

Tuesday 26th

Please pray for Roger, Owen and the leadership team as they make decisions about the running of the church.

Wednesday 27th

Revival is the renewal of a church, a nation or a whole continent by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask God to send revival to Britain, starting today.

Thursday 28th

Visiting the sick can be very demanding, praying for the sick and dying sometimes is equally harrowing. Please pray for or visit someone in need, start with the list in the newsletter.

Friday 29th

Summer means Holiday Club (23 – 27 July). Pray for the preparations for this annual event, remember Claire Grafton and her team as they make preparations.

Saturday 30th (Armed Forces Day)

Today will mark Armed Forces Day which is intended to celebrate living members past and present of the military, as opposed to the dead on Remembrance Day. Please pray for all personnel serving in theatres of war around the world. Remember those maimed and injured and the relatives of those killed in action.

Contributions can be sent to john.stansfield5@btinternet.com or left in the pigeon hole before 7th of the month.

Thought for the Month Choices

Making choices is something everyone has to do every day, what to wear, what to eat, what to do, where to go, who to talk to, what to say, the list is endless. The Bible has a lot to say about the choicest animals, gold, wives and many other things when concerned with God. Joshua had to choose who to serve, God or the pagan gods of the Canaanites. There are many outcomes from the choices people make, sometimes the wrong choices are made with dire consequences, sometimes good, informed choices are made which have good outcomes.

When it comes to choosing what to believe there are many things to think about. If you choose to be an atheist, then you only have to think about yourself. If you choose to be a Buddhist, Hindu or Moslem then you embrace all that is entailed in following those faiths. If you choose to follow Jesus all you have to do is believe in Him and the forgiveness which comes from God. Every time you pray to Jesus He listens and answers your prayers one way or another. Choosing to pray is exercising choice that faith will result in action from heaven. God may say: 'no', 'wait', or 'yes', whichever way he answers the fact that you chose Jesus can have only eternal outcomes, choose Jesus today.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : june 2018

The Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2 Corinthians 3:17)

Scattered throughout the year are the great Christian festivals and celebrations: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and Harvest. The Church throughout history has celebrated these events and marked them with special traditions and services. However, the day after Pentecost, we entered 'Ordinary Time' in the liturgical calendar. Between now and December (with the exception of 'Trinity Sunday' in June) we worship and celebrate the ordinary, everyday life of the Christian.

The first time I went to Spring Harvest was in 1986. I had become a Christian the previous summer and joined a small, inner-city church. The vast gatherings and modern music of Spring Harvest was a revelation. However, I remember Graham Kendrick saying on the last day, "Don't go home and try to reproduce Spring Harvest in your home churches. You can't do it! This has been a special time of worship and celebration *but most of your Christian life doesn't take place as a 'mountain top experience'*. *Go home and live faithfully as extraordinary Christians in ordinary situations.*"

He was right. Most of our Christian experience takes place in the everyday, regular, ordinary life where we live and work. Most services are not experiences where the earth quakes and the whole congregation lie prostrate in the power of the Spirit. The ordinary is just so... ordinary! Sometimes even, boring.

But read the Gospels. It was in the ordinary, everyday humdrum working out of life that the greatest miracles took place: a wedding; a funeral; a synagogue service; a walk along the road; a simple boat trip. If we are open to God, we will discover the beauty of the ordinary, and that we can be extraordinary servants in the most ordinary of situations.

Pastor Roger

Friday 1st

Praying for young people can seem like a lost cause, but God honours those who pray. Every time you pray for a young person they step one step nearer to Jesus. Pray for one who you know today.

Saturday 2nd

The ministries offered from Arcot House include: Home Access, Pharaoh's Pantry, Breakfast Club, The Keep, CAP courses and others. Pray for those using these services and the providers too.

Sunday 3rd

Pray for the itinerant preachers who go out from Tabs each week. Pray for the fellowships where they minister and ask God to bless their efforts.

Monday 4th

Holidays will loom large for most people over the next few weeks. Pray for people you know going on holiday.

Tuesday 5th

Pray today for an everyday type of topic: someone who works, goes to school, looks after kids or who is old and lonely. Lift up someone you know who needs a touch from God.

Wednesday 6th

Leadership Council meets today to consider the work of Tabs. Please pray for the proceedings. There may be new faces on the team this month.

Thursday 7th

Please pray for other Baptist churches in Britain you may have visited. Remember the work of BUGB and all who work at Baptist House in Didcot.

Friday 8th

Think about a situation on the news recently for which you can give thanks. Thank God for a lost child found, someone made well, a peace deal signed, something positive.

Saturday 9th

Today please pray for some of the smaller causes around Penarth: Albert Road & Trinity Methodists, Plassey St Gospel Hall, Cogan Gospel Hall, Sully Community Church, Eden, Bethesda Dinas Powys, and any others.

Sunday 10th

The rotas for services on Sunday (welcome, coffee, sound desk, security etc.) all need volunteers. As God if you should be contributing to one of these ministries.

Monday 11th

Pray today for those who are sick, a suitable list can be found in the weekly newsletter.

Tuesday 12th

When did you last read the Bible in your own language: 'heart language' in the jargon? You were able to do that because someone translated it in the past. Pray today for Bible Society, Gideons, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Summer Institute of Linguistics and other translation agencies.

Wednesday 13th

Please remember those who attend the weekly communion service. Thank God for those who lead and remember those who attend.

Thursday 14th

Africa Inland Mission (AIM) has offices around the world and works in Africa and Europe amongst African origin people. The objective of AIM is to build the church in all places in Africa,

particularly where there is no church at present. Remember the outreach of AIM before God.

Friday 15th

Please pray for Jon & Emma Birch and their children based in Church Village. Ask God to bless their vision for church planting.

Saturday 16th

Remember to pray for Jonathan & Catherine Bugg in ministry at Manor Court Baptist Church Nuneaton. Ask God to prosper their ministry, outreach and witness.

Sunday 17th (Father's Day)

Please pray for the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and other men you know who do not 'do' Jesus, or have no time for God.

Monday 18th

At the start of Refugee Week, pray for those seeking refuge around Cardiff, for those helping them integrate and tonight's Spectrum Singers concert at Tabs in aid of Croeso Penarth and Sharedydd. (David Bacon).

Tuesday 19th

There has been a trend in recent years for Gideon bibles to be excluded from some hotel chains. Ask God to enable new and old locations to be restocked with appropriate bibles by the Gideons.

Wednesday 20th

Praying for the nations of the earth is advocated in scripture, so which nation have you prayed for recently? "Prayer Mate" is a phone app which can be used to get such information as daily updates from "Operation World" designed to pray for the whole world, country by country each day.

Thursday 21st

Please remember those students from the Baptist College who are finishing their courses and looking to start full time ministry. Ask God to guide them in their lives.

Friday 22nd

Can you use technology to help you in your prayer life? Get emails about prayer topics, or use an 'app' to feed you information on mission situations. The BMS website gives daily updates for prayer. Ask a young person to help you if necessary.

Saturday 23rd

Give thanks today for the Finance team who look after the money in Tabs. Without them there would be no church. Ask God to give them honesty, integrity and stickability.

Sunday 24th

Today please pray for those leading the services in Tabs and all those who give their time and talent to make worship the event and experience that it is. Pray that Jesus should be glorified in the worship today.

Monday 25th

Over the last few months the church has suffered much upheaval due to building works. Give thanks today for the many hours put in by Steve Roberts, Karl Haldenby and others towards this project. Ask God to provide appropriate recompense for their efforts.