

Monday

Edwin and Anne Kibathi – global mission workers – East African community in UK

During October, Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) congregations are focusing on health issues, including the PCEA congregation in London where the Kibathis are based. Edwin will be travelling to Nairobi in Kenya next week and will be followed later by Anne and their daughter, Joy. They have several speaking engagements in different churches back in Kenya.

- *Pray for those who will be speaking on the health issues in PCEA congregations, that their message will make a good impact.*
- *Pray for Edwin, Anne and Joy as they travel to Kenya, that they will be granted journey mercies and that their speaking engagements will go well.*

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.*

Wednesday

James and Heather Cochrane – global mission workers in Portugal

James and Heather write, “The first stage in implementing a relational discipleship model in Comunidade Pedras Vivas is to create small groups of 10-12 people which will meet once a month. This week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, three groups began/will begin in different homes to study the book of Acts.”

- *Pray for James who will lead these groups and for people to be trained to take on future leadership of these groups.*
- *The second phase is to begin four micro groups made up of three or four people meeting weekly. Pray for those approached, that they will be keen to be involved and to grow spiritually in this relational context of accountability and commitment.*

World Development Appeal 2019 – Farming God’s way

This year’s World Development Appeal was launched last Thursday, 17 October. Materials to promote the Appeal are being distributed to congregations and information is available on the PCI website: www.presbyterianireland.org.

- *Give thanks for all who contribute each year to the Appeal.*
- *Pray too that this year’s Appeal will be well supported.*

Tuesday

Andrew Dawson – community outreach worker in Second Dromara

For almost a year, Second Dromara has been holding a fortnightly Sunday evening programme called Cafe Hope in a venue on the main street in Dromara.

- *Pray that the Lord would continue to send people from the community to this venture and that they would see God do a work through it.*
- *Pray that God by his Spirit, would enable the church to grow and for members to deepen in their love for Jesus Christ.*
- *Praise the Lord for opportunities to speak of God and occasionally do one to one Bible studies with different adults in the community. Praying that God will open eyes that are blind.*

Ballyhobridge, Clones, Newbliss and Stonebridge Presbyterian Churches (vacancy convener – Rev Colin Anderson)

- *Pray that the Lord will lead the congregations of Ballyhobridge, Clones, Newbliss and Stonebridge through this time of vacancy.*
- *Pray that God will bring them a minister of his choosing to lead them and be a part of their church family.*

Thursday

Sonya Anderson – deaconess in Shore Street Presbyterian Church, Donaghadee

- *Pray for those who attend the Alpha courses and the follow-up courses. Pray that they will see people come to know Jesus and grow as disciples.*
- *Pray for all the opportunities to connect with families with young children and wisdom for how best to support them in the early years. Pray that the children in the congregation will develop a real and personal relationship with Jesus.*
- *Pray too for Sonya in her daily walk with Jesus.*

Ballymagrane Presbyterian Church – Rev Roger McElnea

- *Pray for the continued building of relationships among the congregation and out into the surrounding community.*
- *Praise God for continued growth in the Girls' Brigade with over 90 girls attending and pray for the leaders as they deliver an interesting programme each week.*
- *Praise God for the growing number of children coming to the Sunday School and for the teachers as they seek to give the children a biblical foundation to stand on.*
- *Praise God for the opportunities they have to reach out through the various activities of the congregation.*

Friday

The MAD Youth Weekend begins tonight and has Bible teaching and activities for youth groups across our denomination. *Pray that God will speak through the main sessions and seminars on how the gospel relates to the young people's lives, and for a significant response. Ask God to ensure every individual is safe and feels at home.*

Aaron House is a residential care home & day care unit for those with a profound learning disability. *Give thanks for the staff in Aaron House & for the vital work being carried out which allows families a much needed break from their caring duties. Recruiting staff is difficult, pray that those with a heart for the work can be recruited.*

Council for Training in Ministry meets today. *Pray for the Convener Nigel McCullough, Secretary Jim Stothers, Chairman Ian McNie and members, that it will be a productive meeting, with all open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Pray for a God-honouring shaping of the future of the College, as well as the day by day teaching and learning.*

Committees, Panels and Task Groups (TG) – *Pray for their ongoing work. Pray particularly for the Decision Making & Dissent TG who will be receiving responses from all 19 presbyteries to their 2019 General Assembly (GA) report, that they'll be enabled to guide the GA on how to move forward together in PCI in the area of decision making*

Saturday

Stephen and Angelina Cowan – global mission workers in Kenya

Baragoi area has seen a resurgence in cattle rustling and killings as a result of armed raiders stealing animals and creating fear in the wider area.

- *Pray for community leaders to act wisely and encourage herders to develop long term plans to see animals as financial resources rather than cultural wealth.*
- *Pray that church leaders would engage with local pastoralist leaders and seek to understand their view of life.*
- *Pray for the monthly teachings in Tuum as they continue despite the insecurity.*
- *Pray for Stephen who is in Ireland at present and involved in deputation meetings, and for Angelina who remains in Kenya.*

Bellasis, Cavan, Drumkeeran and Killeshandra Presbyterian Churches – Rev Jean Mackarel

- *Give thanks and pray for all who gather for Sunday worship services.*
- *Pray for all in leadership roles in the congregations including elders, committee members, Sunday school teachers, PW leaders, musicians and all volunteers.*
- *Give thanks and pray too for the children who attend 'Kidz Klub' on Fridays.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry

This Sunday 20 October, the Moderator will take part in the morning service at 1st Broughshane Presbyterian Church. During the week he will attend a Brexit Listening Day in Armagh, Newry and Monaghan, and then again in Derry and Donegal. On Saturday 26 October he will travel to Coleraine for the MAD Weekend.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he speaks at the service in 1st Broughshane Presbyterian.*
- *As he attends the two Brexit Listening Days, pray for wisdom and discernment for all involved. Pray too for God's guidance and blessing.*
- *Give thanks for the MAD Youth Weekend, and for this unique opportunity to bring together youth groups from across the denomination. Pray for the Moderator as he attends this event, that he will be encouraged and inspired by the young people who come and also by the crew of volunteers who give their time to serve in this way.*

Sunday

MAD Youth Weekend

MAD is a youth weekend of Bible teaching and activities for youth groups across our denomination at Ulster University, Coleraine (25-27 October). The theme is 'NEWSFEED: God's story in headlines'.

- *Pray that the young people's lives would be changed as God speaks powerfully – may young people come to faith in Jesus for the first time or grow in their resolve to follow him in their lives.*
- *Pray for the main speakers, Gareth Maclean and Paul Brown, and for the seminar speakers, that God would speak clearly through them.*
- *Pray that the young people would gain a clear understanding of the big story of the Bible and how it applies to their lives today.*
- *Ask God to greatly strengthen relationships between leaders and their young people, and that the time away would allow opportunities for significant conversations about faith in Jesus.*
- *Pray for the staff and crew of the event and the smooth delivery of the programme, that each young person would be safe and feel at home.*

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