

## Monday

### **Chris and Rachel Humphries – global mission workers in Portugal**

- *As part of the Easter programme at Comunidade Pedras Vivas, the church did some outreach at the local market. Pray for the contacts made and those who took some of the literature. Pray that God would work in the hearts of these people and bring transformation.*
- *Pray for language study, that Chris and Rachel would continue to apply themselves in learning and be patient when faced with language barriers.*
- *Give thanks that their son Ezra has settled well into a Portuguese nursery school. Pray that he will continue to make new friends.*

### **Faculté Jean Calvin (FJC)**

Prof Gordon Campbell from Union Theological College, Belfast is at FJC in Aix-en-Provence, France this week teaching a short intensive course in New Testament.

- *Pray for stamina for professor and students and especially for the students as they prepare for exams and finish their year of study or, perhaps, move on to serve Christ and the gospel beyond college.*

## Tuesday

### **Rosemary Spiers – deaconess in Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church, Newtownards (Rev Norman McAuley)**

- *Give thanks for those who came along to the 150 years of Greenwell Street displays and special Easter services. Pray that as many have pondered over the history of 150 years, they would also ponder over 'His story'.*
- *Give thanks for the Bibles given to the children who attend various organisations, as part of the 150th anniversary. Pray as Bibles go into homes, they would be read.*
- *Give thanks for the ministry of 'Fit 4 Life' which the congregation is running in May and June. Pray as women get fit for life, they would also be fit for God's purpose.*

### **Naas Presbyterian Church – Rev Mark Proctor**

- *The congregation has recently moved their Bible Study (called "Explore the Bible") into a local community centre, and have been working hard to invite friends, neighbours and others to come along. Pray for a good response, and that lives will be changed as they open up God's Word together.*
- *Praise God for the new families who have begun coming each Sunday.*

## Wednesday

### **Edwin and Anne Kibathi – global mission workers – East African community in UK**

Edwin and Anne Kibathi began working in the UK in 2006 and planted a Presbyterian Church of East Africa congregation in east London for East African expatriates. A second congregation was officially opened in Luton at the end of March and a third congregation in Reading is expected to officially open by the end of April.

- *Give thanks and pray for the three church plants.*
- *Pray especially for the two new congregations, that people will join them, that they will grow in faith as they worship together and that God may build his church.*

### **Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA)**

The PCEA has over three million members most of whom are in Kenya. It sponsors 700 schools and operates community centres, rural development projects, centres for weaving, home-craft and secretarial training, and HIV/AIDS control programmes.

- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leadership of the church.*
- *Pray for the members of the congregations to be good witnesses to others.*
- *Pray too for the PCEA's various projects and mission work.*

## Thursday

### **Brian Simons – Nightlight worker – Cathedral Quarter and Dock Café 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 Brian as he oversees the work of Nightlight in the Cathedral Quarter.*
- *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.*
- *Pray too for the wonderful opportunities Brian has talking to people at the Dock Café.*

### **Rathmullan Presbyterian Church – Rev Susan Moore**

- *Praise God for the new screens and audio-visual equipment recently installed. Pray for those learning to become confident and skilled in the use of the equipment.*
- *Pray that the congregation would be able to enhance their Sunday worship with some more contemporary hymns and audio visuals for children's discipleship.*
- *Pray that visitors over the summer months will be refreshed as they worship.*

## Friday

**Growing strong ministry teams training** – A training morning is taking place in Assembly Buildings on Friday 10 May and will be led by Sandy Galea. *Pray for leaders as they think about how to raise up teams of volunteers who are passionate about ministry, have a growing sense of ownership and are helped to flourish in their role.*

**Those who minister in homes.** Many in residential and nursing homes can no longer get to church on a Sunday and yet get such comfort from listening to passages of Scripture and singing familiar hymns. *Give thanks for those ministers and lay people who so faithfully visit the homes to take worship services.*

**The Union Theological College Review Task Group** meets on Wednesday 8 May and continues to work through various options. *Give thanks that the College has already developed new programmes and modules for the teaching of theology, both on site and online. Pray for God's guidance on other opportunities that are available.*

**Council for Public Affairs.** Local Council elections took place yesterday across Northern Ireland. *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the 462 local councillors who will be elected. Pray that they will have a commitment to work towards the common good with grace, wisdom, integrity and generosity of spirit.*

## Saturday

**Gary and Mary Reid – global mission workers in Kenya**

- Give thanks for the work which God's Holy Spirit is doing amongst the Maasai people.
- Remember Gary as he teaches, that he will be continually led by God's Holy Spirit.
- Pray that God will raise up more local Christian leaders who will, in love, seek to tenderly care for and build others up in their faith.
- Pray for the local Christians, that they will see more of who God is and how truly gracious, loving, long-suffering and merciful he is ... resulting in a much deeper love for God, and desire to be obedient and share with others about him.

**Christ Church, Sandymount – Rev Katherine Meyer**

- Give thanks for the older children, who are now, as they grow, beginning to take on greater roles in the leadership of worship on a regular basis.
- Pray for the congregation's Church Council, whose members work together with grace and good sense, and have a real commitment to the particular calling of this congregation, as it continues to evolve.

# Let's pray...

**Sri Lanka**

Last Sunday's terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka shocked the world. Over 300 people were killed and hundreds injured in churches and hotels as many celebrated Easter Sunday.

- Pray for all who were caught up in the attacks, especially the injured and all who have lost family or friends. Pray that they will put their trust in the Lord and seek comfort in him.
- Remember too those locally who have also suffered at the hands of terrorists. Pray that they too may know the Lord's comfort, strength and healing.
- Pray for the authorities and security forces around the world as they seek to prevent future terrorist attacks.

## Sunday

**Rev Graeme Orr – chaplain, Ulster University - Magee campus**

- Pray for the ongoing weekly outreach to students at Magee when free tea, coffee, buns and good quality Christian books are offered to all who want to stop and chat.
- Pray for a French student who knew little English on arrival in September, but with regular contact on leaving Magee he is now fluent. He is a keen rugby player and he gladly received a book on sports players' testimonies before heading back to France. Pray that the Lord will use this book to speak to him and that he will be saved by God's grace!

**Mountmellick and Tullamore Presbyterian Churches – Rev William Hayes**

- Mountmellick – Give thanks for faithful attendance and a more confident and welcoming atmosphere. Pray that the efforts of the church to advertise their presence will prove fruitful.
- Tullamore – Give thanks for continued growth in Sunday numbers. Pray that the Bible studies and prayer groups would be better attended. Pray for the Community Kitchen work with homeless families in temporary accommodation.

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