

## Monday

### **Stephen and Angelina Cowan – global mission workers in Kenya**

*Stephen writes, "The December youth camps were an amazing time for the young people to interact across tribes and grow in Christ. We had excess numbers at senior youth camp and the fact that the teaching team had been here before made an awesome difference as to how the youth received the teaching."*

- Give thanks for those who matured in Christ.
- Give thanks for those who began the journey of faith with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for youth beginning secondary school this week (4 to 11 January), that they will make solid friendships built on a strong foundation.

### **Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera, Indonesia**

- Pray for the life and witness of the Church: for its leaders as they work for the unity of the Church; for the training of new ministers; and for leaders and members to build and enjoy good relations with their Muslim neighbours.
- Pray too for ongoing relief effort in Sulawesi, Indonesia, following the earthquake and tsunami in September 2018, and give thanks for generous support for the Moderator's Appeal.

## Tuesday

### **Elaine Getty – community outreach worker in Strand Presbyterian Church (Rev Danny Rankin)**

Tonight is the congregation's 'Celebration and training night' for everyone involved in children's ministry at Strand.

- Thank God for the faith and work of all the members. Pray that they all will grow in vision, courage and skill in sharing God's love with children and their families.
- Pray for Ruth Bromley from PCI who will lead tonight.
- Pray that many more children and adults will come to faith in Jesus.
- Pray and thank God also for a new believer who will be baptised this Sunday.

### **Westbourne Presbyterian Church – Rev Mervyn Gibson**

- Give thanks that the tourist project is progressing and building work on the church should begin early in 2019.
- Pray the recruiting of volunteers to assist with the 'Titanic People' tourist initiative.
- Pray for outreach initiatives planned throughout 2019.
- Pray for new members who have joined the congregation, may they know fellowship and love within the church family.

## Wednesday

### **Peter and Jayne Fleming – global mission workers in Nepal**

- Applications for visa renewal for both Peter and Jayne are currently underway. Pray that there will be no objections and that their work can continue unhindered.
- Over the Christmas period their daughter Lydia and Peter's sister Joy will be with them. Pray for a time of rest and family fun. Remember the wider family who are separated by long distances.
- Pray about the 'change process' in United Mission to Nepal. In the coming months there will be many staff changes and new aspects of work. Pray that God's help will be evident in this all.

### **Theological Education by Extension, Malawi (TEEM)**

TEEM, founded in the 1970s is a nationwide, distance-learning theological institution. Over the intervening years, it has provided practical training to thousands of students.

- Pray for Martin Kalimbe, the new TEEM Director, as he settles in his new role.
- Pray that through TEEM many rural church leaders may be equipped to serve their congregations and communities.

## Thursday

### **Joanne Dunlop – deaconess in Craigavon and Antrim Area Hospitals**

- Pray for Joanne Dunlop as she serves at Antrim Area Hospital and Craigavon Area Hospital (Mondays and Thursdays in Antrim, and Fridays in Craigavon).
- Pray for Joanne to be an encouragement to all she visits and meets at the hospitals.
- Pray too for Joanne's involvement in special services in both hospitals throughout the year, at Christmas, Easter and at paediatric and adult bereavement services.

### **Belvoir Presbyterian Church – Rev Barry McCroskery (vacancy convener)**

Although small in number Belvoir is a vibrant and faithful congregation with a heart for mission in the neighbourhood. It runs a very successful lunch club on Tuesdays and a popular outreach to young people on Friday evenings called Friday Focus.

- Pray for God to provide the right person to carry forward this important ministry Belvoir in 2019 and beyond.
- Pray for continuing faithfulness and unity within the congregation during this period of transition and that God would continue to add to their number through various outreaches.

## Friday

**School's Ministry:** As less children come to our church activities, we need to take the opportunities to engage with them in schools. *Pray for congregations as they develop links with local schools through teaching classes, taking assemblies and running after-school activities like SU groups and homework clubs.*

**Kinghan Church:** *Give thanks for the witness of the Kinghan Church throughout the generations. Give thanks for the Kinghan Church Committee and ask God to give them strength and wisdom to carry on the work and further projects. Pray for the older members, sick and infirm, especially the lonely and those without visitors.*

**Council for Training in Ministry:** On Wednesday 16, the Assignments Panel meets with second year ministry students to assign them to assistantships in congregations as part of their training. This is an important decision, as students normally spend at least three years there. *Pray that the Lord will give wisdom and discernment to the panel.*

**General Council:** At the start of another year we give thanks for all God has accomplished in the year that is gone and we look to him for all that lies ahead. *Thank God for your congregation, your minister and others in leadership. Thank God for the year that has passed and commit this new year to the Lord.*

## Saturday

**Christine Wilson – community outreach worker in Lisabreen Presbyterian Church (Rev Sam Castles)**

- *Pray for more opportunities to deepen existing relationships with families connected through the congregation's youth and children's programmes.*
- *Pray for boldness in proclaiming the good news in the local area where people can be difficult and hesitant to engage with church and Christianity.*
- *Pray for Christ to remain at the centre of all they say, think and do at Lisabreen Presbyterian Church.*
- *Pray too for Christine as she serves.*

**Faculté Jean Calvin (FJC)**

The FJC in Aix-en-Provence trains men and women for ministry in various Reformed or Evangelical denominations in France, Belgium, Switzerland or French-speaking Africa.

- *Pray for the staff at the college, that they will teach with clarity and passion.*
- *Pray for students at the college, that they will grow deeper in their faith and knowledge of the Scriptures and be envisioned as they prepare for future 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

**Sean Roys – community outreach worker in Limerick (Rev Vicki Lynch)**

- *Pray for the weekly Wednesday Bible study, that those who attend will continue to grow in faith as they study God's Word together.*
- *Pray for the Coffee Doc. Pray that many people will come in, that they will be listened to, hear God's Word and be prayed for.*
- *Pray for Sean as he seeks to instil a love for God and the Bible in schools in Limerick and Shannon.*
- *Pray too for the many other ways that Sean and the congregation reach out in love to the local community including through art classes, English teaching and cooking.*
- *Pray that the Lord will continue to lead and guide them in the new year.*

**Smithborough Presbyterian Church – Rev Alan McQuade**

- *Give thanks for the recent installation of Alan in the congregations of Smithborough and First Monaghan.*
- *Pray for Alan as he settles into ministry in the congregations. Pray too for the congregation as they continue to reach out with the good news.*

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