

## Monday

### **Edwin and Anne Kibathi – global mission workers in London**

This weekend the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) congregation in London have been hosting Rev Elias Agola who stopped over in London on his way to Belfast for studies. Rev Agola spoke at the Sunday service and two men were admitted to the PCEA Men's Fellowship.

- *Pray for Rev Agola as he settles into life and study in Belfast and pray for his family in Kenya.*
- *Pray for the men who are joining the fellowship, that the Lord will continue blessing them.*
- *Pray too for the PCEA fellowship in Reading which is due to meet on 14 September, that many people will be enabled to come and be blessed.*

### **Leaders in Training**

- *Give thanks that Rev Maqsood Kamil, a 'Leader in Training' supported by PCI from the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan, has successfully completed his studies for a PhD in Theology at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies.*

## Tuesday

### **Margaret Robertson – deaconess in Elmwood, Lisburn**

- *Give thanks for the summer activities. Continue to pray for all the children and young people who attended 'Switch' and the holiday Bible club.*
- *Pray for the community fun day planned for Saturday 21 September. Pray that it will be a day of fun, but also an opportunity to connect with the local community.*
- *Pray for the leaders and helpers of all the organisations starting up again, that God would be at the heart of all they do, and that they would have the joy of experiencing God's blessing in the months ahead.*
- *Pray for the newly elected elders, that they would be very conscious of God's leading as they prepare to serve the congregation.*

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

- *Give thanks to the Lord for some numerical growth this year, and for the encouragement these new families bring to the whole congregation.*
- *Ask for God's blessing as 'Explore the Bible' restarts tomorrow evening (11 September) in Naas Community Centre, and for the weekly opportunity that Mark and Zoë have to teach Bible lessons in St David's National School.*

## Wednesday

### **James and Heather Cochrane – global mission workers in Portugal**

James and Heather write, "The end of the summer is upon us and children return to school in mid-September. Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) has six to eight children of school age."

- *Pray for them as they stand up for their faith in what is often a difficult environment, with no other Christians in their year or school.*
- *After a time of reflection over the summer, pray for the development and implementation of a relational style model of discipleship in small groups in CPV.*
- *Pray for wisdom as James and Heather and their colleagues search for and consider moving CPV to a different space.*

### **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 for the members of the PCP as they relate to their Muslim neighbours.*

## Thursday

### **Rev Graham Orr – chaplain in Ulster University (Magee campus)**

- *Pray for the students as they prepare to start a new academic year, especially new students starting at Magee this year.*
- *Pray too for Graeme, for wisdom and guidance as he prepares for another incoming academic year as the PCI chaplain at Magee.*

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

- *Give thanks for the hundreds of people who came for afternoon tea during Rathmullan's festive Regatta day on 5 August. Susan writes, "It was a great opportunity to engage with many from the community in a relaxed way. More than €2,000 was raised for local charities."*
- *Pray that children beginning primary school and secondary school for the first time would quickly settle into new rhythms and make good friends.*
- *Pray for one family with a young child who faces a serious operation in the next few months. Pray for a hedge of protection around him from all the usual colds and viruses.*

## Friday

**Young Adults Consultation** – A consultation to focus and inform how to most effectively equip young adults for discipleship is being held today. *Pray that today's gatherings will help identify priorities in ministry to an age group experiencing a season of life with multiple transitions and many discipleship challenges.*

**River House** – *Pray for the manager, staff and residents of River House residential home in Newcastle, that all may be a good witness to visitors and glorify God at all times. Pray for the cook, Myrtle, who has broken her elbow and is currently off sick, that she will know God's healing hand.*

**As students return to Union Theological College pray:** Monday – for Teaching & Learning and Finance Property & Administration Panels (conveners David Leach & Norman Bennett); Wednesday – Accredited Preacher and Auxiliary Ministry Panel (Ossie McAuley); Ministerial Studies and Development Committee (Andrew Faulkner).

**The General Council is the largest Assembly council**, responsible for a wide range of the work of the General Assembly, as well as acting on its behalf when it is not in session. *Pray for all those involved in this important work and especially for the Council Convener, Very Rev Dr Noble McNeely and the Clerk, in his role as Council Secretary.*

## Saturday

**Stephen and Angelina Cowan – global mission workers in Kenya**

- *Pray for the area of northern Kenya as it is increasingly dry further north, and the Rendille people, moving south, have brought their large herds of sheep and goats to the already overgrazed pastures.*
- *Pray that people will come to know the Lord and how best to use the resources he has given us.*
- *Pray for local leaders to think beyond votes and personal alliances.*
- *Pray for church leaders to think beyond buildings and allow Jesus to speak in simpler ways.*

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

- *Pray for the congregation's new gathering of parents and older children, coming together to explore faith and belonging as a life-long adventure, and shaping their programme together.*
- *As autumn begins, give thanks for a harvest of good neighbours in this place, especially for those who help to make Christ Church hall a centre for community activity and a place of partnership.*

# Let's pray...

**Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry**

On Tuesday 10 September, the Moderator will visit Gibson Primary School in Omagh.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he visits Gibson Primary School and meets students and staff. Pray that he would bring encouragement to all he meets.*
- *Give thanks for the freedom to go into schools, and pray that Dr Henry will have the opportunity to speak confidently of Jesus in the public square and to show God's love in all situations.*

## Sunday

**Diane Cusick – global mission worker in Zambia**

- *Give thanks for the team from Hillsborough Presbyterian Church who came to interact with the young people and children at Mtendere CCAP and Matero CCAP in August. Many lives were enriched by the team as they did outreach and a kids' club.*
- *Give thanks that the draft child protection policy and the early childhood development report were well received at the General Administration committee.*
- *Pray for Diane as she travels to eastern province in September to work with early childhood development teachers.*
- *Pray too for Diane as she moves house in September.*

**Church of North India**

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.*
- *Pray too for wisdom and guidance for the leadership of CNI, including Rt Rev Silvans Christian, Bishop, Diocese of Gujarat.*

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