

Monday

James and Heather Cochrane – global mission workers in Portugal

- Give thanks for the 12 new members who were received in Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) at the beginning of November. Two thirds of these are Brazilians who have come to live in Portugal. Pray that they would continue to catch the vision of CPV to reach out to the people of Portugal with the good news of Jesus.
- Pray too that CPV, with the increased pastoral responsibilities, would continue to be an outward looking church plant, seeking to make contact, befriend and share their faith with the Portuguese.

Moderator's Indonesia Tsunami Appeal

The Moderator's Appeal for the tsunami disaster which occurred in the Sulawesi area of Indonesia in September has raised over £65,000 so far. Funds are being distributed to Christian Aid, Tearfund, and to the Communion of Christian Churches in Indonesia.

- Give thanks for all who generously supported the appeal.
- Pray for all who continue to be affected by the disaster, that they will receive the support they need, especially those needing to rebuild homes and livelihoods.

Tuesday

William Workman – Irish mission worker in Athy and Carlow Presbyterian Church (Rev Stephen Rea)

- Give thanks for the weekly children's club which is going well.
- Pray for the community carol service, at which the children play a leading role, on Sunday evening, 9 December. Pray that many parents and friends will come along.
- Pray for the distribution of gospel calendars to homes in Athy and that God will use these to speak to people regarding their salvation.
- Give thanks that the children's church in Athy is up and running, and pray that more families will attend worship on Sunday mornings.
- Pray too for the minister of Athy and Carlow, Rev Stephen Rea.

Howth & Malahide Presbyterian Church – Rev Alastair Dunlop

- Pray for the developing of the congregation's prayer life.
- Pray that their confidence in and love for the Word of God keeps growing.
- Pray for more people to hear and believe the gospel.
- Pray that the congregation will grow to become more like Jesus in tangible ways.

Wednesday

Stephen and Angelina Cowan – global mission workers in Kenya

Stephen writes, "As the population grows thanks to medical interventions improving maternal/child health, new challenges arise. More people are illiterate and therefore more vulnerable to exploitation. Youth work continues to communicate the gospel and help them understand the Bible."

- Pray for the December youth camps taking place from 12 - 22 December, as the gospel is preached and godly character built.
- Pray for those who are privileged to read, that they would develop a passion to teach other family members.
- Pray for those who plan to go to secondary school in January, as they look for fees.

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.
- Pray too for the church as they continue to reach out with the gospel.

Thursday

Rev Colin Megaw – chaplain in Woodlands Juvenile Justice Centre (WJCC)

- Pray for the director of WJCC, the staff, the young people and their families.
- At the harvest service in October a guest speaker from Fields of Life showed video presentations and the young people are now encouraged to engage in sponsored fundraising in support of a water project. Pray for the ongoing enthusiasm of the young people as they seek to make a positive difference to the lives of others.
- Give thanks for the recently completed Youth Alpha course and pray for conversations about Jesus to continue.
- Pray for this year's carol service, especially for Colin as he delivers the devotional.

Inch Presbyterian Church – Rev Jim Lamont (stated supply)

- Pray for the congregation as they seek to witness for Christ to the island community.
- Pray for the relational and spiritual needs of each member of the congregation.
- Pray for health and strength for the senior members of the congregation.
- Pray that the young people in the congregation will be strengthened in their faith and find God's purpose for their lives.

Friday

An evening event on 4 December in Iveagh Presbytery will bring together key leaders in congregations to be envisioned and equipped for their life and witness.

Pray that participants will be encouraged and inspired as they gather to reflect on leadership, youth ministry, men's ministry and discipleship.

Many in our congregations care for loved ones who are ill or live with a disability.

Pray that they would be encouraged and sustained in their role. Pray that they will know Christ's strength and compassion and will continue to care even when those being cared for make it difficult or reject the care being offered.

Norman Bennett has recently taken up post as convener of the Union Theological College Management Committee's Finance, Property and Administration Panel.

Pray for Norman as he settles into this position and for the panel as it oversees the day to day practicalities of running the College.

The Linkage Commission will meet on Tuesday 4 December to interview delegations from congregations seeking 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 convener, James Livingstone, chairman Michael Barry and secretary Ker Graham.*

Saturday

Hazel Reid – deaconess in First Broughshane Presbyterian Church (Rev Ronnie Agnew)

- *The congregation voted recently to adopt revised building plans for their church hall. Pray as the plans go through the various procedures and committees. Pray that the congregation will see God's vision for them, both in the church and the community.*
- *Small groups have been meeting monthly on a Sunday evening to study Encounter-the PCI resource. Pray as they think through the different aspects of Sunday worship that they would truly encounter the living God and honour him in their daily lives.*
- *Pray for the congregation as they prepare for the election of new elders next year.*

Presbyterian Church of Pakistan (PCP)

- *Pray for the protection of the Christian community in Pakistan and for peace, justice and religious freedom for all in Pakistan.*
- *Pray especially for the safety and protection of Asia Bibi (recently acquitted of false blasphemy charges after nine years in prison) and her family.*
- *Pray for members of the PCP as they relate to their Muslim neighbours.*

Let's pray...

Moderator - Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday the Moderator will preach at the morning service in New Row Presbyterian Church, Coleraine. On Thursday 29 and Friday 30 November, he will take part in the 'Hard pressed, not crushed - A window on Christian identity in the Middle East' events in Assembly Buildings, Second Limavady Presbyterian Church and Lowe Memorial Presbyterian Church, along with Rev Prof Yohanna Katanacho, a Palestinian Israeli evangelical leader and Professor of Biblical Studies at Bethlehem Bible College.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he preaches at the above service and events.*
- *Pray that those attending the 'Hard pressed, not crushed' events in Belfast and Limavady would be both challenged and encouraged by what they hear.*

Sunday

River House

River House is PCI's 29-bed residential care home in Newcastle for older people, a home with some of the best views of the Promenade and where residents can sit and watch the world go by. Last week the home celebrated its 30th anniversary with a variety of events including an afternoon tea for the Local Support Committee and friends, a formal for residents and their families and a thanksgiving service.

- *Give thanks for the witness of River House over the years in the local community, and for its strong links with local churches.*
- *Give thanks for the commitment and enthusiasm of the members of its Local Support Committee and 'Friends of' group.*
- *Pray for the continued good health of the residents.*
- *Pray for families as they visit and familiarise themselves with staff and routines.*
- *Pray for staff vacancies to be filled and for the staff team to be able to meet the challenges of their daily work.*

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