

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 are going 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.

Phyllis Linton – Deaconess serving in West Church, Ballymena

- Give thanks for the holiday Bible club at West Church last week and pray that the children will remember what they were taught and will grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for a team of young adults from West Church who are going to lead a prayer camp from 9 August for 10 days in Romania. Pray for safety, for God to bless them in their faith and that they will be blessing to others.
- Pray as West Church seeks an Associate Minister, that God will lead the person of his choice to apply.

Henry Coulter – International Meeting Point, Belfast

Henry writes, *“Over the summer months the International Meeting Point has been especially busy. This has been stretching, but what a privilege it is to be able to show God’s love to people in practical ways and to open God’s Word every day in the Bible studies.*

In the last week the team have had the opportunity to share the Good News with three regular visitors to the centre. They come from different countries, have radically different circumstances, but each of them has received help in the centre and this has opened their hearts to listen to the gospel.” As you pray for the team please remember the following people:

- Angela* who has been coming into the centre for years, but only recently has been open to listening to what God says in the Bible.
 - David* from Africa has many questions about who God is and why we should worship God.
 - Daniel* has a major operation coming up soon and is concerned. He struggles to understand why a God who loves us would also judge us.
- *name changed

Philip Whelton – Irish Mission Worker serving in Arklow

Arklow’s holiday Bible club is taking place this week (6 to 10 August). Philip writes, *“This is a busy week because we run morning and evening events (about three hours each) and so we covet your prayers for the 70+ leaders, that their strength would come from the Lord and that they will not lose their focus in everything that they are involved in.”*

- Give thanks to God for the children and leaders.
- Pray especially for those who teach the Bible lessons and also for many children to make a commitment to follow Jesus.

Mark Proctor – Chaplain serving in Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin

- Two new chaplains have joined the pastoral care department at the hospital. Pray that Manus and Shauna will settle quickly and be a comfort to patients, their families and to hospital staff.
- At this time of year, many staff are weary from the constant demands of their work. Ask God to give refreshing rest to all over this holiday period.
- Mark writes, *“Although it was several weeks ago, patients continue to ask about what they saw in the media regarding this year’s General Assembly decisions. Thank God for these opportunities to explain what we decided and for the wonderful gospel conversations which have often followed.”*

Forces Chaplains

PCI has eight full-time chaplains and three part-time chaplains serving with the armed forces, together with seven part-time chaplains who minister to youth organisations sponsored by the military.

- Pray for guidance for the chaplains providing pastoral care, and for opportunities to share the gospel.
- Pray for members of the armed forces, and that they will find comfort and strength in the Lord.
- Remember the families of forces personnel worried for their safety.
- Remember personnel who are trying to settle into civilian life having left the forces.

Ballina, Ballymote and Killala Presbyterian Churches – Rev Molly Deatherage

- Give thanks for the annual outreach during Heritage Day in July. The congregation served sandwiches and pastries and welcomed people from across the community and tourists.
- Pray for the congregations as they host an outreach team from Canada in August. They will be training and leading local people in prayer walks and friendship evangelism.
- Pray for 'Back to Church' Sunday in September with a breakfast/brunch and a more contemporary feel to the service. Pray that many people will take up the invitation to attend.

Maynooth Presbyterian Church – Rev Keith McCrory

- Maynooth's congregation's summer festival is taking place next week from 11 to 19 August. Keith writes, *"We are delighted to have a team of students coming from Exodus to help us this year, so please pray for their travels and settling into Maynooth."*
- Maynooth's first ever summer kid's club is on in the mornings of Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 August. Pray for all the team and the children who will come along.
- Pray too for the youth events for teenagers on Wednesday 15 and Friday 17 August. Pray for James and the other leaders as they prepare.
- Pray for the Music and Arts Festival day on the square in Maynooth, that members of the church will be able to bear witness to the gospel both in their programme and in conversations with those who come along.

Drumkeeran, Killeshandra, Cavan and Bellasis Presbyterian Churches – Rev Jean Mackarel

- Give thanks for Sunday worship in the congregations each week and for those who attend the services.
- Pray for Friday Kidz Klub in Bellasis.
- Pray for the August children's clubs in Cavan town and for the leaders (some from the local area and some from Bangor).
- Pray too for Jean and the teaching she does at Cavan School of Theology.

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