

# PRAYER DIARY

MAY 2008



*Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27

“If Pastor John retires, and you go on sabbatical at the same time, how will we cope?” is a question that I have heard more than once in recent months. The answer is really quite simple. The same way that dozens and dozens of churches without pastors cope all the time! The Church is a body, and it has many parts. Amongst the congregation at Tabernacle we have pastors, preachers, teachers, pray-ers and worship leaders and if each person plays their part and fulfils their ministry as God has called and gifted them, then the body will function, and grow, just as God intended it to. This is a time for Tabs to mature and grow in new ways over the next three months - pray for grace and equipping that it really will!

Pastor Roger

service to other churches/chapels in the area. He is also heading up a new up-coming initiative which is called ‘The St David’s Project’ which is endorsed by Broad Haven church. The vision behind this is to create a ‘new expression of church’ in the Cathedral City of St David's in West Wales. Geraint has good relationships with the Cathedral staff, and other denominational leaders (although most churches in the area do not have a minister). Currently members of this project meet in a cafe on Sunday nights to pray and worship together. About 12 people on average meet, half are from the St David’s area, the other half are from Broad Haven. All have a passion to reach out to St David’s. The main aim behind the project is not to create a new church that meets on a Sunday morning. Members of the group are encouraged to continue to support their local church. The plan is to meet in triplets to pray regularly and then form some kind of relevant outreach regularly in St David’s.

Fiona works in the Special Needs team in a local comprehensive school where she is the 'Acting Learning Support Manager'. Currently she is on maternity leave having just had her first baby. As well as working full time Fiona is also involved in running TOAST, a youth group for 10-14s in Broad Haven, Kids Praise (a worship time for 2-6s on a Sunday morning when the adults worship), and helping with the 7-9s Sunday School.

Fiona and Geraint live in Haverford West, and have experienced the ups and downs of ministry and of life in general over the past two and a half years, however, they can testify that God is very good, even in the difficult times, and He is very good in the good times. They are well provided for and well looked after by many people both in Broad Haven and in Penarth. They would like to come to Tabs more often on a Sunday - but Sundays are a bit busy!!

They do very much appreciate your prayers.

Thanks

Fiona & Geraint

## Monday 26th

Monday was traditionally washday, although with modern machines that is no longer the case. However there are still many women who stay home to look after kids, husbands, families. Pray for a full time homemaker you know today.

## Tuesday 27th

Please remember Judy Cook who ministers to sick women and children in the Thai city of Chiang Mai. Pray for her finance, spiritual, health and work related needs to be met in full by God.

## Wednesday 28th

Please pray for the work of itinerant preachers from Tabs. Taking services in small and large fellowships around the area they form one of the main ways Tabs can support the wider church.

## Thursday 29th

Please pray for John and Trish James as they become used to being retired. Pray for other retired people who you may know.

## Friday 30th

Getting to grips with prayer can be difficult for some people. Pray for healing for anyone having difficulties in their relationship with God

## Saturday 31st

The Big Breakfast takes place today with a speaker from T.W.A.M. Please also remember Fiona and Geraint Michael and baby Rebeca today.

Contributions for the prayer diary should be sent to john.stansfield5@btinternet.com or left in the pigeonhole in the foyer by 7th of the month.

## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

### Geraint and Fiona Michael

Geraint has now been Assistant Minister in Broad Haven Baptist Church, Pembrokeshire for 2½ years. He has responsibility for youth and life groups, and preaches in Welsh regularly as a

### **Thursday 1st (Ascension Day)**

Please pray for Pete Hodge at Bishop of Llandaff High School today. Remember Pete doing evangelism in schools and colleges around South Wales.

### **Friday 2nd**

The Baptist Assembly starts today at the Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool. Please pray for the speakers and delegates, and also John Weaver taking on the role of President for the next year.

### **Saturday 3rd**

Please think of someone for whom praying has seemed to be a waste of time, ask God to encourage you in your prayers today.

### **Sunday 4th**

Proverbs tells us to seek wisdom in our relationships with God and each other. Pray to God to give each one wisdom and discernment in our prayer lives.

### **Monday 5th**

Please pray for the young people involved in Playgroup who meet every morning. Please remember their Mums and the helpers too.

### **Tuesday 6th**

The Ladies Evening Fellowship is holding a devotion today led by Astrid Drennan. Please pray for them as they meet.

### **Wednesday 7th**

The Leadership Council will meet today for the first time since the AGM. Please pray for them as they organize the responsibilities for the rest of the year, and as they meet without Pastor Roger.

### **Thursday 8th**

Small groups have played a pivotal role in the life of Tabs for many years. Pray for new inspiration to be given to the role of small groups within the fellowship.

### **Friday 9th**

In recent months the number of people offering to take on the role of youth worker/helpers has been dropping. Please pray for new impetus for the

recruitment of youth orientated people within Tabernacle.

### **Saturday 10th**

Please remember Roger Grafton at this time of change and restructuring in the church, while away on sabbatical, and those filling in the gaps.

### **Sunday 11th (Whit Sunday, Pentecost)**

God sent the Holy Spirit to the early church which became bold in the proclamation of the gospel. Pray for the out pouring of the same Spirit in Tabs today.

Christian Aid week starts today with a service at Albert Rd Methodist. Please pray for those doing collections this week.

### **Monday 12th**

Please remember the work of the Anglican parishes in Penarth, Rev'd Canon Robert Donkin at St Augustine's, Rev'd Richard Griffiths at Holy Nativity, Rev'd Peter Cox at All Saints and Rev'd Edward Dowding at St John Baptist, Sully.

### **Tuesday 13th**

The National Settlement Team meets today at Didcot. Please pray for them as they try to match ministers with vacant churches, (BUGB).

### **Wednesday 14th**

The long suffering people of Zimbabwe have experienced years of oppression, bullying, hunger and general misfortune. Please pray for the people of Zimbabwe and the churches trying to lead the country to a better future.

### **Thursday 15th**

The BUGB Trustees Board meets today to consider policy matters. The church at Cefn Pennar in Rhondda Cynon Taff is a small church for which prayer is asked today. Please pray for both of these parts of God's kingdom. (BUGB).

### **Friday 16th**

Please pray for Christine Haggitt's continued safety and give thanks for answered prayer and the release from pain following physiotherapy.

### **Saturday 17th**

As spring moves into summer outdoor evangelism becomes a good means of preaching the gospel. Please pray for those involved in outdoor initiatives from Tabs.

### **Sunday 18th (Trinity Sunday).**

The mystery of the Godhead is one which academics have debated for centuries. Let us all pray for a closer walk with Jesus whatever the theological arguments may be.

### **Monday 19th**

Today there will be a members' meeting. Please pray for the deliberations about future ministry in Tabs.

### **Tuesday 20th**

Rhys Taylor is taking on the Ladies Evening Fellowship on 'Defending the Indefensible' Please pray for their gathering.

### **Wednesday 21st**

The new Resources Manager at the College is Martyn Moss. Please pray for Martyn, staff and students at this time of exams, new ministries starting and the Principal being away for a whole year.

### **Thursday 22nd**

Remember the young people meeting today in small groups. Uphold Sara Redwood and her helpers in the youth ministry.

### **Friday 23rd**

The joys of spring may apply to some people, but there are always those who need God's upholding: the bereaved, and the sick, those who are lonely. We remember them today.

### **Saturday 24th**

Pray for a need which no one else is going to pray for today, a family member, one who is far away, a mission situation close to your heart.

### **Sunday 25th**

There will be a Tabs led service at Bethel House today. Please pray for all involved.