

Monday

Csaba and Ilona Veres – global mission workers in Romania

- *Csaba and Ilona are excited for what God has planned for them in 2019. Pray that they will approach their work with prayerful reflection and spirit-led planning.*
- *In January Csaba is on home assignment. Pray for his speaking engagements in churches and PWs, for sharing with enthusiasm and clarity. Pray for opportunities to firm up plans for the summer ministry.*
- *Ilona will start the year in Méra with an inter-church prayer breakfast. Pray for unity of purpose for all those involved in evangelism, teaching and community development with the Roma community in Méra.*

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, so important for the training of church leaders.*

Tuesday

Sonya Anderson – deaconess in Shore Street, Donaghadee (Rev Alvin Little)

- *Give thanks for the food bank and compassion ministry, and pray for all the families who received hampers and food parcels. Give thanks for the people in Donaghadee who contribute to the food bank and those who serve in it.*
- *Pray for a conference due to take place in Shore Street congregation from 25-27 January called 'More'. Pray especially for Lorraine, Peter and Alvin as they finalise preparations for it.*
- *Pray for an ongoing 'Discipleship Explored' group and also for the follow-on courses for the Alpha groups.*

Aghada and Trinity Cork Presbyterian Churches – Rev Richie Cronin

Pray for the two congregations and for all the people in the city of Cork:

- *that people would love each other better.*
- *that people will want to know what to ask, what to look for and where to knock.*
- *that the implication of living out the gospel will steadily grow in the congregations.*

Wednesday

Diane Cusick – global mission worker in Zambia

- *Give thanks that Diane has arrived safely in Lusaka following her recent home assignment and is gradually settling into life and work there again.*
- *Pray for Diane as she begins planning for the year ahead in early childhood development with the leadership of CCAP Synod of Zambia. Pray for wisdom and God's guidance as they plan the programme.*
- *Pray for the teachers, parents and children as they begin a new school year in January; for teachers that they plan well for the term; for parents that they will understand the concept of learning through play; and for children to enjoy learning that benefits their early development.*

Christian Presbyterian Church of Portugal

- *Pray that God would continue to lead and direct Rev Paulo Jorge (President) and his colleagues in all decisions they make as part of the church's leadership team.*
- *Pray for the integration of Brazilian Christians arriving in Portugal into the existing congregations and church plants of the Christian Presbyterian Church of Portugal.*

Thursday

Andrew Dawson – community outreach worker in Second Dromara (Rev Kenny Hanna)

- *Praise the Lord for the many opportunities they had to speak of Jesus over the Christmas season, especially with the crowd of people who came into the hall after the Christmas tree light switch on. 120 children's packs were given away.*
- *Pray for the twice monthly event (Cafe Hope) that they would continue to see new people join and that they would see people come to faith in Jesus Christ.*
- *Pray as the leaders in the Sunday school and Bible class meet together to think through how to disciple children and young people more effectively.*

Alt Presbyterian Church - Rev Colin McKibben

- *Give thanks that the congregation of Alt have elected two people to go forward as elders elect.*
- *Pray for these two people as they go forward for training and that this may be a time of reflection for them as they seek God's guidance for the future.*
- *May God bless them with a servant heart for the work of his kingdom.*

Friday

Emerge Leadership Development is a short-term programme offering 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.*

Adult Safeguarding is very much about adults at risk – risk of harm, abuse or exploitation. As a Church we have to be aware of how to prevent harm and what to do if we are concerned about individuals within congregations. *Give thanks for the 'Taking Care of All! Statement agreed by the General Assembly.*

The Ministerial Studies and Development Committee meets on Monday 21st. *Pray for the members as they consider how to encourage men and women to consider whether God is calling them into the ordained ministry, and how to increase awareness and prayerfulness in the Church about this.*

The Linkage Commission meets on Tuesday 22nd to interview delegations from congregations seeking leave to call. *Pray for wisdom and guidance that decisions that are right for the Kingdom of God will be made. Pray for the specialist Reviews, APP and Architecture Panel Conveners: Kenny Belshaw, Colin Gamble and Brian Knox.*

Saturday

Naomi Leremore – global mission worker in Kenya

Naomi works with a group of writers in the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) department of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA). This term their focus moves to reworking a book on Child Rights and Advocacy. They have invited Steve O'lang from International Justice Mission (IJM) to their Monday workshop on 21 January to help discuss what needs to be included in the book.

- *Pray that the meeting with Steve O'lang will be informative and helpful for the team.*
- *Ask for God's continuing guidance as they begin the rewriting of the Child Rights and Advocacy book.*

Arklow Presbyterian Church – Rev Gary McDowell (vacancy convener)

- *Pray for the Arklow session and congregation during this time of vacancy.*
- *Give thanks for the excellent preachers and the wonderful teaching that has taken place each week.*
- *Pray for the vacancy commission as the process moves forward.*
- *Pray that God will be preparing his servant to be the new minister of Arklow.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 13 January, the Moderator will preach in Saintfield Road Presbyterian Church. On Friday 18 January, he will take part in the opening of new buildings at Molesworth Presbyterian Church in Cookstown.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he participates in the above services, that he would bring blessing and encouragement to all of those present.*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Moderator as he continues his year in office, visiting congregations and ministries and representing the Church at various meetings.*

Sunday

Christopher and Nivedita Benjamin – global mission workers in the UK

- *Give thanks for the relations that Christopher and Nivedita have built up with a number of Hindu people, who have in turn opened their doors to them.*
- *Give thanks for Christopher and Nivedita's relations with organisations, including the Gujarat Samachar, which publishes Christmas and Easter articles written by them.*
- *Pray that the many Gujarati Hindus who read their most recent Christmas article will understand the real meaning of Christmas and come to know Christ as their Saviour.*
- *Pray for their Hindu friends who attend the monthly prayer meetings, that they will continue to learn from the Bible and experience the love of God.*

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.*

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