

## Monday

### **Alan and Tracey Johnston – global mission workers in Italy**

Alan and Tracey completed four years' service in Sola Grazia congregation in Porto Mantovana in the summer and have been on home assignment since then. Alan has received a Call to be Associate Minister in First Holywood Presbyterian Church and is due to be installed there on 5 January.

- Give thanks for Alan and Tracey's service in Italy.
- Pray for Alan as he takes up a new role in ministry in First Holywood and for Tracey as she settles into the congregation and continues with further study.

### **Global Refugee Crisis**

The United Nations estimates that there are 68.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide.

- Pray for all those living as refugees or who are displaced. Pray for their safety and that those in need of humanitarian and / or medical assistance will receive it.
- Remember those who are unable to flee or who choose to remain in places of danger and / or severe economic difficulty. Pray that they too will be protected and for humanitarian and medical assistance to reach all those who need it.

## Tuesday

### **Forces Chaplains**

PCI currently has eleven chaplains (including three part-time) serving with the armed forces, together with eight part-time chaplains ministering to youth organisations sponsored by the military. Pray for:

- Our chaplains as they provide pastoral care and seek to communicate the gospel.
- Jonny Newell, prospective new RAF chaplain, as he prepares for his ordination in February and for the demanding RAF basic training course.
- All personnel in the armed forces (regular and reserve), especially when serving in arduous or dangerous conditions.
- The families of military personnel, who are often anxious for their safety.

### **St Columba's Presbyterian Church, Lisburn – Rev Rodney Cameron**

- Pray for St Columba's congregation as they begin a concerted effort to connect and reconnect with people who live in the area around the church.
- Give thanks to God for the loyal core group of people in the congregation.
- Pray particularly for their new elder elect Mrs Shirley Harrison, as she undergoes training prior to installation in the New Year.

## Wednesday

### **Naomi Keefe – global mission worker in Brazil**

- Give thanks for all the Christmas evangelistic events. Pray that those who heard the Good News of Jesus will continue to reflect on what they heard and will come to know Jesus as their own Lord and Saviour.
- Pray for training sessions with the volunteers of the Reading Room and Good News Club in January and also for training sessions with the minister and elders of Beberibe congregation.
- Continue to pray for wisdom and guidance for the leaders of Peixinhos congregation and for their new minister as he starts in January.
- Remember also Naomi as she serves: pray for good health and safety.

### **United Mission to Nepal (UMN)**

UMN's vision is 'Fullness of life for all, in a transformed Nepali society'.

- Pray for UMN's staff and volunteers working in various locations across Nepal.
- Pray for UMN's work in the areas of education, healthcare, livelihoods, disaster response, integral development and peacebuilding.

## Thursday

### **Altnagelvin, Grangewood, Lakeview and Waterside Hospitals, Londonderry - Presbyterian Chaplaincy shared by Rev Lindsay Blair and Rev Keith Hibbert**

- Give thanks for opportunities to minister to patients, especially those who are very ill, and share the gospel with them.
- Give thanks for good relationships within the interdenominational chaplaincy team and with their very supportive line manager.
- Pray that the vacancy caused by the recent stepping down of Rev Mark Russell as the third member of their team would soon be filled.
- Pray that the Lord would give Lindsay and Keith wisdom, especially as they face new challenges, and as Altnagelvin continues to develop.

### **Strand Presbyterian Church, Belfast – Rev Danny Rankin**

- Praise God for the wonderful Christmas services. Pray that those touched by God will continue to consider God's invitation to become his child.
- On 2 January the congregation votes for new elders. Pray for those called to serve.
- Pray for Strand's new after school club for post primary children on Thursdays.

## Friday

**Prayer in congregations - All of our church life and witness depends upon God.**

*Ask that as a new year dawns, our congregations would be thankful for what God has done among them in 2018 and prayerfully dependant and expectant of his work through them in 2019.*

**Older people are disproportionately affected by a wide range of scams. Pray particularly for older people who are falling victim to scams, that they may have the courage to report them to someone, so that they can be followed up. Pray that we will take time to help those who are more vulnerable to scams.**

**Union Theological College provides teaching for students enrolled at Queen's University.** Queen's has suspended undergraduate enrolment in September 2019. This has severe implications for students considering courses in theology in N Ireland. *Pray for them, and for the College as it considers how to proceed following this decision.*

**Ministerial Studies and Development: 15 applicants for the Ordained Ministry meet on 7th January for an Information and Consultation Day.** They meet interview panels informally, and attend seminars. *Pray that applicants and panel members would have wisdom and discernment from the Lord as they seek His will together.*

## Saturday

**James and Heather Cochrane – global mission workers in Portugal**

James and Heather write, "Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) has received many Brazilian Christians over the past few months. While we give thanks for this, we also recognise that the predominant culture in CPV is no longer Portuguese. In the next few months the focus will be on communicating to CPV what it means to be a missional community in Portugal."

- *Pray that the members of CPV would catch the vision to intentionally build relationships with Portuguese neighbours, friends and colleagues.*
- *Pray that God would break down cultural barriers and transform lives.*

**Toughmonagh Presbyterian Church, Belfast – Rev Robert Love**

- *Pray for the resumption of the 'Life Explored' course after a break at Christmas.*
- *Pray for a group of teenage boys who come to the church on Thursday nights to an informal event run by youth workers from Malone and McCracken Memorial congregations and students from Derryvolgie Halls of Residence.*
- *Pray also for a monthly time of prayer ministry.*

# Let's pray...

**Moderator - Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen**

As we celebrate this special season of Christ's birth among our own families, we remember the Moderator as he spends time with his wife Barbara and their three children.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he takes time away from his busy schedule to rest and enjoy time with family and friends.*
- *As many congregations hold special services to celebrate the New Year, give thanks for the opportunity to attend these, remembering those who are unable to leave their home due to ill health or advancement in years.*

## Sunday

**Gary and Mary Reid – global mission workers in Kenya**

Gary and Mary write, "Rejoicing at the breaking into history of our Saviour, we further rejoice that his Holy Spirit is intricately involved in the lives of the Maasai, graciously enabling us all to share in this amazing work of salvation through our prayers."

- *Pray that many Maasai will joyously know that our indescribable God is mighty to save and will know their souls' quieting with his love.*
- *Give thanks for the recent, well attended, Family Bible Book Synopsis and pray for the upcoming seminars.*

**Zambia – Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Synod of Zambia (CCAP Zambia)**

Many people in Lundazi Presbytery are struggling to find enough food. The General Secretary of CCAP Zambia writes, "There is serious hunger and people are feeding on wild fruits... Most church activities in this area are affected as many members cannot go to church and worship on an empty stomach. It is our prayer that you will join us to pray for these people to get food and be able to pull through to the harvest period."

- *Pray that those in need will receive sufficient food and for the church as they seek to help those in need.*

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