

it happens to be that you come into contact with today.

### **Saturday 29th**

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.

### **Sunday 30th**

Today will be the fifth Sunday in the month, so the morning service will be a family service. Pray for all who attend, that the sermon will not be too long and the children will enjoy the event.

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### **Thought for the Month Procrastination**

How often have you put something off which should have been done "now"? The old saying "procrastination is the thief of time" is just as true today as it was when first uttered. Putting off until tomorrow something which should be done today is something which everyone has done at one time or another. Doing the chores, revising, telling that difficult person to 'go away', difficult, dangerous or unpleasant things get parked on the back burner until a more appropriate time. Unfortunately that time seldom arrives. When you do get around to doing whatever it was you put off it is still just as unpleasant, difficult or distasteful as it was before getting procrastinated. Worse still the task which seemed so difficult now gets put off again and again and eventually never done at all. Having your quiet or prayer time can sometimes come into this category. Once one day is missed the next time it becomes easier to justify to yourself, and the next time until you stop doing it altogether.

When looked at in an objective, rational manner then planning to have half an hour with God each day is a good objective. However by going on the razzle and not getting up in time, the choice is quiet time or be late for work, no choice. The planning needs to take in all the quantifiable parameters, like go to bed on time, get up early enough to allow time to have quiet time, get ready and be in work on time.

When it comes to making such choices it is up to each person to make their own decisions. From God's perspective He wants to hear from you properly every day, not just the odd five minutes between breakfast and dashing for the bus or car. Resolve to put procrastination on the back burner, and enjoy God and be on time for work.

# tabernacle : penarth

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

## prayer diary : september 2018

Late September or early October sees the celebration of one of the three big Jewish festivals each year. Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) is in the spring; Pentecost (or Shavuot) occurs in early summer, but the autumn sees the harvest festival of the Feast of Tabernacle, or Sukkot.

Sukkot has a double significance. The one mentioned in the Book of Exodus is agricultural in nature—"Feast of Ingathering at the year's end" (Exodus 34:22)—and marks the end of the harvest time and thus of the agricultural year in the Land of Israel. The more elaborate religious significance from the Book of Leviticus is that of commemorating the Exodus and the dependence of the People of Israel on the will of God (Leviticus 23:42-43).

However, the main reminder of both interpretations of Sukkot is that it is God who provides, and we need to entirely put our trust in him - for both our freedom and our food. As we celebrate Harvest this month, we too remember the freedom and the provision that has been given to us as God's people in Jesus Christ.

**Roger Grafton**

### **Saturday 1st**

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 2nd**

If you had a nice holiday over the summer, use the worship in church today to say 'thank you' to God. Pray for those who did not get a holiday, the sick, the old and lonely, the poor and those who do not cope well with life. Lift them up to God.

### **Monday 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.

### **Tuesday 4th**

Men's ministry in Tabs is almost non-existent. Ask God to give the church a vision for this area of outreach.

### **Wednesday 5th**

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

### **Thursday 6th**

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.

### **Friday 7th**

The youth work in Tabs is led by Owen James. Ask God for wisdom for all those involved with young people. Pray for new leaders, established leaders, all the children, their parents and for good fun, safe clubs and successful outreaches.

### **Saturday 8th**

Please pray for the pastoral leadership team, elders, pastors and the deacons as they lead the church.

### **Sunday 9th**

Today please pray for the many Baptist Churches around the area. Pray for Stanwell Rd, Llandough, Dinas Powys, Bethel Barry, Llanishen Cardiff, Ararat Whitchurch, Bethel Whitchurch and many more. Lift their witness, outreach and ministry to God.

### **Monday 10th**

The pastor will tell you that the main function of any church should be to reach out to the local community. Pray to God for a vision for Tabs for outreach to young families in the area, now that the old Playgroup is now defunct.

### **Tuesday 11th**

Many house groups will be restarting this week. Pray for leaders, participants and those who produce studies.

### **Wednesday 12th**

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 13th**

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

### **Friday 14th**

Today please pray for the ministry of Grangetown Baptist Church. There have been many changes over recent years, with a new minister from 2018.

### **Saturday 15th**

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.

### **Sunday 16th**

Let Jesus be glorified in the worship in Tabernacle today.

### **Monday 17th**

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

### **Tuesday 18th**

Praying for Revival should be on every Christian's subject list. Pray for revival in a country where you have never prayed before, like France, Zimbabwe or China.

### **Wednesday 19th**

Please pray for those who lead the weekly communion service each Wednesday morning. Remember those who find comfort in such an event.

### **Thursday 20th**

The music group usually meet on Thursdays for practise for the following Sunday. Pray for all those who minister through music. Remember to encourage young people who may be nervous in public.

### **Friday 21st (International Day of Peace)**

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. Pray for world peace.

### **Saturday 22nd**

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.

### **Sunday 23rd**

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.

### **Monday 24th**

Pray for a topic brought to you today on electronic media.

### **Tuesday 25th**

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

### **Wednesday 26th**

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

### **Thursday 27th**

Pray for yourself and your family today.

### **Friday 28th**

Do you have contact with someone of a different faith than yours? Pray for that shopkeeper, bus driver, repair man or whoever