

Monday 26th

Death comes at any time of year, ask God to bless those who are recently bereaved.

Tuesday 27th

Give thanks for a blessing.

Wednesday 28th

Remember to pray for Roger Grafton and the other members of the leadership team.

Thursday 29th

Pray for someone out in the cold and wet with nowhere to sleep tonight.

Friday 30th

As the madness of Christmas approaches, ask God how you could make the difference in someone else's life, perhaps who you do not regularly meet.

*TWAM Tools With A Mission

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Thought for the Month Being Let Down

Getting done over is a common experience for many people, there are many rogues around, but when someone you respect and expect better from lets you down, how do you handle the bitterness and disappointment which naturally follows? The answer is 'grace', large buckets of it, which God will provide if you ask for it. Grace can pour balm on your troubled mind, bring spiritual cleansing and teach you a valuable lesson. Ask God for grace if you are troubled by bad experiences from someone from whom you would have expected better.

Praying into situations in which the issues are not straight forward can be difficult. There are many examples of Christians offering to pray for people, only to be castigated by relatives who do not think praying is appropriate. When bad events take place then people get hurt, either intentionally or by accident. How to respond can be challenging, the responses which people make can change relationships. Sometimes relationships can be strengthened, but sometimes things break down and become strained or bitter. When the Holy Spirit is allowed to minister then broken relationships can be mended, new friendships created, bad feelings soothed and people get forgiven. When resentment and hate fester things deteriorate until open hostilities breakout. If you are faced with such situations in your life ask God for grace. If you know of someone who got done over or exploited, pray for resolution to their upset, ask God to minister grace into troubled places.

tabernacle : penarth

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

prayer diary : november 2018

November is always a busy month with Bonfire Night, Remembrance and the start of Advent. As a church we start gearing up towards Christmas and, amongst other things, take to the street at the Christmas Parade to promote the Church's Christmas services.

This year, though, the month will be dominated by the Festival of Remembrance. At 11.00 am on Sunday 11th November, it will be exactly 100 years since the guns fell silent on the Western Front, bringing the hostilities of WWI to an end. Right across Europe (and indeed the whole world) people will pause, stand in silence, and remember.

Why do we continue to remember 100 years on when the last of the veterans have now passed away? Because otherwise we forget. We forget the cost and the horror of war, and when we forget it is too easy to let these things happen again. As Christians we are people of remembrance. Week by week we break bread and drink wine in remembrance of Christ, and the price he paid for us. November 11th is all about remembering the price others have paid - both soldier and civilians who have lost loved ones. We do it "Lest we forget".

Pastor Roger

Thursday 1st (All Saints (Souls) Day)

Today is a good day to remember someone who is special in your spiritual life. Ask God to give them a special blessing.

Friday 2nd

Remember the persecuted church around the world. Pray in particular for anyone you know about in prison for their faith in places like Iran, Pakistan, Vietnam, Laos, Sudan and Eritrea.

Saturday 3rd

Think of those who cannot attend services in Church tomorrow because of illness, age or unhappy spirit. Uphold them before God today.

Sunday 4th

Any day of the week is a good day to give thanks. Give thanks to God today for something special to you that God helped you achieve.

Monday 5th

Bonfire night is about remembering the preservation of Parliament and the monarch. It is a reminder of the rule of law personified by Parliament, and the peace of the realm in

the face of anarchy. Pray for MPs, the Queen & Royal Family and give thanks for the democratic freedoms enjoyed today in Britain.

Tuesday 6th

Do you contribute to the ministry in Tabs, singing, playing music, catering, among the youth, small group leader, finance team, prayer? If not then maybe now is the time to offer your gift to God of service, by asking Roger Grafton. Ask where the greatest need that you could fill is to be found and get stuck in. Pray for God's leading.

Wednesday 7th

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

Thursday 8th

The team from Tabs involved in the Paradise Run will be on the streets of Cardiff this evening. Ask God to bless them, those they serve and all involved every day in this outreach.

Friday 9th

Remember the youth outreaches which take place on Friday evenings. Ask God to bless each young person, leader and helper involved.

Saturday 10th

Please pray for those for whom Christmas will not be so merry. Perhaps now is time to pack a shoe box for a prisoner's child, a missionary kid overseas, a Syrian orphan or someone else who God has put into your thoughts.

Sunday 11th (Remembrance Sunday)

Today is Armistice Day which celebrates the official end of the First World War. The whole nation will stop today to pay respect to the dead of two world wars. Many people will seek to remember fallen family members and friends, some known in person, some just by family links. Pray for those who remember today.

Monday 12th

'Africa Inland Mission (AIM) is an evangelical Christian mission agency serving in over 20 African nations. Our passion is to see Christ centred churches established and thriving among all of Africa's peoples'. Please pray for the outreach, finance, vision and operations of AIM.

Tuesday 13th

Please pray today for the sick, lonely, bereaved and someone in need of a touch from God. Give thanks for those who visit the housebound and take Communion when required. A suitable list can be found in the newsletter.

Wednesday 14th

Please pray for the Breakfast Club, Food Bank and communion service events which take place on Wednesday mornings. Ask God to bless all these ministries and those who

benefit from them.

Thursday 15th

Have you written to your favourite missionary recently? Can you safely send them a Christmas present? Do it today.

Friday 16th

Think of a situation which you would not want to face in Cardiff today. Pray for the Street Pastors, police and ambulance staff who are in that situation this evening.

Saturday 17th

Today please pray for the Anglican churches in Penarth: All Saints, St Augustine's, Holy Nativity and all their daughter churches. Please uphold their ministry, outreach and witness in Penarth.

Sunday 18th

Roger Grafton sometimes prays for the children in church on Sunday mornings. Please pray for the young people who come to Tabs week by week. Give thanks for them, and remember places where there is no children's ministry.

Monday 19th

Please remember any students you know who went away to university in September. By now they are homesick or getting on fine, commend them to God.

Tuesday 20th

Please pray for those who meet in small groups each week. Ask God to bless their gatherings.

Wednesday 21st

Praying for outreach projects is not very glamorous, probably not cool either. But, praying for mission, revival, and outreach to the wider community should be part of every Christian's agenda. Ask God to guide you what to pray for today.

Thursday 22nd

Please pray for members of Tabs who give their time to TWAM* each week.

Friday 23rd

Fairtrade products have a revolutionising effect on people's lives when implemented. However the greed for profits hinders just pricing of commodities in world markets. Pray for renewed efforts to help people trade their way out of poverty despite the problems.

Saturday 24th

"He loves me, he loves me not...no, he really does love me!" Thus goes the theme for the 'Refined Women's Day' being held today in Tabs. Remember to pray for everyone involved.

Sunday 25th

The start of the Christian year is set up to teach everyone about the arrival or 'advent' of Jesus. It provides opportunity to prepare for the feast at Christmas and be reminded why Jesus came. Ask God to show you Jesus this Advent...