

Monday

Derek and Jane French – global mission workers in Spain

- *Pray for Derek as he returns to Northern Ireland for deputation from 9-21 February. He will be sharing about the work in Spain in various churches and will also be speaking at East Belfast Presbytery's 'Europe in Focus Night' on Sunday 17 February in McQuiston Memorial Presbyterian Church. Pray that people would be challenged at these meetings and pray for Derek as he prepares for them.*
- *Pray for the Women's Bible study group which Jane leads every Friday. Give thanks for an increase in numbers and for a hunger for God's Word.*

Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS)

- *Give thanks that the peace deal signed in September aimed at ending the 4 ½ year civil war continues to hold. Pray for lasting peace and for the political leaders to seek to build a peaceful, just and fair society for all the people of South Sudan.*
- *Pray for the four million people displaced by the war, most of whom rely on food aid.*
- *Pray for the work and witness of the PCOSS, and their efforts to encourage peace and provide humanitarian relief to those in need, in particular those displaced.*

Tuesday

Rachel Cubitt – deaconess in Whiteabbey (Rev Angus Stewart)

- *Give thanks for a great Christmas season at Whiteabbey, with many opportunities to encourage the members and share God's love in the community.*
- *Pray for God's guidance for the congregation's outreaches throughout the year.*
- *Pray for the 20s-30s group 'EMERGE'. Pray for the young adults – for courage to invite their non-Christian friends and that God would bless the conversations and deepen friendships with those who come along.*
- *Pray for Rachel as she prepares for deputation meetings, including several PW services.*

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

- *Pray for the life and witness of these four home mission congregations in the Monaghan Presbytery.*
- *Pray for the elders and members of the congregations as they seek to appoint a new minister.*
- *Remember Colin in his role as vacancy convener.*

Wednesday

Johnny and Lyn Dowds – global mission workers in Malawi

- *Lyn writes, "In November when the [David Gordon Memorial] hospital was in financial crisis we cried out to our supporters to pray for a miracle. We received that miracle with a considerable donation and many other smaller donations." Praise God for the miracle and pray it would soon be possible to clear the debts and obtain financial stability.*
- *Pray for the hospital's management team as they develop a team and a business plan to strengthen the hospital.*
- *Pray for the ongoing outreach work of the hospital and for the safety of staff, especially as it is the wet season and roads become more dangerous.*

Presbyterian Church of Pakistan (PCP)

- *Pray for the protection of the Christian community in Pakistan and for peace, justice and religious freedom for all in Pakistan.*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leadership of PCP.*
- *Pray too for the members of the PCP as they relate to their Muslim neighbours.*

Thursday

Susan Dawson – chaplain serving in hospitals in the Dublin area

- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for Susan as she talks to patients and their families at the hospitals.*
- *Pray that she will be an encouragement to them, and help them to trust in the Lord in all circumstances.*

Ballymagrane Presbyterian Church – Rev Norman Smyth (vacancy convener)

- *Give thanks for how God continues to energise the leaders of the youth organisations shared with Aghnacloy.*
- *Give thanks for the edifying ministry of visiting preachers on Sundays and at the Midweek.*
- *Pray for the congregation as it prepares to hear a candidate preach for the vacancy and for the candidate, that all concerned may be able to discern God's will in the matter.*
- *Remember Norman in his role as vacancy convener.*

Friday

PW Forum brings together LINK representatives to be informed, equipped and enthused as they plan and conduct LINK meetings. *Pray that God's Holy Spirit would challenge everyone who attends (on 2 February) to be his true everyday disciples, living transformed lives and reaching others for Christ.*

Mental Health. We all need to reach out to those who experience mental illness. *Pray that God will calm their anxieties. Pray for those who feel helpless and overwhelmed by life situations, that they will receive appropriate support from mental health services and that there will be adequate funding for day centres.*

New Moderators of Presbytery will soon take up office. *Pray for them as they prepare to chair presbytery meetings & lead services of installation & commissioning. Pray that the training on Wednesday 6 February, led by Jim Stothers, Deputy Clerk, and David Allen, Dean of Ministerial Studies and Development, will be helpful.*

Congregations do not exist in isolation but are part of presbyteries and the General Assembly. Real and living engagement between presbyteries and congregations is vital, as is a sense of ownership of what we all do together through the Assembly. *Pray for all those in the various presbyteries as they carry out this important work.*

Saturday

Edwin and Anne Kibathi – global mission workers – East African community in UK
The congregation held elections for church leaders last Sunday (27 January). Today the new leaders will take part in training and tomorrow they are due to be inducted.

- *Pray that the training and induction will go on smoothly to the glory of God.*
- *Give thanks for Edwin and Anne's recent visit to Kenya where they were able to speak in eight congregations about their ongoing work in London.*
- *Pray for a quick recovery for those injured in the recent terrorist attack in Nairobi and remember those who lost loved ones.*

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

- *Pray for the choir and praise band as they lead the congregations in singing praise week by week.*
- *Pray for Jean as she prepares for the Sunday services each week.*
- *Pray with thanksgiving for the children and young people in the four congregations.*
- *Pray too for Jean's work in Cavan School of Theology.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 27 January, the Moderator will participate in United Services in Newtownards. The Moderator is also launching an initiative to call our denomination to prayer. From 3 – 10 February we, as Church members, are invited to join together in a special time of prayer. Throughout this week there will be PowerPoint slides and vlogs, as well as the prayers that you read in this weekly bulletin and online.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he participates in the above services in Newtownards, that he would bring encouragement to all of those present.*
- *Pray for this special week of prayer, that many will respond to this call to pray together and that the resources will be a blessing to all those who use them.*

Sunday

Dementia

Many thousands of people in all walks of life are affected by various forms of dementia.

- *Give thanks for the staff teams in the homes who care for people with this illness.*
- *Pray for the staff and families who provide support, so that residents with this diagnosis can lead a fulfilling life within the communities of our homes.*
- *Pray that following assessment they and their family carers will receive appropriate support and advice.*
- *Pray that we will all be more aware of how we as individuals can assist.*
- *Pray that there will be adequate funding for research into causes and treatments.*

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