

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

Tomorrow, Thursday 26 July, the Moderator will be visiting the holiday Bible club in Abbey Presbyterian Church, Monkstown, which is being led by one of the PCI summer teams, and on Sunday 29 July he will be preaching at the morning service in Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church, Lisburn.

- Pray for the Moderator, that he will bring encouragement to all he meets and that his theme for the year of 'Building Relationships' would resonate with individuals, congregations and throughout society.

**Eleanor Drysdale – Deaconess serving in Wellington Presbyterian Church, Ballymena**

- On 5 July a group of young people from Wellington went to South Africa to do some work in a church and in the local community. Pray that God will bless all the work they were involved in.
- Next week, Monday 30 July to Friday 5 August, Spark young people will be involved with local churches and community in Ballymena area. Eleanor writes, *"This is a great opportunity for young people to serve."*
- Pray too for Summerfest from 13 to 17 August, which is an opportunity for young people to grow in their faith. Pray for all those taking part and those who will be speaking / teaching during the week.

**David Boyd – Irish Mission Worker serving in Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church, Dublin**

David writes, *"Our mission team has just returned from Porto where they were working with James and Heather Cochrane in the church plant at Senhora da Hora."*

- Pray for all the people that the team had contact with, that God would use the seed that was sown to bring in a harvest in their lives.
- Pray too for the Cochranes, that they would be encouraged in their work by the visit of the Adelaide Road team and that God would build the faith, and the concern for the lost, of the team as they reflect on all that they experienced in Portugal.
- Pray also for the international students who have been coming along to Adelaide Road's International Cafe over the past academic year. Pray especially for those who came along to the Scripture Union Nua Video series that David has been leading. Two girls in particular, one from Brazil and one from China, have been impacted by the videos and the discussion afterwards. Pray that God will continue to work in their hearts and draw them to himself. The Chinese girl is returning to China this summer, so pray that she will be able to contact Christians back in China to continue the journey that she has begun.

**Tom Dowling – Irish Mission Worker serving in Kilkenny Presbyterian Church**

- Give thanks to God for those who have recently trusted Jesus as their Saviour and pray that God would continue to draw people to himself through the gospel.
- Pray for the Ossory Park Community Centre Bible Study, Christianity Explored Courses, Men's Bible Study and other one to one Bible studies.
- Pray for conversations Tom and those he works with have with those they meet at their stand at the weekly farmers market in Kilkenny.
- Give thanks for Millennium Court Summer Bible Club. They had a good number of children attending and a team of 12 from the church leading.

### Rev Norman Harrison – Chaplain serving in the Royal Group of Hospitals, Belfast

- Give thanks for the hard work and support of Heather McCracken (Deaconess) and for all she did while Norman was off work recently and for the support to her by trainee Deaconess, Louise Davidson.
- Pray for patients and staff coping with the hot summer temperatures and for those whose infirmity puts them at risk during a heat-wave.
- Pray for the Royal Victoria hospital team and for all chaplains around the Trust. Pray for fruitful ministry and opportunities for compassionate witness.
- Pray for Norman as he begins a new role as Training Officer for the Northern Ireland Healthcare Chaplains Association in a season of change and challenge for an organisation dedicated to the professional development of all chaplains.

### Rev Ken Doherty – Chaplain serving in the Mater Hospital, Belfast

Ken writes, *“Who are hospital Chaplains meant to serve? Patients? Yes indeed, for patients can be very vulnerable in an unfamiliar environment. Staff? Yes indeed, for staff also have spiritual and emotional needs, just like the patients. Visiting family members? Yes indeed, for hospital visitation can be a very daunting experience.*

*The fact is, we are all human! Some of us have a deeply held religious faith and some of us have none. As hospital chaplains we seek to listen, care and pray for all we meet in the hospital context.”*

- Give thanks for every conversation, no matter how insignificant it may seem.
- Pray that Ken and other chaplains may be able to use every opportunity to convey something of the good news of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the family and friends of Seaneen McCullough, a nurse in the Mater hospital who tragically died while on holiday in Turkey on 11 July.

### Rev Gary McDowell – Convenor of Arklow Presbyterian Church

- Pray that Arklow congregation will remain strong and unified as they move through the process of finding the person of God's choice to be their new minister.
- Pray for Arklow's holiday Bible club which will be running from 6 to 10 August. Around 200 children attend each year. Pray for Philip Whelton and his team as they share the Good News of Jesus with the children.

### Rev Stephen Richmond – Donegal and Stranorlar Presbyterian Church

Stephen writes, *“Rather than quieting down over the summer months we always have a few extra things added into the calendar. We have Sunday evening services in Rossnowlagh with a mixture of locals and holiday makers usually filling the small church building. This year we also have “Rossnowlagh Extra” with a couple of film nights and question/discussion events. A holiday Bible Club is also planned for the week beginning 13 August. We have had a PCI team helping with this for the past number of years but this time we are managing it all on our own.”*

- Pray for all who attend worship, special events or children's clubs in the next few weeks.
- Pray for encounters with the living God.

### Rev Vicki Lynch – Christ Church Presbyterian and Methodist, Limerick

- Give thanks for the all people God sends.
- Give thanks for Christ Church's volunteers and staff.
- Give thanks for all the blessings they receive and the blessings they can bring.
- Pray for the congregation's new afterschool programme and the preparation work they are now doing.
- Pray for their garden project and Lakegrove Presbyterian Choir, Oregon who raised the money.
- Pray too for the city of Limerick - may His Kingdom come.