

## Monday

### Derek and Jane French – global mission workers in Spain

- GBG (*Grupos Biblicos Graduados – ministry with graduates and professionals*) had their annual conference from 5 to 8 December. The theme was “Discipleship 24/7: living all our lives for Christ”. Pray for all who attended as they return to their own communities, families and workplaces, that they will seek to live wholeheartedly for Christ 24/7, and that their lives would have an impact for the glory of God.
- Pray for Bilbao International Church and Sarriko local church as they have their joint Christmas event with members and the children taking part. Pray that the message of Christ and why he came would be clearly presented.
- Pray too for Derek and Jane French and their children.

### Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) – Synod of Zambia

- Pray for CCAP Synod of Zambia to fulfil its vision – “To be evangelical, hospitable, strong and self-sustained, united in Christ as one family of the triune God within and beyond the borders of our lands”.
- Pray for God’s wisdom and guidance for Rev Sevatt Kabaghe (General Secretary) in all he does.

## Tuesday

### Heather McCracken – deaconess in the Belfast Trust Hospitals

- Pray for the many opportunities the chaplains will have to share with patients and staff the joy of Christmas, ‘God is with us’. They are looking forward to carol services, singing around the wards and outreach events in all the Belfast Trust Hospitals.
- Throughout December the chaplains plan to give each child in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children the gift of a Christmas book from Scripture Union England entitled, ‘God Became Like Me?’ Pray these books will help bring people to Christ.
- Pray for our hospitals where staff report that the situation has gone from severe to unworkable, with long waiting lists, many outpatient appointments being cancelled and safe staffing levels a bigger and broader concern. Pray for hospital staff, especially nurses, who feel their concerns are not being addressed properly.

### Gortin Presbyterian Church – Rev Rodney Thompson (vacancy convener)

- Pray for the members of Gortin congregation as they celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- Remember Rev Rodney Thompson (vacancy convener).
- Pray for the elders and congregation as they continue to seek to appoint the person of God’s choosing to be their minister.

## Wednesday

### Middle East

- The winter months in parts of the Middle East are cold. Pray for the resources required to help refugees living in camps and in the community to keep warm.
- Pray for the small Christian community celebrating the birth of the Saviour. Pray that the Christian churches will proclaim the Saviour’s birth sensitively and yet clearly.
- The importance of theological education cannot be underestimated in terms of building and strengthening the local church. Pray for students, staff and faculty in Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary as they complete a busy semester, enter a period of rest and for those who will minister in local churches through the Christmas season.

### Presbyterian Church in Myanmar

- Give thanks for the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (PCM) and for its priorities of evangelism, church planting and theological education, in a majority Buddhist society.
- Pray for Rev Ling Zaw, General Secretary PCM.
- Pray too for the members of the church as they celebrate the birth of Christ.

## Thursday

### Philip Whelton – Irish mission worker in Arklow

- Give thanks that Rev Michael Anderson is due to be installed as minister in the congregation on 11 January. Pray for him and his family over the coming months as they settle into church, school and community life.
- The children and youth clubs continue each week with close to 100 children attending. Pray for the leaders and youth as they demonstrate God’s love to them each week.
- Pray for the Coffee Dock which meets each Tuesday. This has proved to be a valuable way of meeting families in the community and the building of relationships often means some of their children come to clubs.

### Greystones Presbyterian Church – Rev Gary McDowell

- Pray for Greystones congregation whose vision is to be a church that reaches out to the men and women of north County Wicklow with Christ’s transforming message of grace, love and forgiveness.
- Pray too for the congregation as they celebrate the birth of the Saviour, that they will be encouraged in their faith and desire to share the good news with others.
- Pray for Gary McDowell (minister) and the elders and leaders in the congregation.

## Friday

**Fresh Light** is the denomination's counselling ministry. *Pray for wisdom for those who oversee, administer and deliver the ministry of Fresh Light. Ask that God would use it especially in the lives of those for whom the coming Christmas season will be difficult.*

**Child Abuse** – Children and young people are subjected to many forms of abuse, harm and exploitation in their homes, schools, churches and local communities. *Give thanks for organisations that work tirelessly to prevent the harm and abuse of children and for the Taking care programme within PCI. Pray for those in recovery from abuse.*

**Conciliation Panel** – *As we remember the birth of the Prince of Peace, please pray for members of our church who find themselves in difficult conflict situations. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conciliators who are working with them, that there will be healing and restoration of relationships, and new, fruitful ways forward.*

**General Election** – *Pray that as a new government is formed following the General Election that those in positions of power will act in the best interests of the country as a whole. Pray for local parties as they are due to be engaged in a process to restore devolution.*

## Saturday

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

- *Give thanks for continued progress with language study.*
- *Pray for the ongoing micro discipleship group ministry within Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV), that it would continue to grow and develop over the coming years.*
- *Pray for the young people who attended CPV's Christmas party.*
- *Pray for Chris and Rachel during this Christmas period as they spend their first Christmas in Portugal and that they would be able to point others to Jesus.*

**Great Victoria Street Presbyterian Church and South Belfast Friendship House – Rev William Harkness**

- *Great Victoria Street congregation is continuing with its young adults meal each month. Pray that this will expand and offer community in the city.*
- *Each of the groups in Friendship House have now had their Christmas party. Pray that the true message of Christmas will change lives through the words spoken.*
- *Pray for William Harkness (minister), Eileen Black (deaconess) and the staff of Friendship House, that they will enjoy a time of rest and refreshment over Christmas after a very busy time.*

# Let's pray...

**Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry**

On Sunday 15 December the Moderator will take part in the morning services at Clough and Seaforde Presbyterian Churches. In the evening he travels to Dromara to join with Café Hope at Second Dromara Presbyterian Church. On Saturday 21 December Dr Henry will visit Harold McCauley House and take part in their Family Day.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he speaks in Clough, Seaforde, Café Hope and Harold McCauley House this week.*
- *Give thanks for the opportunity the Moderator has to take part in the various forms of ministry of our Church.*

## Sunday

**Tritonville Close**

Tritonville Close is a complex of sheltered accommodation for older people in the Sandymount area of Dublin. Established in 1948, it became the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's first project in the Republic of Ireland.

Offering sheltered housing to 40 people, it incorporates a communal garden where residents can sit or walk about in privacy and safety. Other accommodation includes a community room where different events are held, including a coffee morning every Friday, and various functions in the evening including quiz nights and a Christmas party.

- *Pray for Richard Zipser, manager, for wisdom and guidance in caring for the residents.*
- *Pray for all those involved in the daily lunch club.*
- *Give thanks for the good relationships between staff and residents.*

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