

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

The Moderator and his wife Barbara are on an overseas visit to the Middle East.

- Pray for a good visit and that they will be an encouragement to those they meet.
- Pray too for good health and safety throughout their trip.

Tracey Nicholl – Deaconess serving in St James’s Presbyterian Church, Ballymoney

- Pray for Tracey as she prepares for the new session and prays about the different things that she will be involved in herself and also collectively as a church.
- Tracey and an elder will be visiting those who haven’t attended church for a while, hoping to reconnect with them and to encourage them. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare the way for them.
- Pray too that Tracey will have wisdom and discernment as she speaks to various people, including those she will visit.

Josh McCance – Community Outreach Worker serving in Donabate Presbyterian Church

- Give thanks for some encouragements over the summer of young people stepping up to serve in various camps.
- Pray for the congregation’s upcoming kids’ club and outreach week in Balbriggan.
- Pray for community to develop within the group and for the team to work well together.
- Pray that many children will come along and respond to the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for lasting connections to be made with parents and people in Balbriggan.
- Pray for God’s guidance as Josh and others follow up afterwards with families they come into contact with during the outreach week.

Rev Cheryl Meban, Chaplain serving in Ulster University – Belfast and Jordanstown campuses

- Cheryl writes, “*Campuses are quietish – some undergraduates resitting exams, or taking ‘first sit’ exams because of personal circumstances.*” Pray that they may know hope and encouragement.
- Many Masters’ students are finishing their dissertation – a time of pressure and often also job-seeking. Ask God to inspire their lives and work.
- Pray for staff and postgraduates who are on campus doing research and administration, preparing for the year ahead.
- Cheryl continues, “*And I’m here, listening, loving, learning all about their lives.*” Pray that Cheryl will bring the presence of Christ.
- A level results come out next week. Ask God to guide each person in their next steps.

Rev John Gilkinson – Chaplain serving in Antrim Area and Causeway Hospitals

- Continue to pray for John working as chaplain in Antrim Area and Causeway Hospitals.
- Pray that God will open up opportunities for John to sensitively share the gospel with patients, families and staff.
- In recent weeks a number of patients have approached John asking questions about issues related to assurance and what happens after death. Pray that John will be able to answer such concerns in a sensitive and caring manner, while remaining faithful to Biblical truths.

Rev Graham Stockdale – Chaplain serving in Maghaberry Prison

- Pray for Graham in his role as lead chaplain in Maghaberry.
- Pray for opportunities to speak to prisoners and staff about the Gospel.

Naas Presbyterian Church – Rev Mark Proctor

- Mark is on leave for three Sundays in August. Pray for those who will lead worship and preach: David Ambury, Werner van den Hemel and Mícheál Bolger.
- Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) have recently led a week of Five-Day Clubs in three housing areas around Naas and Sallins. Thank God for the opportunity for Naas congregation to be part of this, and ask God to use what the team shared to draw boys and girls into his kingdom.
- In September Naas congregation will begin a teaching series on the books of James. Pray that God's "implanted word" (James 1:12) will transform many lives.

Dundalk Presbyterian Church – Rev John Woodside (Temporary Stated Supply)

- Give thanks for a faithful core of weekly worshippers and a relatively young congregation which is supplemented by eight to ten Chinese-Malaysian students who study at Dundalk Institute of Technology.
- Give thanks for the addition to the congregation of an enthusiastic and committed Christian Chinese couple who have a heart to reach out to the students as well as serve the church.
- Give thanks for a great day of opportunity for the church to bear witness to Christ and the gospel in the second largest town in Ireland (close to 40,000 people) and a multi-cultural community.
- Pray for wisdom for the Council for Mission in Ireland as they make decisions to provide for the longer term ministry needs of the congregation.

Ballyhoebridge, Clones, Newbliss, Stonebridge Presbyterian Churches – Rev Colin Anderson (Vacancy Convener)

- Pray for the life and witness of the four congregations.
- Pray for Colin in his role as Vacancy Convener.

Prayer Resource Changes

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) will be launching a new prayer resource this September entitled 'Let's Pray'. This will be issued by email on Thursday mornings and will contain prayer requests on various aspects of the work of PCI including Mission in Ireland.

Prayer Focus will cease at the end of August and we encourage people to continue to pray for PCI's Mission in Ireland work through this new publication. Those currently subscribed to receive Prayer Focus by email each week, should note their email address will automatically be transferred to the new 'Let's Pray' mailing list.

Sincere thanks to all those who have supported the work of our Irish Mission workers, deaconesses, community outreach workers, project workers, chaplains and home mission congregations over the years through Prayer Focus.

Yours in Christ,
Rev David Bruce
Secretary, Council for Mission in Ireland