

Monday

Peter and Jayne Fleming - global mission workers in Nepal

Peter is currently involved in planning for a new phase of integral development work with United Mission to Nepal and is looking forward to direct involvement in theological colleges and clusters round the country, where church groups are working on projects for the benefit of their entire communities. Jayne has begun teaching at Kathmandu International Study Centre.

- *Pray for Peter in travel, meeting local congregations, and engaging with theological colleges in Kathmandu.*
- *Pray for Jayne as she teaches and seeks to be a living witness of Christ's love.*

Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS)

Tens of thousands of people have been killed and around 3 million people have been displaced due to the conflict in the country over the past 4½ years.

- *Give thanks for the signing of a final peace deal. Pray that it will bring lasting peace.*
- *Pray for those suffering displacement and who are in need of humanitarian relief.*
- *Pray for the work and witness of the Relief and Development Agency of the PCOSS.*

Tuesday

Eileen Black - deaconess in First Magherafelt

- *Give thanks for the God-given opportunities through the week of summer outreach, to connect with many adults and young people in the community. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the church in Magherafelt seeks ways to build on these relationships.*
- *Pray for the 'Hymn Singing Service' on 14 September. Pray for safety as residents and staff of a local nursing home travel to the service. Pray too for all who will take part in the service, that many will hear and respond to the good news of the gospel.*

Arklow Presbyterian Church - Rev Gary McDowell (vacancy convener)

- *Pray for continuity in Arklow's services during this time of the vacancy and that the congregation will continue to grow and thrive.*
- *Pray for God to prepare the right person to come and minister among his family in Arklow.*
- *Pray that all the administrative tasks will be completed without any difficulty.*

Wednesday

Christopher and Nivedita Benjamin - global mission workers in the UK

Christopher and Nivedita serve in the Wembley area of London sharing Christ's love with the Gujarati community living there.

- *Pray for prayer meetings held twice a month with people from a Hindu background, the purpose of which is to encourage their Hindu friends to learn scripture in a homely environment. Pray for those who attend as they may under pressure from their wider family.*
- *Pray for their family visits, as they offer prayer and pastoral support to others.*
- *Pray for the weekly mediation 'Manna' which Nivedita sends to their Hindu friends.*

Coram Deo Ministries - Italy

- *Pray for the Sola Grazia church plant in Porto Mantovano in northern Italy, where Alan and Tracey Johnston had been serving until recently.*
- *Pray for the pastor, Andrea Artioli as he leads the church, now with a reduced staff team.*
- *Pray too for new elders, for the growth of the church and for new converts.*

Thursday

David Boyd - Irish mission worker in Dublin

- *Pray that as David meets people in the course of his work that he will have good opportunities to share the gospel and that the people will be open to the message he shares with them.*
- *David's discipleship group will recommence after the summer break. Pray for real growth in faith and in spiritual maturity in the members.*
- *Pray for the Friday night International Café which opens again on 28 September. Pray for the leaders, the team, and that many new students would come along as well as those from last year who are still in Dublin.*

Athy and Carlow Presbyterian Churches - Rev Stephen Rea

- *Pray for the two congregations at the start of this autumn season.*
- *Pray for more volunteers to help with the youth work in Carlow.*
- *Pray for the congregations as they seek to have a vision and engage in outreach.*

Friday

The PCI Intern Scheme offers young adults the opportunity to serve in a congregation for a year.

Pray that this year's eight interns would grow in their faith and develop their leadership, and that host congregations would be encouraged by their ministry.

Local Support Committees are in place to support and promote the work of the Social Witness Homes and Units. *Pray for the Committees as they meet to discuss the work and as they plan their activities, events and visits. Pray for the activities and events organised for residents and their families, for good support and safe travel.*

Union Theological College - *Pray for the Principal, Stafford Carson, and all the teaching staff as they prepare for the new semester. Pray also for the Bursar, Ken Brown, and all the administrative staff, as they put everything in place for new and returning students. Pray for continued effective cooperation with Queen's University.*

General Council - *A Task Group has been formed to provide a resource with a clear pastoral tone, to be used in offering training to Kirk Sessions on the theology and practice of the Church's understanding of 'a credible profession of faith' and the pastoral guidelines on homosexuality. Pray for its work, which has already begun.*

Saturday

Diane Cusick - global mission worker in Zambia

- *Give thanks that Diane has returned safely to Ireland on home assignment.*
- *Pray for Diane's transition from Lusaka to Belfast and remember her as she prepares for a busy schedule of speaking engagements this autumn.*
- *Pray for the ongoing work of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Synod of Zambia's early childhood development centres. Pray especially for the teachers in Kabwata, Monze and Livingstone as they begin the third term, following the training Diane led in August. Pray too for the children as they learn and play.*

Aughtaine Presbyterian Church - Rev David Cupples (vacancy convener)

- *Give thanks for faithful leadership and generosity in all areas of church life.*
- *Pray for Stephen Erskine and his helpers as the youth club moves to meet now every Friday night.*
- *The congregation is vacant at present. Pray for wisdom at an important meeting about manse issues on 13 September. Pray that the church along with Cavanaleck would be led to the person of God's choice as their future shepherd and pastor.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 9 September, the Moderator will be preaching at the morning service in Ballylinney Presbyterian Church, while in the evening he will speak at the Annual MS Society Service at First Ballymoney Presbyterian Church.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he preaches at the above services, and for wisdom and guidance in all he does.*
- *Pray too that he will bring encouragement to all he meets, and that his theme for the year of 'Building Relationships' would resonate with individuals and congregations, and throughout society.*

Sunday

Stephen and Angelina Cowan - global mission workers in Kenya

Kenyan schools have returned for a very short and busy term with the very important form 4 exams planned for November. Several students which the Samburu Awareness and Action Programme (SAAP) support will finish this year.

- *Pray for the ongoing impact of formal education combined with learning about the gospel, and the financial resources to continue to support education.*
- *Pray for the informal programmes which continue each month seeking to explain the gospel to people who have a different world view and idea of God.*
- *Pray for the programmes which challenge cultural practices such as early marriage, and give positive options for those with nomadic lifestyles such as growing grass.*

Evangelical Reformed Church in Latvia and the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary

- *Pray for the leadership and witness of the Evangelical Reformed Church in Latvia and that many more people in Latvia will come to faith in Christ.*
- *Pray for the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary in Riga as they train church leaders. Emphasis is placed on biblical preaching and the discipling of believers.*

Resources are available for use in Sunday services to accompany today's prayer. Visit: www.presbyterianireland.org/sundayprayer