

Monday 29th

Today please pray for the Middle East. Pray for peace in Syria & Iraq, ask God to end the wars in these places. Pray too for refugees in the middle of winter, and those who provide help and assistance.

Tuesday 30th

Please pray for the Playgroup meeting every morning in Tabs. Pray for leaders, children and parents.

Wednesday 31st

Please today pray for something which is unique for you. Bring a problem, a 'thank you' or a loved one before God.

Contributions can be sent to
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Thought for the Month

Happiness

What makes you feel happy? Do you like being part of a family that help and love you, giving a "belonging" feeling? On the other hand family may not be very helpful at times. Further do you enjoy school, your job, a particular interest or pastime which gives you a good feeling? Do you find being around other Christians makes you feel good, or just cynical about other people's failings? Does God give you a contented feeling, happy to be in God's family? If you are a 'happy, clappy person' by nature then you are truly blessed.

No one can be happy all the time, some people seem to have more than their fair share of troubles, some share happiness by their nature, smile or attitude. For those in the not so happy camp seeing others who laugh and smile all the time can be painful. Poets ask the sort of question which goes: "Why is no one else sad that my friend died?" Being happy implies physical and mental wellbeing, being sad and frustrated implies a less than satisfactory outlook on life.

In the Bible Romans 12:15 says: "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn". So Christians are to be glad and happy, as well as weep with those who are unhappy. It is easy to eat cake, laugh and dance in happiness, not so enticing to sympathise and support those in difficulty. No one wants to be a killjoy, but next time a person crosses your path who has reason to be unhappy, take time out to support them, pray for them, offer practical support, if that is in your gift, and be a friend; so when the good times roll around, you can go to the party too.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : january 2018

"Behold, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21:5

The celebration of the Christmas season is just over and we find ourselves in a New Year already. Advent, Christmas & New Year make for quite a glut of celebrations very close together! However, it is significant that Christmas immediately precedes the New Year. Emotionally, the New Year heralds a new beginning in our lives. But all new beginnings must start with the coming of Jesus first. This is the Good News of Christmas: God coming amongst us as Emmanuel, God with us.

Christmas reveals to us that God is not an unaffected spectator to our lives. He is very much part of the ups and downs of human existence, having experienced them himself. It is He alone who can take charge and change of our lives by renewing us in His love. He alone can bring about true renewal. The more we open our hearts to the power of His love to grip us, the better transformed our lives will be. The New Year is not only a time for New Year's resolutions; it is also the time to resolve to allow more of Christ in our life.

Pastor Roger

Monday 1st (New Year's Day)

If you had a good Christmas, then give thanks to God for all the good things you enjoyed.

Tuesday 2nd

This week and next week normal service will resume in many places, school, work, college, so ask God to bless those who seek to witness for Him in their daily lives in such places.

Wednesday 3rd

As the new term gets into action please pray for the Elders and Deacons, Pastors and other Leaders. Ask for wisdom, patience, love and 'street cred' for them in their duties in Church.

Thursday 4th

In this season of peace and goodwill, pray today that the members from Tabs on The Paradise Run in Cardiff tonight will be blessed, and a blessing to those whom they serve.

Friday 5th

In this season of peace and goodwill, pray today that there will be peace in the world. Pray for those who seek to end conflict and cultivate peace between nations.

Saturday 6th (Epiphany)

Think about foreigners today. Three wise men visited Jesus and were welcomed, so let us do the same today. Remember the International Café, pray for the ministry of Friend's International running outreach events to overseas students.

Sunday 7th

Remember the other Baptist Churches in the area today: Stanwell Rd, Dinas Powys, Eden, Llandough and in Barry & Cardiff. Pray for their outreach, ministry and witness.

Monday 8th

This time seven years ago the church was being asked to pray for South Sudan. Since then there has been unending civil war, so pray for peace in the newest country in Africa.

Tuesday 9th

Remember the home visitors who go to see those people who are housebound, infirm, old, and lonely. Pray for the visitors, and their clients.

Wednesday 10th

Remember to pray for the weekly Breakfast Club at Arcot House. Pray for the staff of Home Access who are involved with many of the clients of the Food Bank as well.

Thursday 11th

Please pray for the Small, Alpha and bible study groups who meet on different days through the week.

Friday 12th

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.

Saturday 13th

Pray today for those who will take part in Tab's services tomorrow. Ask God to bless the preacher, reader, sound desk operators, greeters, caterers and all involved.

Sunday 14th

Death comes at any time and sometimes the loneliness and mourning get forgotten in the rush of life. Remember some of the relatives of those in the church who passed away recently.

Monday 15th

Please pray for the ladies in 'Women's Hour' meeting today.

Tuesday 16th

Please remember the work of TWAM collecting and refurbishing tools, sewing machines and haberdashery for shipment to Africa.

Wednesday 17th

Some Tabs members are involved with Prison Fellowship. Pray for the work of Prison Fellowship as well as Chaplains, visitors and welfare workers in the justice system.

Thursday 18th

Please pray for Helen and Angus as they work with BMS. They have many things to do and consider. Ask God to bless them and their children, provide for their needs, keep them safe and facilitate their ministry.

Friday 19th

Pray today for the youth outreaches which take place on Friday evenings. Ask God to bless their efforts, give them a safe and enjoyable club and remember those who lead, those who support and the kids and their parents.

Saturday 20th

Street Pastors are on the streets of Cardiff every weekend. Pray for Jackie Bradshaw the coordinator, and members involved from Tabs.

Sunday 21st

Today ask God to help you be a good witness for Jesus. Pray for that person who gives you a hard time, ask God to work on them.

Monday 22nd

Ask God to refresh the vision for prayer among Tabs members. Pray for an invigorated programme led from the front.

Tuesday 23rd

Remember today the New Year Resolutions which you wanted to make and could not be bothered. Ask God to forgive your lax attitude, and step up to the plate on what God may be calling you to do.

Wednesday 24th

Christians Against Poverty has become a strategic partner for Tabs in the ministries run from Arcot House. Ask God to bless the partnership and the outworking in Tabs.

Thursday 25th

Please consider the spiritual needs of a person in your small group. Pray for that person.

Friday 26th

Please pray for those who are unemployed. 2 Thessalonians 3 talks about: 'he who will not work should not eat'. Ask God to provide opportunities for those who are unemployed.

Saturday 27th

Please pray for a subject close to your heart today - someone sick, a lonely person, a 'thank you' to God for a blessing, & etc.

Sunday 28th

Start worship today by putting right any snarled up relationships in the Church which you need to sort out. Ask God for grace and humility to do the right thing.