

Prayer requests from Presbyterian Mission in Ireland personnel and Home / Urban Mission congregations.**Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen**

The Moderator and his wife Barbara have just returned from a ten-day visit to the Middle East. This Friday, 24 August, the Moderator will be visiting two of PCI's residential homes in Adelaide House and Corkey House. On Saturday 25 August, he will attend the Irish government's State reception for Pope Francis in Dublin Castle and he will also be present at the 'Festival of Families' in Croke Park that evening, which Pope Francis will attend.

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Moderator in all he does and that he will be a good witness to Jesus Christ to all he meets.

Rosemary Spiers – Deaconess serving in Greenwell Street Presbyterian Church

Rosemary reports that over the summer people from Greenwell Street congregation have been on teams near and far. Rosemary and Paula (trainee deaconess) have been busy with various opportunities and events reaching out to people of the church and the community. Rosemary writes, "*The Avengers and teddy bears have made an appearance around Greenwell Street, the kids enjoyed the holiday Bible club and a large crowd came along to the picnic.*"

- Give thanks to God for all the summer work done near and far.
- Pray that people would know Christ and come along to church activities.
- Pray for Paula as she settles into a new church setting in September.

Linzie Cobain – Nightlight Worker in Golden Mile area of Belfast

Nightlight works in the Golden Mile and Cathedral Quarter areas in Belfast, reaching out to those who frequent the entertainment areas of Belfast.

- Pray for Linzie as she oversees the work of Nightlight in the Golden Mile area of Belfast.
- Pray for safety for staff and volunteers who assist on Friday and Saturday nights. Pray for more volunteers to join the teams.
- Pray that God would continue to bless the conversations the Nightlight workers and volunteers have with people they meet.

Timothy Vaughan – Community Outreach Worker serving in Garnerville Presbyterian Church, Belfast

- Pray for Timothy as he continues to build good relationships with local people and for wisdom and guidance in all he does.
- Pray too for the congregation of Garnerville as they continue to reach out to the people in the surrounding community.

Rev Brian Hughes – Chaplain serving in Belfast City Hospital

- Remember in prayer Rev Derek Johnston, the lead chaplain at the Belfast Trust Hospitals. He had a major heart attack recently and will need a lot of time off work for a complete recovery. Pray that he will use this time to rest, relax and heal fully. Pray for the other chaplains, for all his colleagues in the Belfast Trust who have to pick up the slack in Derek's absence. Pray they will be guided in important decisions that need to be made over the next couple of months.
- Pray for guidance about the future appointment of a Presbyterian Chaplain at Belfast City Hospital to replace Brian who is retiring from hospital chaplaincy work after 21 years' service between the Royal Victoria and the Belfast City hospitals. Pray that the right person for the post will be appointed and that God will bless his/her ministry.
- Pray too for Brian in his retirement that he may continue to know God's guidance for the future.
- Pray for Heather McCracken as she faithfully ministers between the Royal and City hospitals that she will know God's protection, strength, guidance, wisdom and blessing in all the conversations she will have with patients and staff on the wards.

John Coulter – Chaplain serving in Ulster University, Coleraine campus

- Thank God for good relationships among the chaplains on the inter-chaplaincy team in Coleraine and pray that this would continue as chaplaincy staff change this year.
- Pray that the chaplains' BBQ at 'Freshers Week' would enable the chaplains to make fruitful contacts with the staff and students who come along.
- Pray for young Christians coming to the Coleraine campus for the first time. Pray that they will get involved with the Christian Union (CU) from the beginning of term and that the fellowship, teaching and opportunities for service would help them grow and mature in their walk with the Lord.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to bless John's links with the CU so that he can be a helpful resource for the young Christians there. Pray for a good relationship with the CU President, Daniel, which allows them to support and encourage one another during the incoming year.
- Pray that a Bible study course for staff planned for this year would be a means of support for Christian staff as they seek to be ambassadors in the workplace and an opportunity to develop relationships with other Christian staff.

Ballymagrane Presbyterian Church – Rev Norman Smyth (Vacancy Convener)

- Pray for the congregation following the retirement of Rev Ian McKee.
- Pray that God will continue to bless the congregation, and remember in particular the congregational committee and the kirk session.
- Remember too for their vacancy convener, Rev Norman Smyth.

Enniscorthy and Wexford Presbyterian Churches – Rev David Conkey

- Give thanks for the congregations' recent week of outreach in partnership with a team from Union Road and Lecumpher Presbyterian churches. Pray God's Word will convert unbelievers who attended the fun day, open church and children's club. Pray also for the young people and women who attended special events will grow in their faith.
- Pray for several new people who have been attending in both churches, some as a result of the week of outreach.
- Pray for God to impress on some people the challenge and blessing of becoming members.
- Pray for God to raise up godly elders.
- Both congregations will contribute two programmes for local radio in September, on Sunday 9 and Sunday 16 September. Pray for gospel impact.

Rathmullan Presbyterian Church – Rev Susan Moore

- Pray for the life and witness of the home mission congregation of Rathmullan in County Donegal.
- Pray for Susan, the elders and members of the congregation at the beginning of a new church year.

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