

Monday

Christopher and Nivedita Benjamin - global mission workers in the UK

- *Praise the Lord for the monthly prayer meetings and the opportunities Christopher and Nivedita have to be able to meet others from the Gujarati community in London.*
- *Pray for Christopher and Nivedita as they support people through difficult times.*
- *Pray for the outreach opportunities they have, that God will grant them wisdom and guidance as they share the gospel.*

Hungarian Reformed Church in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine

- *Pray for PCI's partnerships with the Reformed Church in Hungary, the Reformed Church in Romania and the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia (Ukraine).*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leadership of each church and for the training of new ministers and leaders.*
- *Give thanks and pray for the Reformed Church in Hungary's ministry to refugees.*
- *Pray for the church in Transcarpathia in western Ukraine, and for the unity and stability of the country.*
- *Pray too for the Reformed Church in Romania's Diakonia Mission.*

Tuesday

Timothy Vaughan – community outreach worker in Garnerville Presbyterian Church (Rev Jonathan Frazer)

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

Irvinestown, Pettigo and Tempo Presbyterian Churches – Rev Rodney Beacom (vacancy convener)

- *Give thanks that a call has recently been issued to Rev Gunther Andrich. It is hoped he will be installed in the three congregations in January. Pray that as he preaches the gospel, there will be a harvest of righteousness for the Kingdom of Christ.*
- *Give thanks for the continued gospel witness through the pulpit supply preachers in the meantime.*

Wednesday

Csaba and Ilona Veres - global mission workers in Romania

- *Give thanks for the work of the Diakonia in Méra with Roma children and families.*
- *Give thanks for good parenting seminars in November discussing issues related to alcoholism. Pray for those families who struggle to cope with an alcoholic family member. Pray for wisdom and grace and trust in Jesus.*
- *Pray for the compassion of the Lord to deal with those struggling with addiction and for the Méra staff as they support family members and children who sometimes get caught up in the crossfire. Pray for the ongoing work of the Reformed church's mission to alcoholics.*

Church of North India

With Christians accounting for only 2.3% of India's 1.3 billion people, the Church of North India (CNI) faces many challenges in being an effective witness in a predominantly Hindu culture.

- *Pray that CNI will be courageous and faithful in its witness, service and preaching of the gospel; and particularly in speaking up for the marginalised and oppressed.*

Thursday

Rev Ivan Neish – chaplain in Whiteabbey Hospital

- *Praise God for the privilege Ivan has of going in the Lord's name and on behalf of PCI to meet with people going through difficult times. As Whiteabbey hospital is essentially a rehab centre, patients tend to be in longer term, which in some cases gives Ivan the opportunity to see them on a number of occasions.*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for Ivan as he talks to patients and their families at the hospitals.*
- *Pray that he will be an encouragement to them, and help them to trust in the Lord in all circumstances.*

Kells Presbyterian Church (Monaghan Presbytery) – Rev Crawford Irwin (stated supply)

- *Pray for the life and witness of Kells congregation.*
- *Pray for the elders and members as they pray and plan for the future.*
- *Remember also Crawford Irwin as he ministers to the congregation.*

Friday

PCI is predominantly a denomination of small churches, with 70% of congregations having a core membership of under 150.

As many churches experience the challenges of having less people, leaders and finances, pray that they would be able to simplify and focus their ministry and mission.

Peacehaven Trust operate three residential care homes for adults with disabilities in Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Give thanks for the Christian witness of Peacehaven staff and for all the care which has been provided there over the years. Pray for Michael Williams, Director, and his staff team.

Union Theological College has its annual Carol Service on Thursday 13 December.

Give thanks for good relationships among the students over the semester. Pray that the Carol Service will be a fitting climax to the year, and that staff and students alike will know the reality of Christ's presence and refreshment through the Christmas break.

A very important part of the work of the Council for Public Affairs is to handle often complex issues in the media, with live broadcasts on TV and radio and opportunities to write for local newspapers. *Pray for those in our media, as well as those who are interviewed, that there will be real understanding of the issues in the public's mind.*

Saturday

Diane Cusick – global mission worker in Zambia

Diane is on home assignment and will return to Zambia at the end of December.

- Give thanks for the opportunities Diane has had to speak to various groups about her work in early childhood development in Zambia. Give thanks for old friendships renewed and new friendships made!
- Pray for Diane that she will have some fun time with family and friends before she returns to Zambia.
- Pray for the early childhood teachers in CCAP Synod of Zambia as they conclude the academic year with the young children. Pray that they get some rest over Christmas.

Kilkenny Presbyterian Church – Rev William Montgomery (vacancy convener)

- Pray for the congregation which is now vacant after Rev Daniel Reyes-Martin received a call to Mullingar and Corboy and was installed there on 1 December.
- Pray for the convener, Rev William Montgomery, minister in Fermoy and Cahir.
- Pray that the congregation and ministries will continue well and strong during the vacancy.

Let's pray...

Moderator - Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 2 December, the Moderator will preach at the morning service in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Bangor. On Saturday 8, he will attend Christmas Cracker, a one-day respite scheme for adults with a learning disability.

- Pray for the Moderator as he preaches at the above service, that he would bring blessing and encouragement to those present.
- Pray for the Moderator as he attends Christmas Cracker and for those who come along to enjoy some festive fun.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to support families and carers in this special way.

Sunday

Peter and Jayne Fleming – global mission workers in Nepal

- Give thanks that Peter and Jayne have settled so well into work and life in Kathmandu, having begun their service there in January.
- Pray for Peter in his work in integral development for United Mission to Nepal. Give thanks for recent encouragements and positive experiences of service in Nepal.
- Pray for Jayne as she teaches at Kathmandu International Study Centre. Pray too for the current and future needs for teachers at the school.
- Pray too for safety in travel for Peter and Jayne.

World Development Appeal 2018 – 'Seeking Safety'

The emphasis of this year's appeal is on the long-term challenges and action needed for good and sustainable support in dangerous places, with a particular focus on the importance of gender justice.

- Give thanks for the generous support given to the appeal last year.
- Pray that this year's appeal will also be well-supported, so that more people in need can be helped.

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