day, pray for those less well off, pray for the church in other places which suffers for the name of Jesus, raise some funds for a Christmas charity, renew those old friendships, dwell on the scripture more as the evenings draw in and there is endless garbage on the TV. In short just because the season is turning there is still something to be thankful for, someone in need of prayer, and spiritual housekeeping to attend to. As you pray this month please give thought to those matters which may have been put on the back burner over the summer, polish up your spiritual sword and step forward as a good prayer warrior of Jesus.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## **prayer diary : october 2017**

"The Lord who watches over you will not  
slumber" (Psalm 121:3)

In his 'Thought for the Month' at the end of this prayer diary, Jon reminds us that October is a bit of an 'in-between month' sandwiched between the end of the summer and the start of the winter and Advent. In the church calendar the Sundays are numbered the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Sundays after Pentecost, reminding us just how long it has been since a major festival!

However, as Baptists we may not be aware that the vast majority of Christians *do* keep special days and festivals during this period. October includes the festivals of St Luke, St James, St Simon and St Jude. It also has All Saint's Day (or All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween) and All Soul's Day. Add to that Remembrance Sunday very soon and Michaelmas at the very end of September, and it starts to look like a busy period! Of course, the point is that God never sleeps nor slumbers, and he never rests from his work amongst his people of recreation and salvation.

**Pastor Roger**

### **Sunday 1st**

Please remember all those who contribute to Tabs services today. Let God be glorified in this church today.

### **Monday 2nd**

This month the annual madness for Christmas starts up. Pray that God will help people see past the tinsel and spin to the Incarnation of Jesus.

### **Tuesday 3rd**

Please pray for the Methodist churches in the area: Albert Road, Trinity, and Dinas Powys. Ask God to prosper their outreach, ministry and witness in Penarth.

### **Wednesday 4th**

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

### **Thursday 5th**

Visiting the old, sick and infirm should be every Christian's duty. Please pray for those who do this task in Tabs, remember those being visited too. A list of names can be found in the weekly news sheet.

### **Friday 6th**

In August a number of teenage young people went to Soul Survivor. Pray for those who are thinking about spiritual issues, and Naomi Best as she mentors this group.

### **Saturday 7th**

Many people are involved in sport which takes place on Saturdays and often Sundays too. Pray for chaplains, leaders and parents who witness in sporting situations.

### **Sunday 8th**

Is today the time to consider some of the activities which got put on the back burner over the summer? (See piece at the end).

### **Monday 9th**

Please pray for the ladies who meet together on Monday afternoons. Give them inspiring speakers, and give thanks for all they contribute towards the life of Tabs.

### **Tuesday 10th**

Please pray for those who face death, those recently bereaved and those who comfort them. Ask God to give them His peace.

### **Wednesday 11th**

Please pray today for peace in Iraq and Syria. Ask God to alleviate the suffering of people in these countries and bring an end to conflict on a permanent basis. Give thanks for the progress made over recent months. Pray for refugees facing another homeless winter.

### **Thursday 12th**

Today pray for the leadership in Tabs. Think of Roger & Claire Grafton, Owen James, elders, deacons, Cell Group leaders, auxiliary leaders like youth, prayer meeting, toddlers etc. Ask God for patience, maturity and love.

### **Friday 13th**

Pray for the youth outreaches which meet on Friday evenings. Ask God to bless this work, give them safe and happy club meetings, and to provide enough leaders to meet the demand.

### **Saturday 14th**

Please remember other churches which you may have visited, ask God to empower them today as they prepare for Sunday.

### **Sunday 15th**

Think today of the lay preachers who serve other churches in the area every Sunday. Ask God to bless those from Tabs, and remember also students from the Cardiff Baptist College who all go out preaching every week.

### **Monday 16th**

On this day in 1665 Latimer & Ridley were burned at the stake in Oxford. Cranmer joined them 5 months later. They introduced the Bible in English to Britain. Pray today for those who still work on translating scripture into 'heart languages'.

### **Tuesday 17th**

Small groups meet regularly, and one of their tasks is to pray. Ask your small group to pray for that difficult relation who does not 'do God and all that rot'. Ask God to be gracious to that person and build up faith among those who pray.

### **Wednesday 18th**

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 19th**

Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) is a multinational outreach organisation working in 70 countries around the world. In Malawi a missionary sending programme is being developed. Pray for unity of approach in the interdenominational Malawi Mission Initiative (MMI) – to work together with the churches to commence sustainable sending structures.

### **Friday 20th**

Pray for a young person who is special to you. Ask God to help them see Him, maybe a son or daughter, grandchild or wider family. Encourage them to know Jesus for themselves.

### **Saturday 21st**

Pray for someone who is hurting, maybe in the throes of divorce, bereaved, lonely, disappointed at their lot in life, failed an exam, or whatever. Ask God to give them peace and guidance.

### **Sunday 22nd**

When was the last time you looked at your giving to Tabs and other causes? Do you bother to tithe your money? Ask God to guide you in these matters.

### **Monday 23rd**

God has blessed Tabs with enough finance to meet most needs. Thank God for this provision and also for those who look after the money, pray for honesty, integrity and dedication.

### **Tuesday 24th**

Please spare a thought for those who will be away at Christmas. Now is the time to go shopping for that special person and get it on its way. Pray for that person away from home and family.

### **Wednesday 25th**

The churches in Sri Lanka and Indonesia have come under sustained persecution in recent months, pray for God to provide His grace to these situations.

### **Thursday 26th**

Pray today for your favourite ministry in Tabs. Get your activity on here by sending a prayer request.

### **Friday 27th**

Pray today for an overseas worker, like the Douglas family in Nepal, or Judy Cook in Thailand.

### **Saturday 28th**

Pray for Lesley Lawrence who started work at Albany Road BC in August. Remember John Hall moved from Newport to Cornerstone Church in Rhondda in the summer and Jon