

Monday

Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann – global mission workers in Malawi

Volker works for Theological Education by Extension Malawi (TEEM). He writes, “Our new grassroots training course is Bible-based. Our experience is that it is best for our learners if we print the stories in our workbooks and not just give summaries or ask them to read in their own Bibles. We have started the discussion with the copyright holder, the Bible Society, to allow us to use more of the text than they would normally allow us to.”

- *Pray that TEEM can obtain permission so that the material can be used across the continent.*

Student Christian Organisation Malawi (SCOM)

SCOM’s mission is to introduce students in secondary schools, colleges and universities in Malawi to Jesus Christ, in the hope that they can grow in their spiritual lives and become responsible members of their churches throughout their lives.

- *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

Rev Ken Doherty – chaplain in Mater Hospital, Belfast

Ken writes, “One of the great privileges we enjoy as hospital chaplains is the opportunity to build relationships with a very diverse group of people, not just the patients themselves but their families and many other members of staff.

- *Give thanks for this privilege, whether those relationships are brief or longer term.*
- *Give thanks for the wide range of contacts, which includes not only members of different Christian traditions but those of other faiths (and none).*
- *Pray that the chaplains may be a link in the chain that brings others to the best relationship of all, a relationship with Christ as Redeemer, Saviour, Lord and Master.*

Carndonagh, Greenbank, Malin and Moville Presbyterian Churches – Rev David Latimer (vacancy convener)

- *Pray for the life and witness of these four home mission congregations in Derry and Donegal Presbytery.*
- *Pray for the elders and members of the congregations during this time of vacancy.*
- *Pray too for Rev David Latimer in his role of vacancy convener.*

Wednesday

James and Heather Cochrane – global mission workers in Portugal

- *Give thanks for the Humphries’ family who will be arriving in Porto on 1 March.*
- *Pray for the final preparations they need to attend to over the next few weeks.*
- *Give thanks that James and Heather have been able to help them find an apartment in a good location in Porto.*
- *Pray for the leadership team at Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) and the CPV church family as they look forward to the integration of Chris and Rachel, Ezra and Abbie.*
- *Continue to give thanks for the arrival of Brazilian Christians in Porto, and pray for their adaption to a very different church culture.*

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

Eleanor Drysdale – deaconess in Wellington Presbyterian Church, Ballymena

- *Pray for a Christianity Explored course starting on 27 February, that it will help those wanting to know more, and that those who have questions to ask but never had the opportunity to do so will come along. Pray for the team as they make preparations and lead the course.*
- *Give thanks to God for all that has happened in the Wellington church family and in their community since they moved into their new building nearly ten years ago. Pray for the team as they get to grips with the many demands of a growing church.*
- *Pray for preparations for various events in the church and community leading up to Easter and the tenth anniversary, and that God will be glorified in all they do.*

Carrigart and Dunfanaghy Presbyterian Churches – Rev Andrew Watson

- *Pray for a joint Bible Study running between now and Easter.*
- *Pray for extra opportunities for sharing the gospel in local schools.*
- *Pray for sensitive caring witness to neighbours who have been bereaved by recent tragic accidents.*

Friday

The Council for Congregational Life and Witness supports congregations in all aspects of ministry and mission. *Pray for the Council meeting on Tuesday as it confirms plans for the major events, training offered and resources produced to support congregations in developing all aspects of their work in the church year 2019/20.*

Dementia. Council for Social Witness residential homes have increasing numbers of residents suffering from dementia. *Pray that all who are distressed and disoriented because of the confusion and memory loss caused by dementia may be comforted. Grant courage, direction and hope to their families as they face the future.*

Union Theological College Management Committee meets on Monday 25th. *Pray for the convener, Ivan Patterson and all the members as they seek God's will for the College in the present challenging circumstances. Pray for clear thinking as a submission is prepared for funding from the United Appeal for 2020.*

The Linkage Commission will on Tuesday 26th meet delegations from these vacant congregations seeking leave to call a new minister: St Andrew's Belfast, Kilbride, Carlisle Road & Crossroads, Glendermott, Aghadowey & Crossgar. *Pray that as they share their stories and their heart for God's Kingdom they will find encouragement.*

Saturday

Stephen and Angelina Cowan – global mission workers in Kenya

They write, "We continue to see the focus of building biblical understanding in the people here. We have seen a few men who have received audio scripture, and teaching on life issues in Samburu language, being encouraged to consider Jesus Christ as the answer. The youth who are attending a discipleship course are grateful for the foundation they have, and are able to build on it as they mature in Christ."

- Give thanks for lives changed by the gospel. Pray for continued involvement with the workers who still sit on the edge of commitment to Jesus, but are gently being nudged forward by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for a funding proposal to be well received.

Cootehill, Drum and Kilmount Presbyterian Churches – Rev Daryl Edwards

- Give thanks for the children's event with lego facilitated by CEF's Cavan workers Simon and Jayne Gibson before Christmas, and pray for preparations for a similar event before Easter.
- Give thanks for the completion of the "God's big picture" Bible overview studies and pray for continued fellowship in the Bible study groups.

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 17 February, the Moderator will participate in the morning service at Bushmills Presbyterian Church. In the evening he will visit Dungiven Presbyterian, where rooms in the newly refurbished former police station, which form part of the church will be dedicated.

- Pray for the Moderator as he participates in the above services, that he would be an encouragement and blessing to all of those present.
- As he continues his year in office, pray for wisdom and guidance for the Moderator as he represents the Church at various meetings and ministries.

Sunday

Naomi Keefe – global mission worker in Brazil

The football evangelism team continues to share the good news of Jesus with the football guys monthly, early on a Sunday morning. (The football training starts at 5.30am).

- Pray that as the evangelism team use strategies involving all five senses, God would open the spiritual eyes and ears of the football players, that they may come to know him as their Lord and Saviour.
- Give thanks for yesterday's training day with the session and committee of Beberibe congregation.
- Continue to pray for the congregation of Peixinhos.
- Pray too for Naomi as she serves in Brazil, for health, safety and protection.

Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA)

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leadership of the church.
- Pray for the members of the congregations to be good witnesses to others.
- Pray too for the PCEA's various projects and mission work.

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