

## Monday

### Colin and Marjorie Dickson – global mission workers serving in the Middle East

- Give thanks for an encouraging intake of new students at JETS from Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Palestine.
- Pray for Colin and Marjorie, staff and faculty, as they contribute to the preparation of transformational leaders through theological education, practical ministry and missional opportunities.
- Pray for safety as Colin and Marjorie navigate through the traffic in Amman.
- Refugees in the Arab congregation where Colin and Marjorie worship have experienced extreme trauma in their home countries and through their journey to Jordan. Pray that the love of the congregation and truth of the gospel will bring healing to heart and mind.

### Global Concerns – world peace

Friday 21 September was the UN International Day of Peace.

- Pray for peace in all parts of the world, remembering especially Syria.
- Pray too for the recent peace agreement in South Sudan to be upheld.

## Tuesday

### Sharon Heron – deaconess in International Meeting Point (IMP) and Windsor

- Thank God for strength and protection over a busy summer period at IMP, with over 100 people per day. Pray that IMP will be able to establish good relationships and provide help and support to new families.
- Pray for the English classes as they continue to support and help many people, and for the Christian volunteers who show God's love.
- Pray for the Bible studies and for opportunities to continue to share the gospel and to encourage young Christians to grow in their walk with God.

### Bellasis, Cavan, Drumkeeran and Killeshandra Presbyterian Churches – Rev Jean Mackarel

- Pray for the choir and praise band as they lead the congregations in singing praise week by week. Pray too for them as they prepare to help out in four other churches and venues for special occasions this autumn.
- Pray for Jean as she prepares for services, including harvest thanksgiving services.
- Pray with thanksgiving for the children and young people in the four congregations.

## Wednesday

### Derek and Jane French – global mission workers serving in Spain

- Pray for the university students attending the beginning of the year Grupos Biblicos Unidos camps, as they talk about ways of sharing the gospel in the year ahead.
- Pray for the marriage course, that marriages would be strengthened, and people would come to Christ. Pray for Eduardo and Derek as they teach God's Word.
- Pray for Jane as she leads the girls' Bible study. This year they will continue with their studies on gospel character.
- Pray for the students and church members who are taking the MOCLAM (theological studies) course, that they would grow in Christ and become well-equipped leaders.

### Church of North India

With Christians accounting for only 2.3% of India's 1.34 billion people, the Church of North India (CNI) faces many challenges in being an effective witness in a predominantly Hindu culture.

- Pray that CNI will be courageous and faithful in its witness, service and preaching of the gospel; and particularly in speaking up for the marginalised and oppressed.

## Thursday

### John McCandless – community outreach worker in Mountpottinger and Mersey Street, Belfast

- Give thanks for the summer outreach activities which John was involved in and pray that God will keep the ones he has drawn to himself.
- Pray for John's outreach work on the streets and in church organisations with men, women, children and young people - sharing a love that's too big for each of us to hold to ourselves.
- Pray that God will sustain John and those he works alongside in their witness and that the Lord will be pleased with the work they do.

### Bray and Blackrock Presbyterian Churches – Rev Chris Kennedy (stated supply)

- Pray for wisdom to know how best to share the gospel with Bray's 32,000 residents.
- Pray that congregation members' confidence in the gospel message deepens as they hear God's Word preached each week, as they read the Bible and pray each day, and as they share the message of Jesus with people in this community.

## Friday

**Proximity is a new resource with regional training events for relational discipleship.**

*Pray that many will use the resource and be equipped and inspired by the training to effectively invest in others by discipling informally in twos and threes - as Jesus did with Peter, James and John.*

**Carlisle House is PCI's residential substance misuse treatment centre situated near the centre of Belfast.**

*Pray for the staff as they meet with local Health Trusts and provide complex help, support and treatment to those with addictions.*

**The Ministerial Studies and Development Committee meets today.**

*Pray for Andrew Faulkner, Convener; David Allen, Dean; and all the members that they might have wisdom and guidance from God in their work. Give thanks that 17 people have applied to be students for the ministry, an encouraging increase on recent years.*

**The lack of a functioning government in Northern Ireland means that many important decisions are not being taken.**

*Please pray for courage and wisdom for people known to you who work in schools, hospitals and other public services.*

## Saturday

**Johnny and Lyn Dowds – global mission workers in Malawi**

Lakeshore communities struggle to get healthcare. Over the past 18 months the David Gordon Memorial Hospital in Livingstonia, where Lyn works, has been improving the lakeshore clinics, training staff and providing a new speedboat ambulance.

- *Pray for the staff and patients at the hospital and its clinics.*
- *Pray that the hospital will be able to keep all its vehicles on the road.*
- *Pray for wisdom in dealing with ongoing financial issues.*
- *Pray for the work of Living Trees of Livingstonia – a project Johnny and Lyn have started, as they seek to develop local schools and start a feeding programme.*

**Cahir and Fermoy Presbyterian Churches – Rev William Montgomery**

- *Pray for the preparations for a Christianity Explored course Fermoy congregation is planning to hold starting in October in a local café. Pray too that many people will come along.*
- *Pray for building work to be completed in Cahir, so that the building can be used for outreach.*

# Let's pray...

**Moderator - Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen**

This Sunday 23 September, the Moderator will be preaching at the morning service in Legacurry Presbyterian Church, while in the afternoon he will attend a special service in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, to mark the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the present Cathedral building. On Tuesday and Wednesday (25-26 September) he will take part in a number of student ministry events in the wider Belfast area.

- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Moderator as he attends these and other services and events.*
- *Pray too that he will bring encouragement to all he meets, and that his theme for the year of 'Building Relationships' would resonate in society.*

## Sunday

**Josh McCance – community outreach worker in Donabate**

- *Give thanks for two great weeks of mission in Donabate and Balbriggan over the summer.*
- *Pray for follow up with parents and children in these clubs.*
- *Pray for the upcoming Alpha course taking place in Balbriggan.*
- *Give thanks for new leaders joining the youth ministry team and pray for them as they start youth club in the next few weeks.*
- *Pray for courage for Josh as he reaches out to people in Donabate and Balbriggan.*

**Ballymagrane Presbyterian Church – Rev Norman Smyth (vacancy convener)**

- *Give thanks for the well supported holiday Bible club in the summer shared with the congregation of Aughnacloy.*
- *Pray that God would call additional leaders to help in the busy youth organisations so that the potential of these may be fully realised.*
- *Give thanks for the ministry of visiting preachers during the vacancy so far, and pray for God's leading in the preparations to meet the Linkage Commission.*

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