

Monday

Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann – global mission workers in Malawi

- Give thanks for Volker's successful participation in the AATEEA (All Africa Theological Education by Extension Association) in the final course writer training workshop in Nairobi. Volker has written a TEE course that will now be available for use by other TEE programmes in Africa through AATEEA.
- Volker is due to start a new training course in Zomba this Thursday (17 October). Volker writes, "Three members from the TEEM (Theological Education by Extension Malawi) administrative staff team will join. It is very exciting that they have shown interest in the spiritual side of our work." Pray that God will call the right people to join the course.
- Pray too for the Glissmann family – Volker working in TEEM, JinHyeog teaching in a primary school and their three children at school in Blantyre.

Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera, Indonesia

- Pray for the life and witness of the church: for its leaders as they work for the unity of the church; for the training of new ministers; and for leaders and members to build and enjoy good relations with their Muslim neighbours.

Tuesday

Leslie and Mabel Brush – community outreach workers in Tartaraghan (Rev Philip McKelvey)

- Thank God for relationships being built with people and for opportunities to meet people when visiting homes within a two mile radius of the Meeting House.
- Thank God that local men attended the informal outreach "Men @ 10.30" which started in February 2019, and pray for it as it resumes next Monday.
- Pray for Mabel as she leads the fortnightly women's Bible study focusing on Jonah, and Leslie as he leads a discipleship group studying Romans.
- Pray that God will equip Leslie and Mabel to serve him well.

Aughtaine Presbyterian Church – Rev David Cupples (vacancy convener)

- Pray for Laura Trimble as she gets J Seekers, a group for teenagers, up and running again after a gap of one year.
- Pray for more people to come forward to serve as a Sunday school teacher.
- The congregation is in the process of choosing a new minister - pray for God's clear guidance.

Wednesday

Diane Cusick – global mission worker in Zambia

- Give thanks that the new draft Child Protection Policy which Diane has been working on was well received by CCAP Synod of Zambia's General Administrative Committee.
- Pray for strength for Diane as she continues with a very busy programme throughout October.
- Pray for Diane to have the ability to change a mind-set amongst many early childhood teachers that says children do not learn through play.
- Pray for continued safety in travel for Diane as she travels around the country to visit schools.

Presbyterian Church in Myanmar

- Give thanks for the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (PCM) and for its priorities of evangelism, church planting and theological education.
- Pray for Rev Ling Zaw, General Secretary PCM.
- Pray that Myanmar will adjust well to democratic rule and remember PCM's witness to Christ in a majority Buddhist society.
- Pray too for the development of our partnership with this church.

Thursday

Michelle Stewart – community outreach worker in Cloughey Presbyterian Church (Rev Neil Stewart)

- Pray for Michelle as she visits homes in the village and seeks to build relationships with local people.
- Give thanks for the new tots group called POLO (Parents of Little Ones) which has started in the church – in just four weeks there are 31 mums on the register, with an average of around 20 mums attending with their little ones each week. Pray for natural opportunities to speak of the Lord and his love.
- There is a coffee shop in the church on a Wednesday morning called Solid Rock. Pray for the team to be renewed as they continue their service week by week and for opportunities to share the gospel.

Ballina, Ballymote and Killala Presbyterian Churches – Rev Molly Deatherage

- Pray for these three congregations in Monaghan Presbytery as they seek opportunities to share the gospel with people in their communities.
- Pray too for Molly as she ministers to all three congregations, the kirk sessions and all in leadership roles in the congregations.

Friday

PCI Intern Scheme | The Intern Scheme offers young adults the opportunity to serve in a congregation for a year. *Please pray for each of the PCI interns as they continue to settle into their new placement congregations. Pray that they would be a blessing to the people they serve and also that they would grow in their own leadership.*

Willow Brook Supported Housing – *Pray for Liz Wilson, project manager at Willow Brook, for strength, guidance & mercy, that God would enable her to handle the daily management pressures of Willow Brook. Pray for strength for staff as they care for the tenants whose needs have increased & changed. Ask God to help Liz & her staff adapt.*

Reception of Ministers and Licentiates Committee – *Pray for God's guidance as two interviews take place today: One is of a minister from another European country who wishes to transfer into PCI; the other is of a minister from elsewhere in the UK who wishes to be able to supply (that is, preach in) a vacant congregation.*

Linkage Commission – *Pray for the ministry of stated supplies working in vacant congregations: Frank Gibson, Belville; John Noble, Brookvale & Ryans; Bob Allely, Dervock; Alastair Gordon, 2nd Donegore; Brian Wilson, Kells (Meath); Bobby Stevenson, Ramoan & Armoy; David Temple, Rostrevor; Stuart Finlay, Warrenpoint.*

Saturday

Rev Michael Anderson – chaplain in Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast

Arthritis and autoimmune conditions don't often make the headlines but during his weekly visits to the rheumatology ward, Michael has learnt not only how widespread these chronic conditions are, but the severe impact they have on people's lives.

- *Pray for increased funding for research, treatments and key staffing posts.*
- *Pray for reduced waiting times for patients to see a consultant/receive treatment.*
- *Pray too for the development of new drugs and treatments.*
- *Give thanks for all who are involved in treating patients throughout N Ireland.*
- *Pray that through this help, the quality of life that patients and their families experience will be greatly improved.*

Gujranwala Theological Seminary and United Bible Training Centre, Pakistan

- *Pray for Gujranwala Theological Seminary, training people for ordained and lay ministries, and for the United Bible Training Centre, training women for evangelism and pastoral work.*
- *Pray especially for the resourcing and development of these institutions, which are so important for the training of church leaders.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry

The Moderator has invited congregations to use Sunday 13 October as an opportunity to specifically pray for matters in the public square. Also on Sunday, he will take part in services in Fisherwick and Fahan Presbyterian Churches, while on Saturday he will attend a Fields of Life outreach event.

- *On the introduction of abortion legislation, pray for laws that ensure both lives matter and that we would be a society that prioritises life over death. Pray for a speedy restoration of devolved government & for healing of relationships between MLAs & also local parties. Pray for those involved in Brexit negotiations representing the UK and Irish governments and for those impacted by the uncertainty.*
- *Pray for the Moderator as he attends the above congregational services and Fields of Life event – for encouragement and blessing for all present.*

Sunday

Christmas Cracker

Christmas Cracker is a respite initiative for adults with a learning disability, which is run by the Council for Social Witness. It gives those who care for adults with a learning disability an opportunity to pause and take a rest from their responsibilities. This year there will be three events, in McQuiston Memorial, West Church Bangor and Hillsborough Presbyterian Churches.

- *Pray for the staff and volunteers who give of their time to provide arts, crafts, music, games, an epilogue and refreshments.*
- *Pray for the adults who attend, that they may enjoy their time together, and for the parents and carers who will have some valuable time for themselves.*
- *Pray for the Christmas Cracker Task Group, that God would guide their decision-making and help them initiate new creative ideas.*

Visit www.presbyterianireland.org/christmascracker for more information.

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