

Saturday 27th

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.

Sunday 28th

Give thanks to God for something special to you today.

Monday 29th

Lift up someone today who only you know about, at school, work or a friend.

Tuesday 30th

Think of someone today who lives in an old people's home.

Wednesday 31st

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

SIL Summer Institute of Linguistics
TWAM Tools With A Mission
BMS Baptist Missionary Society

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

Thought for the Month

Being Lonely

Anyone can be alone, and anyone can be lonely. The first is just a lack of people nearby, but the second is a mental and spiritual state. People can be lonely in a crowd or on a desert island. Human relationships are complex things, but lack of relationships leads to loneliness. Old people see their families grow up and move away for education and work, their peers die off one by one and some get stranded in a social hole. Young people have inhibitions, are shy or get bullied, they fail to make friends, so suffer from social isolation. Adults just do not interact with those around them, too busy at work, too shy, too busy with hobbies, the list is endless.

Jesus always had time for those who were excluded. He talked to lepers, the worst outcasts, Samaritans, social pariahs in Israel, women, they did not count. Followers of Jesus must follow His example and reach out to those who are not 'in', but rather 'out'. This month pray that God will show you how you should be reaching out to the lonely and lost outside your set of friends and acquaintances.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : october 2018

So then each of us will give an account
of himself to God.
(Romans 14:12)

As a pastor, people often say to me, "Christmas must be your busiest time of year". In fact, Autumn is a much busier season. Back to school and a new term at church, students heading off to University, many church groups beginning again after the summer break, Harvest, MAF Sunday, Women's Day, training courses, Remembrance Sunday, and Advent all crowd into the calendar. The last couple of years we have even let our church anniversary slip off the agenda because we have been so busy with other things! I'm sure each of us will have our favourite part of the celebrations and commemorations that come at this time of the year.

In the early church there was a problem in Rome over these sorts of celebrations. Paul wrote that, "One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike." (Rom 14:5) In other words, each person thought that their own personal favourite celebration was more important than all the others, and it was causing division in the church. "Don't be silly!" says Paul. Whether we feast or fast, celebrate or treat a day as normal, we should be doing it 'to the Lord'. "Don't pass judgement on one another", he continues. "The Kingdom of God is not about these things, but is about righteousness and peace". So, whatever and however we celebrate, let us love one another, live righteously, bring peace in the church and honour one another in the knowledge that one day we will give an account of ourselves, not an account of other people!

Pastor Roger

Monday 1st

Please pray for the ladies who meet for 'Women's Hour' in the afternoon. Ask God to bless their fellowship together.

Tuesday 2nd

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

Wednesday 3rd

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

Thursday 4th

We have small groups meeting most days now, but Thursday still remains the main day for many groups. Pray for all our small groups today.

Friday 5th

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.

Saturday 6th

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

Sunday 7th

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

Monday 8th

Please pray today for peace in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan. Ask God to alleviate the suffering of people in these countries and bring an end to conflict on a permanent basis.

Tuesday 9th

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

Wednesday 10th

Food distribution from the Food Bank, Breakfast Club and midweek Communion meet on Wednesdays. Please pray for those who lead, serve and use these services.

Thursday 11th

BMS run a disaster fund on the principle that saving in good times means having something to contribute when disasters take place. In 2015 the Nepal earthquake provided an opportunity to help immediately as a result of this policy. Ask God if you should be contributing to the BMS disaster fund.

Friday 12th

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

Saturday 13th

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 14th

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 15th

Remember the suffering church in Eritrea which has been in the news recently. It is reported that Christians are being incarcerated in shipping

containers in the desert without food or water for days on end. Pray for God to end this inhuman treatment of people.

Tuesday 16th (Latimer, Ridley & Cranmer)

These men are known as the Oxford Martyrs and were burned at the stake for wanting people to read the scripture in their mother tongue. If you have a bible in your 'heart language' then pray for translators around the world working for; Wycliffe Bible Translators, Bible Society, SIL* and many more.

Wednesday 17th

Visiting the old, sick and infirm is done in Tabs by the Visitors Team. Please pray for those who do this task and Mike Valintine who coordinates the scheme. Remember those being visited.

Thursday 18th

Pray today for someone special.

Friday 19th

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 20th

Pray today for the sick in body and mind. Pray for families affected by illness, for those who are too old to get out, those with mental health issues, in fact anyone needing a healing touch from God.

Sunday 21st

Pray today for the Worship Group who lead the music and singing in services. Give thanks for their enthusiasm and encouragement to younger musicians in the church.

Monday 22nd

'The Mission to Seafarers has grown to become one of the largest port-based welfare operators in the world, providing a service in around 200 ports, 365 days a year, across 50 countries. International Headquarters (IHQ) in London supports over 70 frontline staff and around 100 Honorary Chaplains in addition to an army of Volunteers, who visit ships, offer hospitality, drive minibuses and engage in a range of other welfare activity.' Pray today for missions to seamen.

Tuesday 23rd

Please pray for the team at TWAM who meet every week to collect, clean up and send old tools, sewing machines, haberdashery and education packs to developing countries. (Donate items on Tuesday or Thursday morning at the Unit).

Wednesday 24th

Pray today for someone near to death.

Thursday 25th

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.

Friday 26th

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