

Monday

Edwin and Anne Kibathi – global mission workers in East London

- Give thanks and pray for the deacons and leaders elected to serve in the congregation this year. Pray that the Lord will use them for his glory.
- Pray for the new fellowship at Reading which has been meeting once every month. Pray for a suitable venue to be found so they can start holding services weekly.
- Pray too for the small but growing congregation in Luton which meets weekly.
- Pray that both the Luton and Reading congregations will continue growing and that they will make an impact in the communities around them.

Presbyterian Church in Myanmar (PCM)

- Pray for the leadership of PCM, particularly Rev Ramthanga, the General Secretary.
- Pray for the General Assembly meeting in late February. Pray that these meetings will bring new insight for the Church's ministry.
- Pray for peace in the mission fields and opportunities to share the gospel.
- Pray for current leaders in training supported by PCI – Lal Biak Chhuangi and Zaw Lar.
- Pray too for the development of our partnership with this church.

Tuesday

Elaine Getty – community outreach worker in Strand Presbyterian Church (Rev Danny Rankin)

- GriefShare - starting Tuesday 18 February at 2pm: Pray for courage for people coming for the first time, wisdom for the facilitators, and that the group will be a source of encouragement for all involved.
- After-school hangout - Wednesdays 4pm-5.30pm: "We're so thankful for the chance to love these 11-14 year olds", writes Elaine. "Pray for trust and understanding as we all get to know each other, and for God's love to become real to them."
- Schools: Pray that God will work through Elaine as she takes part in Scripture Union, student support and music activities in local schools.

Aughtentaine Presbyterian Church – Rev David Curran

- Give thanks for the desire within the congregation to reach out to the local community, and for the commitment of all their volunteers.
- Pray that as a congregation they continue to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ, and in love and service towards others.

Wednesday

James and Heather Cochrane – global mission workers in Portugal

A new venue for the church plant in Senhora da Hora - Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) has been found and services are to begin being held there from the end of March.

- Give thanks to God for the new church building and pray for renovations to be done quickly. Pray that the larger space will be more effective for ministry, church services, meetings and outreach to the surrounding community.
- Pray for those who are attending membership classes in February. It is hoped these people will be received as members of CPV during March.
- Pray too for James as he prepares to return to Northern Ireland for a short period of deputation in March.

Theological Education by Extension, Malawi (TEEM)

TEEM, founded in the 1970s is a nationwide, distance-learning theological institution. Over the intervening years, it has provided practical training to thousands of students.

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for Martin Kalimbe, Director of TEEM.
- Pray that through TEEM many rural church leaders may be equipped to serve their congregations and communities.

Thursday

Forces Chaplains

Currently two of PCI's ten full-time military chaplains are on operations overseas. Graeme McConville (Army) is in the final stretch of a demanding five-month tour in Estonia (in sub-zero temperatures). Philip Wilson (RAF) has recently deployed for four months to the Gulf (at a time of rising tensions there).

- Pray for safety, health, and stamina.
- Pray for opportunities to build close relationships with soldiers and RAF personnel of all ranks (who are often much more open to issues of faith when on operations).
- Pray also for the pressures on their families back in England.

Ballina, Ballymote and Killala Presbyterian Churches – Rev Molly Deatherage

- Ballina – They are hosting a meeting for the World Day of Prayer this year. Pray that it is an evening of unity, effective prayer, and great fellowship. They will again be initiating a 'come and sing' favourite hymns meeting. Pray that it will come together well and be an evening of uplifting praise to our Lord.
- Killala – Pray for planned events to reach the Killala area.

Friday

Going Deeper, Going Wider – An evening to help congregations think about how to go deeper and wider in building a lively involvement in global mission. *Pray for guest speaker Bryan Knell as he leads those attending in thinking about how to reimagine and refresh the engagement of members with what God is doing across the world.*

A prayer from Stephanie Moore-Archer, Home Manager, River House – *Pray that staff in River House are kept safe travelling to and from work at this time of storms and tumultuous weather. Pray also that staff and residents are kept free from the threat of coronavirus at this time of uncertainty and danger worldwide.*

Union Theological College Management Committee meets on Monday 24 February. *Pray for the convener, Ivan Patterson and all the members as they seek God's will for the College at a time of transition. Pray for clear thinking as a submission is prepared for funding from the United Appeal for 2021.*

The Linkage Commission will meet on Tuesday 25 February. *Pray for the convener James Livingstone, secretary Ker Graham and chairman Michael Barry, as well as the panel conveners: Kenny Belshaw, Brian Knox, Brian McManus, Jim Stothers, and all the members, that decisions made will be for the good of the whole church.*

Saturday

Joanne Dunlop – deaconess in Craigavon and Antrim Area Hospitals

- *Pray for and give thanks for God's guidance to the right people – both staff and patients – at the right time.*
- *Give thanks for and pray for Norman Harrison as he settles into his role as lead chaplain within the chaplaincy team of the Northern Trust. Pray for vision and wisdom in all decisions.*
- *Pray for the prayerful and thoughtful organisation of the annual adult and paediatric bereavement services held in both Antrim and Craigavon in the coming months. Pray these services will be a channel of God's real and living hope and comfort to those who attend.*

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

This is the second week of the Moderator's two week visit to Kenya, providing him with the opportunity to visit each of the PCI global mission workers serving there: Naomi Lere more in Nairobi; Stephen and Angelina Cowan in Tuum; and Gary and Mary Reid in Olkinyiei, as well as meeting leaders of our partner church the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA).

- *Please pray for health and safety for the Moderator and his wife and family as they continue their travels in Kenya this week.*
- *Give thanks for the opportunity to meet with our global mission workers serving in Kenya and pray that this will be a time of encouragement and blessing for all.*
- *Pray too that the visit will build on PCI's partnership with the PCEA.*

Sunday

Diane Cusick – global mission worker in Zambia

- *Give thanks for the work that is going on in CCAP Synod of Zambia in education. Pray for the teachers as they work in challenging circumstances with very few resources that they may enable the children to be enthusiastic and have a love of learning.*
- *Give thanks for the rains that have come to some areas of Zambia. Pray for areas that have too much rain, that crops can be rescued. Pray for areas with not enough rain, that rain may come so that crops will grow.*
- *Pray Diane will be physically and spiritually refreshed after two weeks' annual leave.*

National Evangelical Synod in Syria and Lebanon (NESSL)

- *Pray for the leaders and members of NESSL and their witness to others.*
- *Pray for NESSL's various projects to help displaced people and refugees.*
- *Pray for all still suffering due to the Syrian conflict; and for religious freedom and lasting peace in Syria and throughout the region. Pray too for the political situation in Lebanon. Pray that the protests against the government will be peaceful and that the issues of poverty, unemployment, poor public services and corruption will be properly addressed.*

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