

Monday

Stephen and Angelina Cowan – global mission workers in Kenya

Stephen writes, “Rain provides sustained living. Dry times bring crisis here. It is challenging to present the gospel which is rich in compassion, with a desire to cause change in the heart, mind and actions of the local community as Jesus is presented.”

- Pray for the ongoing audio ministry that is being embraced by some men, and talk of meeting for ‘church’ at night.
- Pray for three students who have gone to YWAM Discipleship Training School for six months.
- Pray for youth camps taking place from 16 to 26 April and the iServe TransformD group leading them. Three students from Samburu are on this course.

Africa

Whilst Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe are suffering the effects of heavy rain and flooding, parts of Zambia have been suffering prolonged dry spells.

- Pray that areas in need of rain will receive it, so that they can enjoy a good harvest.
- Pray for all affected by heavy rain and flooding, and also for the recovery of flooded areas, that the land will soon be able to produce crops, providing food and income.

Tuesday

Michelle Purdy – deaconess in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church

- Give thanks that Michelle is now well enough to return to work on a part-time basis and give thanks for the all the support Michelle has received.
- Pray that Michelle will have a fresh sense of calling to love others in Jesus name through all the opportunities that come her way through toddler group, foodbank and links with the local community groups.
- Pray for Café Church as it meets over the next few weeks. Pray for those who attend who have not yet committed their life to Christ, that through the speakers, music, discussions and the building of relationships they will decide to follow Christ.

Inch Presbyterian Church – Rev Jim Lamont (Stated Supply)

- Pray for the families of Inch as they seek to witness for Christ.
- Give thanks for the growing relationship with Burt congregation.
- Pray for Rev Jim Lamont and the congregation as they prepare for Easter services.
- Pray for the congregation as they continue to pray for a minister who will lead the congregation in the years to come.

Wednesday

Peter and Jayne Fleming – global mission workers in Nepal

- Pray for Peter’s new additional responsibility within United Mission to Nepal to offer pastoral support to their Nepali staff who work far from their homes and families.
- Pray for Jayne teaching at Kathmandu International Study Centre and for the school’s multiple staffing needs.
- Give thanks for countless practical blessings – health, supportive friends and colleagues, and wonderful opportunities to witness.
- Pray for daily health and safety.

Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS)

The UN has stated that despite last year’s peace deal, some fighting is still continuing.

- Pray for the fighting to stop, for the peace deal to hold and for the political leaders to seek to build a peaceful, just and fair society for all the people of South Sudan.
- Pray for the four million people displaced by the war, most of whom rely on food aid.
- Pray for the work and witness of the PCOSS, and their efforts to encourage peace and provide humanitarian relief to those in need, in particular those displaced.

Thursday

William Workman – Irish mission worker in Carlow and Athy

- Pray that people will respond to the gospel and come to know Jesus as their Saviour.
- Pray for the congregations of Athy and Carlow, that they will not only grow numerically but spiritually and become a vibrant witness in both towns.
- Pray for Rev Stephen Rea, minister of Athy and Carlow as he ministers to both congregations, that he will know the blessing of God.
- Pray that the Lord will provide people who are willing to get involved in outreach ministry in Athy and Carlow.

Irvinestown, Pettigo and Tempo Presbyterian Churches – Rev Gunther Andrich

- Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love and mercy endure forever! The three congregations have been blessed with every blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, and today have access to the unsearchable riches of Christ (Ephesians 1:3 & 3:8).
- Pray for the congregations’ attempts to seek God and wait on him, that he may visit them (Isaiah 35:4).
- Pray that the congregations may keep taking little steps to slowly mature in Christ-like relationships marked by honesty and empathy (1 John 1:3).

Friday

Transform – Transform is a conference taking place from 12 to 13 April in Belfast to encourage young adults in following Jesus. *Pray that those attending this weekend will be encouraged and equipped in their faith.*

Poverty and hardship. *Pray for those in the community who are struggling financially and worrying about providing for their children. Pray for those who struggle to budget their monies. Give thanks for our Presbyterian Children's Society which has been helping families in times of hardship for 150 years.*

Council for Training in Ministry. Applicants as Students for the Ministry have their major interviews on Monday and Tuesday coming. *Pray for these 15 people, and for the members of the interview panels, that there may be a clear discernment of God's will for each one.*

Each year ad hoc task groups operate under the auspices of the General Council. Task groups are set up to deal with particular presenting issues that PCI needs to address at any time. *Please pray for the members of the task groups and for those who convene them as they are often dealing with sensitive matters.*

Saturday

Rev Colin Megaw – chaplain in Woodlands Juvenile Justice Centre

Colin writes, "We are currently working towards our Good Friday Easter service, which is well supported by the young people and the staff. The pastoral team has reached the final stages of the RESTORE course which is now receiving its final touches by videographer Jill. This tool will provide ongoing structure to Bible discovery and discussion on who Jesus is and why we should follow him."

- *Pray for the ongoing work of reaching out in Jesus' name, and for the many pastoral conversations taking place on a weekly basis with pastoral team members.*
- *Pray for the Easter Service on Good Friday.*
- *Pray too for the completion of the RESTORE course.*

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 for wisdom and guidance for the leadership of PCP.*
- *Pray too for the members of the PCP as they relate to their Muslim neighbours.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

Last week the Moderator launched an appeal to help those affected by Cyclone Idai, which swept through Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe causing widespread devastation.

- *Please continue to remember in prayer those affected by Cyclone Idai, that they will be given the assistance they need over the coming months to rebuild their homes and livelihoods, as well as come to terms with the loss of loved ones.*
- *Give thanks for the opportunities the Moderator has to meet and engage with individuals from different congregations and organisations, may he bring blessing and encouragement.*

Sunday

Rev Cheryl Meban – chaplain, Ulster University (Belfast and Jordanstown campuses)

- *Pray for students and staff, local and international.*
- *Pray especially for one student, trying to keep contact with his children after a relationship break-up. Pray for wisdom and compassion for him and his ex-partner, to know the parenthood of God; and for his children, to know their heavenly father, and know the truth that sets them free.*
- *Pray too for another student from the Middle East, who is tired of religions trying to control and limit her and her people. May she find freedom in the Living God, and authority in Christ to bring healing to the nations.*
- *Pray for Cheryl as she shares God's love with students and staff at both campuses.*

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.*

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