

Monday

Gary and Mary Reid – global mission workers in Kenya

- Pray that God will fill Gary and Mary with his Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the Maasai people, that many will be brought into God's Kingdom and that he will raise up many shepherds to tend and care for his flocks, who have their hearts deeply rooted in him.
- Pray that God's Holy Spirit will lead and guide Gary as he teaches.
- Pray too for Gary and Mary's children, three are in the UK and one at boarding school in Kenya.

Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS)

JETS seeks to equip spiritual leaders for planting and strengthening churches in the Arab world.

- Pray for staff as they teach and build relationships with the students.
- Pray for the students as they study, that they will grow deeper in their knowledge and love of the Lord.
- Pray for recent graduates of JETS as they take up ministry positions in various locations; pray that they will be guided by God and see people come to faith.

Wednesday

Annes and Olga – candidates for overseas service in Russia

Annes and Olga are preparing to serve in Russia: Annes as lecturer and Olga as translator at a university providing scientific theological training for leaders in church and society. Annes is currently applying for a visa and they hope to be commissioned on 1 December 2019 for service in Russia. They then plan to move to Russia to begin working at the university early in the new year.

- Pray that Annes will be granted a visa shortly and without further delay.
- Pray for Annes and Olga as they continue their preparations for working in Russia.
- Pray too for the staff and students at the university.

Grupos Bíblicos Unidos (GBU) – Spain

GBU is a student organisation with a vision to reach non-Christian students with the gospel and to develop Christian leaders who will contribute to the growth of evangelical churches in Spain.

- Pray for Christian students to be envisioned to share their faith with their peers in the incoming academic year.

Tuesday

Joanne Dunlop – deaconess in Craigavon and Antrim Area Hospitals

- Give thanks for the ongoing encouragement of God-appointed encounters with patients and staff members at both hospitals.
- Give thanks for the work and support of Rev Ivan Neish who is helping to cover the Presbyterian chaplain vacancy at Antrim Area Hospital.
- Pray for the ongoing development of the chaplaincy service at both hospitals. Pray for the chaplaincy teams that they have the time and the wisdom so as to know how best to support one another as they seek to glorify God in this ministry.
- Pray for Rev Neish as he settles into working in a different hospital.

Arklow Presbyterian Church – Rev Gary McDowell (vacancy convener)

- Pray for the conclusion of the process to fill the vacancy in the course of the next month – that God's will would become clear to all involved in the decisions.
- Pray too for the congregation of Arklow as they worship together and seek opportunities to share the gospel with others in their community.
- Remember also Gary McDowell (vacancy convener).

Thursday

Christine Wilson – community outreach worker in Lisnabreen Presbyterian Church (Rev Sam Castles)

- Give thanks for all the opportunities Christine has to share the gospel with others.
- Pray for open hearts and minds as Christine and others from Lisnabreen speak and live out their faith among local families.
- Pray for lives, old and young, to be saved and transformed by the gospel.
- Pray too for Christine as she serves.

Alt Presbyterian Church – Rev Colin McKibbin

- Give thanks for the recent community BBQ event which around 200 people attended.
- Pray and give thanks for Rev Gabrielle Farquhar and Maurice Farquhar, who preach one Sunday per month in Alt and its sister churches.
- Pray for the eldership team, especially our two new elders as they settle into their districts.
- Pray for the development of youth work personnel for Alt and for the other congregations in the linkage.

Friday

Understood | Two events on 16 Oct in Assembly Buildings to help ministers, others who deliver evangelistic presentations & church members as they reflect on how to effectively share the gospel. *Pray for Laurence Singlehurst as he leads us on finding a language that connects with our increasingly secular & biblically illiterate society.*

Trinity House – *Give thanks for the tremendous work of our volunteer team who give their time and commitment to looking after the residents – those who help with gardening, transporting us on outings; those who craft & play board games; those who give one to one support for residents and much more. We are so blessed to have them.*

Gamble Library at Union Theological College is the largest theological library in N Ireland with over 63,000 books & many other resources. *Pray that it will be well used by ministers, students and others. Pray for Joy Conkey, Acting Librarian, and Margaret Ollivier, Library Assistant and give thanks for their knowledge and helpfulness.*

Public Affairs – *Pray for Rev Richard Houston as he convenes a task group made up of ministers and health and social care professionals from across the island, which is considering how PCI might better support women & their families experiencing a crisis pregnancy situation, pregnancy loss, or care for a loved one with a disability from birth*

Saturday

Peter and Valerie Lockwood – global mission workers in Nepal

October is a holiday season in Nepal with the two major Hindu festivals of Dasani and Tihar. It can be a difficult time for many local Nepali Christians. Sometimes they are pressured or forced to take part in the rituals that occur. Many believers have been ostracised from families and so appreciate the workshops and events run by local churches at this time.

- *Pray for local Nepali Christians during these festivals, that they would know God's presence and blessing during a potentially difficult time.*
- *Pray for a smooth and successful transition in senior personnel at Okhaldunga community hospital.*

Athy and Carlow Presbyterian Churches – Rev Stephen Rea

- *Pray for the congregations of Athy and Carlow. Pray that God will build his church.*
- *Pray that the Lord will provide more people who are willing to get involved in outreach ministry in Athy and Carlow.*
- *Pray for Stephen Rea as he ministers to the congregations.*
- *Pray too for William Workman, Irish mission worker in Athy and Carlow.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry

During the past week the Moderator has been travelling around Ards Presbytery as part of his first presbytery tour. This Sunday completes the tour when he will take part in the morning service at Conlig Presbyterian Church and the evening harvest service at Movilla Presbyterian Church.

- *Give thanks for the opportunities Dr Henry had to meet with those who work in farming, fishing and security, as well as local councillors and pupils and staff of a number of schools.*
- *Pray for those he met, that they will have been blessed and encouraged by his visit.*
- *Pray too for the services the Moderator will participate in today.*

Sunday

Moderator of the General Assembly

Throughout the year the Moderator, Dr William Henry, will be promoting his theme for the year, 'Enjoying God'. He asks that we would pray that our Church would hunger and thirst to experience God more and more in daily life and that our young people and future leaders will be radical disciples amongst their peers, desiring to build and grow the future church in God and that God will transform lives and many will enjoy his saving grace.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he continues to travel throughout Ireland and further afield. Pray for safety and health and strength.*
- *Pray that William will be enabled to maintain a healthy spiritual life and a reliance on the Holy Spirit to equip and empower him to teach and speak with boldness and humility.*
- *Pray for opportunities to speak confidently of Jesus in the public square and to show God's love in all situations – demonstrating wisdom and discernment.*
- *Pray also for William's family, his wife Nora and their children, Bethany, Megan and Connor.*

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