

Monday

Derek and Jane French – global mission workers in Spain

A special thanksgiving meal in church is due to take place on 16 November. This is the church's most attended event and a great evangelistic opportunity. Derek will be giving a short talk and there will also be activities and teaching for the children.

- *Pray for the committee as they organise this event and pray that it will be well attended again this year.*
- *Give thanks for the retreat for PCI global mission workers serving in Europe which has just finished. Pray that all those who attended (including Derek and Jane) would return to their area of service enthused and encouraged by the time together.*

Global Refugee Crisis

The UN estimates that there are 68.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide.

- *Pray for all those living as refugees or who are displaced. Pray for their safety and that those in need of humanitarian and / or medical assistance will receive it.*
- *Remember those who are unable to flee or who choose to remain in places of danger and / or severe economic difficulty. Pray that they too will be protected and for humanitarian and medical assistance to reach all those who need it.*

Tuesday

Rachel Cubitt – deaconess in Whiteabbey Presbyterian Church (Rev Angus Stewart)

- *Pray for those who come along to Kids and Co, and the teenagers and young adults who attend Hope Street and EMERGE. Many of them do not yet know the Lord as their Saviour. Pray for opportunities to share the hope and joy of the gospel with them, and that they would be led to faith in Christ.*
- *Pray for wisdom for Rachel as she visits people, that she will rely on God fully as she listens and speaks into difficult situations.*
- *Pray for Whiteabbey congregation as it seeks God's guidance in how to connect with people in the community, building relationships while pointing them to Jesus.*

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

Middle East – Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS)

- *Pray for additional faculty, especially in the area of Systematic Theology. JETS currently brings faculty to teach three week intensive courses but this is not sustainable.*
- *Pray for students who will complete their studies at the end of the year and are seeking God for a ministry in the local churches, some in Jordan and others in Egypt.*
- *Pray for students who have refugee status and face the uncertainty of whether they will complete their studies. They are waiting to receive a visa to the West but the timing of their departure is unknown. Some have been waiting for nine months and others for one to two years.*

Evangelical Reformed Church in Latvia and the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary

- *Pray for the leadership and witness of the Evangelical Reformed Church in Latvia and that many more people in Latvia will come to faith in Christ.*
- *Pray for the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary in Riga as they train church leaders. Emphasis is placed on biblical preaching and the discipling of believers.*

Thursday

Susan Dawson – chaplain serving in hospitals in the Dublin area

- *Pray that the students will attend regularly and that they will respond when invited along to the Bible study beforehand.*
- *Pray for David and some volunteers as they hold a coffee outreach on the street in front of the church. Pray that people will stop for a coffee and for opportunity to have good conversations with them and introduce them to Jesus.*

Cootehill, Drum and Kilmount Presbyterian Churches – Rev Daryl Edwards

- *Give thanks for the blessing of the Cavan Christian Women's conference in recent years. Pray for the first men's conference to be hosted in Cootehill on 8 November. Pray for Rev Damien Burke as he comes to speak on the subject "What is man?" and for men in local churches and further afield to come along to be taught and challenged.*
- *Give thanks for the generosity of so many across the church to the "Foundations" project. Pray for the commencement of the work on the Sunday School room in Kilmount, for safety, for favourable weather conditions, and for the future use of this room in teaching the young people the good news of Jesus.*

Friday

Elders Roadshow (Ards Presbytery) The Roadshows bring together elders from a number of congregations for encouragement and equipping for their ministry. *Pray that those who attend next Tuesday night might be encouraged in the areas of leadership, pastoral care, reaching others and working together as a team.*

Thompson House Ex-Offenders Hostel – *Pray for ‘GB’ who is attending church at the moment, that he will know God’s presence in his life. Pray for protection for Director David Farrow and his staff team, as residents sometimes exhibit challenging behaviour. Pray that staff will know patience and be able to exhibit God’s love.*

A Pre-Retirement Conference takes place in Newcastle next week from Wednesday to Thursday. It is for ministers and spouses to help them plan for a retirement which usually involves leaving job, congregation, home and friends. *Give thanks for faithful service over many years and pray that the conference will be a help and blessing.*

Church Relations Committee – *Pray for this Committee as they work with the Irish Inter-Church Committee and the Irish Council of Churches in developing a new resource for homelessness. Pray that the provision of a home as a fundamental requirement for individuals and communities will be given the priority and resource it deserves.*

Saturday

Chris and Rachel Humphries – global mission workers in Portugal

In October, the small group ministry in Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) restarted with 3 groups of around 10 people meeting in different homes in the greater Porto area.

- *Pray for the three small groups that meet monthly, that those who attend will desire to learn and grow together as they meet. Pray too for wisdom for those who prepare to lead and facilitate the groups.*
- *Pray for those engaged in conversations with their colleagues and co-workers, for boldness and courage to stand for Christ in the midst of a challenging context.*
- *Pray for Chris and Rachel as they continue language study, for sufficient energy and strength to get through another intensive language course in November.*

Carrigart and Dunfanaghy Presbyterian Churches – Rev Andrew Watson

- *Pray for the rest of the autumn Sunday Old Testament series on ‘Coming Home to Rebuild the Temple and Prepare for the Messiah’ and for the joint Friday evening Bible studies in which they are using Proximity II. Pray that the Lord would help them apply what they are learning in their everyday lives, to his glory.*

Let’s pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry

The Moderator will attend the book launch of *Considering Grace* on Tuesday 5 November – a book specially commissioned by PCI to chart how Presbyterians were affected by and responded to the Troubles. On 6 November Dr Henry will attend the Council for Mission in Ireland Meeting. Then on Saturday 9 November he will re-open the church building and welcome centre of First Ballymena Presbyterian Church.

- *As ‘Considering Grace’ is launched, pray that it will be a comfort to those who read it and that God may speak to people through it.*
- *Pray for the Moderator as he speaks at the special service in First Ballymena Presbyterian Church on Saturday.*
- *As the Moderator attends various meetings this week, please pray for strength and wisdom, and that he will be an encouragement to those he meets.*

Sunday

Launch of *Considering Grace: Presbyterians and the Troubles*

On Tuesday 5 November *Considering Grace: Presbyterians and the Troubles* will be launched at Assembly Buildings. The book records the deeply moving stories of 120 ordinary people’s experiences of the Troubles, exploring how faith shaped their responses to violence and its aftermath.

- *Pray for those who continue to keenly feel the physical and emotional impact of the conflict that they would know God’s peace.*
- *Pray for ministers who pastor victims and survivors, and support others who were affected by the Troubles.*
- *Pray that ‘Considering Grace’ might contribute to the process of dealing with the past by pointing towards the need for a ‘gracious remembering’.*

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