

Monday

David and Pamela McCullagh - global mission workers in Malawi

Scripture Union of Malawi held their annual general meeting (AGM) at the start of the month. It was a great time of worship, fellowship and reflection on the previous year of ministry. The McCullagh family have returned to Ireland and will take a few weeks to settle back into life here.

- *Give thanks that the AGM went so well and pray for the successful implementation of ministry plans for the year ahead.*
- *Pray for the McCullaghs as they move to Annalong Presbyterian Church in November. Pray especially for their children Beth and Grace as they adjust to new things and new ways of life here.*

Diane Cusick – global mission worker in Zambia

Diane who is in Ireland on home assignment, has received the news that her house in Zambia has been broken into and some of her personal possessions stolen.

- *Pray for Diane at this distressing time, and as she communicates with the Zambian police from Belfast. Pray too for the Synod there as they assist with the situation.*

Tuesday

Sam Scott – community outreach worker in Eglinton, Belfast

- *Pray for the work of Christians Against Poverty in the North Belfast area; especially for the debt work, job club and money courses. Pray that God would use them to bless and reach people.*
- *Pray for the work amongst men in the church and wider community. Ask God for increasing Christian fellowship among the men. Pray too that they would reach men who don't attend the church or drop-in.*
- *Pray for Youth For Christ and other community organisations which join with Eglinton congregation in seeking to serve and improve the local community.*

Corvally Presbyterian Church – Rev Colin Anderson

- *Pray for the life and witness of this rural congregation in County Monaghan.*
- *Pray for the Alpha course running once a month.*

Wednesday

James and Heather Cochrane - global mission workers in Portugal

The Cochranes returned to Porto yesterday following a brief but intense time of deputation.

- *Give thanks for the various congregations visited and opportunities to share about what God is doing in Portugal.*
- *Pray for the remaining member preparation classes on Thursday evenings and for those who will become the first members of CPV (Comunidade Pedras Vivas).*
- *Pray for their children, for Lucy as she settles back into life and home-school in Porto and for Alana who remains in Belfast.*

Grupos Bíblicos Unidos (GBU) – Spain

GBU is student organisation with a vision to reach non-Christian students with the gospel and to develop Christian leaders who will contribute to the growth of evangelical churches in Spain.

- *Pray for GBU groups in universities across Spain, for Christians to grow deeper in their faith and for courage to witness to their friends and fellow students.*

Thursday

Rev John Gilkinson – chaplain in Antrim Area and Causeway hospitals

- *Pray for John as he continues to minister to patients, their families and staff.*
- *The Northern Trust's new chaplaincy model means chaplaincy will be carried out using the denominational model, with only a few wards served by generic chaplaincy. Pray for John and other chaplains over the next few months as they seek to work out the practical details of this change. Pray that the opportunities for reaching people with no church background through the present generic model will not be lost.*
- *Pray too for Joanne Dunlop (deaconess) due to return soon from maternity leave.*

Craigavon Presbyterian Church – Rev Lachlan Webster

- *Praise God for the launch of Craigavon congregation's website which was made possible through a PCI mission support grant. (www.craigavonpresbyterian.com)*
- *Pray for 13 people who are attending Christianity Explored courses.*
- *Pray for a local primary school as they recruit a new principal and that the positive relationship between the church and school would continue, allowing ongoing gospel opportunities.*

Friday

The Handling the Word course, which takes place in Belfast in October, equips church members to deliver a talk from the Bible.

Pray for the trainers, that their teaching would enable participants to grow in their understanding of the Bible and their ability to communicate God's message to others.

Corkey House is PCI's purpose-built residential care home in North Belfast, providing accommodation for 35 people, offering care and support to older people in a Christian environment and welcoming all denominations. *Pray for home manager Rosemary Gilbey as she leads her staff team and ensures residential needs are met.*

Students for the Ministry. *Pray for the first-year students as they adapt to college life. Pray that they will not only learn academically, but also grow spiritually and find their time in Union Theological College a blessing. Name them before God's throne of grace: Billy Abwa, Matthew Horner, Matthew Kelso and Paul Lutton.*

A large number of delegations are coming to the Linkage Commission on Tuesday 23 October to seek leave to call. *Pray for wisdom and guidance for all the members, that decisions that are right for the Kingdom of God will be made. Remember the Commission's panel conveners: Colin Gamble, Brian Knox and Kenny Belshaw.*

Saturday

Linzie Cobain – Nightlight, Belfast

Nightlight works in the Golden Mile and Cathedral Quarter areas in Belfast, reaching out to those who frequent the entertainment areas of Belfast.

- *Pray for Linzie as she oversees the work of Nightlight in the Golden Mile area of Belfast.*
- *Pray for safety for staff and volunteers who assist on Friday and Saturday nights.*
- *Pray for more volunteers to join the teams.*
- *Pray that God would continue to bless the conversations the Nightlight workers and volunteers have with people they meet.*

Faculté Jean Calvin (FJC)

The FJC in Aix-en-Provence trains men and women for ministry in various reformed or evangelical denominations in France, Belgium, Switzerland or French-speaking Africa.

- *Pray for the staff at the college, that they will teach with clarity and passion.*
- *Pray for students at the college, that they will grow deeper in their faith and knowledge of the Scriptures and be envisioned as they prepare for future ministry.*

Let's pray...

Moderator's Indonesia Tsunami Appeal

Following the recent earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia, the Moderator has launched a special appeal. For more information, visit www.presbyterianireland.org

- *Pray for all affected by the earthquake and tsunami; those who have lost loved ones, the injured and those whose homes have been damaged or destroyed.*
- *Pray for the authorities and aid agencies as they seek to bring emergency supplies to those in need: water, food, shelter and medical help. Pray too for the control and prevention of diseases.*
- *Pray that those affected will be given the assistance they need over the coming months to rebuild their homes and livelihoods.*

Sunday

General Council

As well as being responsible for particular areas of work, the General Council deals with important matters on behalf of the General Assembly between its meetings.

- *Pray for the convener, the Very Rev Dr Noble McNeely, and the Rev Trevor Gribben, who as Clerk acts as secretary, that they may receive all that they need from God in their demanding roles.*
- *The Council met on Thursday past. Pray for work that now has to be taken forward by the various committees, panels and task groups. Pray in particular for the Support Services Committee and its new convener, Mr David Thomson, with responsibilities for Assembly Buildings departments - Creative Production, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and Property Service.*
- *Pray for the decisions of the committee, that they will enable the staff in these departments through their work to serve the whole of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland well. Pray that the Wednesday morning worship services will be a real source of blessing to every member of staff who attends.*

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