

## Monday

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

- Give thanks for all who attended Christmas events at Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV).
- Give thanks that a new space has been found for CPV to meet in. After heavy rains in November and December, water began to leak through the ceiling once again in the current building. Pray that all the paperwork and the signing of the contract for the new property to rent will go ahead without any glitches in mid-January.
- Give thanks for the growth of CPV in the past 18 months. Pray for the process of receiving new members in March 2020.
- Pray for CPV in 2020, for new activities and initiatives, and that more Portuguese people will be reached with the gospel.

### **Student Christian Organisation Malawi (SCOM)**

SCOM reaches out to students in secondary schools, colleges and universities in Malawi with the gospel, seeking to build life-long followers of Jesus Christ.

- Give thanks for SCOM staff and volunteers and pray for the work they do.
- Pray that many students will devote their lives to Christ.

## Tuesday

### **Tim Vaughan – community outreach worker in Garnerville (Rev Jonathan Frazer)**

- Pray for all ventures and programmes in the local community as 2020 begins.
- Thank God for the success of Garnerville's Alpha course in the community before Christmas and pray for guidance as they move on with the group of people who took the course.
- Pray for the congregation's link with the local primary school, that as Scripture Union, Personal Development and Mutual Understanding and other activities begin again, that people will see the light of Jesus through the work that they do.
- Pray too for Tim as he serves and continues to share the gospel in the community.

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

- Mountmellick – Pray for the congregation as they struggle with small numbers on a Sunday.
- Tullamore – Give thanks for Youth Alpha continuing in local schools with final year students. Pray for new elders as they settle into their roles.
- Pray for William and the elders and members of both congregations as they seek to be warm, open, multi-national and welcoming churches.

## Wednesday

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

Stephen writes, "The last year was dominated by cultural issues around circumcision and it was revealing just to see how little commitment there was to gospel values."

- Pray that the church leaders will lead by example.
- Pray that Jesus will be seen as the one to obey in all aspects of daily life.
- Pray for the impact of two mission apprentices coming from iServe Africa.
- Pray for integrity in the programmes and keeping girls interested in education.
- Pray also for PCEA Tuum Girls' Secondary School where the results showed a slight improvement and reflected performance, but are still below the expectations of many stakeholders.

### **Presbyterian Church of Brazil**

The Presbyterian Church of Brazil is the largest Presbyterian denomination in Brazil, having over a million members and over 5,000 congregations.

- Pray for the work and witness of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.
- Pray for the leadership team, including Rev Roberto Brasileiro Silva, President of the Supreme Council.

## Thursday

### **Rev Ivan Neish – chaplain in Whiteabbey Hospital**

- Praise God for the privilege Ivan has of going in the Lord's name and on behalf of PCI to meet with people going through difficult times.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance for Ivan as he talks to patients and their families at the hospital.
- Pray that he will be an encouragement to them, and help them to trust in the Lord in all circumstances.

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

- Ask God to use each 'Explore the Bible' study to both challenge and encourage those who attend.
- Pray that 'SoulWorks' will increasingly be an effective outreach to those who come along.
- Pray that the tenure review will be a productive experience, helping the congregation celebrate what God has been doing, and to move forward with renewed enthusiasm in serving him.

## Friday

**Emerge Leadership Development** – This short-term programme offers emerging leaders the opportunity to develop their potential and gifts. *Pray that those who have signed up for EmERGE would grow in their gifting over the next few months as they share together in this learning experience.*

**Older People Services** – PCI has 5 residential homes, in Belfast, Newcastle, Bangor, Garvagh & Omagh. *Remember Denise Keegan, Head of Older People Services, who supports home managers and staff. Pray for Denise as she settles a myriad of issues within homes & units and supports managers & staff to keep homes safe & equipped.*

**Auxiliary Ministry Scheme** – the new group of AMS trainees begin training tomorrow. The 14-month course covers preaching, pastoral care, theology, leadership etc. *Pray that the Lord would encourage the trainees, that they will form strong bonds of fellowship and that they will be thoroughly prepared for future ministry in this role.*

**Karen Jardine is PCI's Public Affairs Officer.** She assists the Council for Public Affairs in developing the church's thinking on issues of public policy as well as coordinating the groups that sit under the Council. *Pray that God would give Karen wisdom, guidance and peace as she deals with complex and contentious issues in the public square.*

## Saturday

**Peter and Jayne Fleming – global mission workers in Nepal**

Peter who recently visited the United Mission to Nepal's Sunsari cluster team in the far east of the country comments, "2020 seems to be opening up a much wider range of opportunities (and also challenges)!" Jayne continues to be busy at Kathmandu International Study Centre, with a multinational class of children whose needs differ greatly. Generally it seems to be increasingly difficult to obtain working visas and both Peter and Jayne's applications are currently being processed.

- *Pray for Peter's work with leaders, and that the vision for the work will be clear.*
- *Pray for Jayne's daily teaching and support of the children in her class.*
- *Pray for United Mission to Nepal and all similar organisations in the country.*

**Rathmullan Presbyterian Church – Rev Susan Moore**

This Spring, Rathmullan plans to hold a few Sunday evenings for praise and worship to help the congregation become more familiar with some contemporary hymns.

- *Pray that their worship will be enhanced as they explore new hymns together.*
- *Pray that they will sink deep roots in Christ and grow in knowledge of the unceasing love of God that holds us in times of challenge and joy, success and failure.*

# Let's pray...

**Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry**

This Sunday 12 January, the Moderator will speak at the morning service at Crumlin Presbyterian Church.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he takes part in the service at Crumlin Presbyterian Church. Pray that as all those present come together in worship, they will know God's blessing.*
- *Please continue to pray for Dr Henry as he fulfils his engagements as Moderator for the remainder of his term.*

## Sunday

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

Today, the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) congregation in East London is holding its annual leaders' elections. This will be followed by a special training day for leaders on Saturday 1 February and a commissioning service on Sunday 2 February.

- *Pray for the members of the congregation today as they make important decisions.*
- *Pray that those elected to serve as leaders in the coming year will do so with a servant heart, seeking to glorify the Lord and build his kingdom.*
- *Pray too for Edwin and Anne Kibathi, for wisdom and guidance from God as they continue to pastor and reach out to the East African expatriate community in the UK.*

**Zambia**

Following two years of poor rainfall and failed harvests, around 2.3 million people in Zambia are relying on food aid.

- *Pray for all those affected and all seeking to assist them both with short-term aid and longer term projects.*
- *Pray too for the work and witness of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Zambia Synod at this difficult time.*

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