

Friday

Youth Assembly - Young people from across Ireland will get together on 9 February to consider what they want to say to the church. *Ask God to bring a good number of delegates, motivated to engage in discussion and inspired by the various speakers. May God's Spirit lead them together to practical responses.*

Child Abuse. Children and young people are subjected to many forms of abuse, harm and exploitation in their homes, schools, churches and local communities. New forms of online activity leave them very vulnerable to cyber abuse. *Give thanks for organisations that work tirelessly to prevent the harm and abuse of children.*

Union Theological College Management Committee has set up a Task Group to consider the implications of Queen's University suspending the enrolment of new theological students and to plan for the future. *Pray for wisdom from God that decisions taken may accord with his will and be for the good of Christ's Kingdom.*

Many hospitals experience an influx of patients at this time of year, putting staff under additional pressure. *Pray for all staff in hospitals – both clinical and ancillary – and for those providing much needed care out in the community as they adapt care systems to meet changing needs.*

Saturday

Rev John Coulter – Chaplain, Ulster University (Coleraine)

- *Pray for the chaplaincy at the university and all the work they do. Pray especially for wisdom and guidance for the chaplains as they offer a listening ear to students and seek to support students going through difficult times.*
- *Pray for the Christian Union at the university.*
- *Pray too that Christian students at the university will openly share their faith with their fellow students, so that others may come to know the Lord as their personal Saviour.*
- *Pray also for John who is on sick leave at present and for God's healing and comfort at this time.*

Evangelical Reformed Church in Latvia and the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary

- *Pray for the leadership and witness of the Evangelical Reformed Church in Latvia and that many more people in Latvia will come to faith in Christ.*
- *Pray for the Baltic Reformed Theological Seminary in Riga as they train church leaders. Emphasis is placed on biblical preaching and the discipling of believers.*

Let's pray...

Moderator – Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 20 January, the Moderator will participate in Church Unity Services in Omagh. In the morning, he will be at Gillygooley Presbyterian Church, followed by an evening service at Trinity Presbyterian in Omagh. On Tuesday 22 January, the Moderator will attend a service at St Peter's Cathedral in Belfast as part of the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

- *Pray for the Moderator as he participates in the above services, that he would bring blessing to all of those present.*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Moderator as he continues his year in office, that he will bring encouragement and friendship to all he meets.*

Sunday

Rev Michael Anderson - chaplain in Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast

Michael writes, "December was a busy month in Musgrave with six church services (Sunday mornings and a carol service), in addition to the weekly visiting of patients."

- *Thank God for all the volunteers who help Michael with this work. The ministers who assisted with some services, Daphne, volunteer chaplain who helps with patient visiting and the wheelers who bring patients from the wards to services.*
- *Another volunteer chaplain is currently in training. Pray that this will go well.*
- *In January Michael had opportunity to share at Union College. Pray for Donald Patton and Maureen Bennett who teach there about chaplaincy work. Pray that many students will be inspired by these sessions to consider chaplaincy in future.*

Athy and Carlow Presbyterian Churches - Rev Stephen Rea

- *Give thanks for a number of immigrants who recently joined Carlow congregation. Pray for wisdom and motivation to reach out to others in the local community.*
- *Pray for the congregation of Athy as they consider new ways to reach out with the gospel and encourage people to join the congregation, which may involve change.*
- *Pray too for William Workman, Irish mission worker in Athy and Carlow.*

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

Monday

Jordan

- *December to February are extremely cold months in Jordan. Pray that the people in general and the refugees in particular, would have the resources necessary to endure the winter months.*
- *Pray for persecuted believers in Jordan, especially those who have been rejected by their families, that they would have the strength to continue in the faith and the courage to remain in the Church and their homeland.*
- *Pray for the practical resources required and the grace and strength to enable the staff and faculty in Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary to continue to train Arab leaders for the Arab world.*

Malawi - The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP)

- *Give thanks for the work and witness of PCI's partners in the three CCAP Synods in Malawi – Blantyre, Livingstonia and Nkhoma.*
- *Pray especially for CCAP's important contribution to education, healthcare and development throughout Malawi.*

Tuesday

Eileen Black - deaconess in Great Victoria Street and in Friendship House (minister Rev William Harkness)

- *Give thanks for the congregation of Great Victoria Street. Pray for wisdom as they explore ways to reach out to students living close to the church. Pray for the women as they meet together at the end of this month.*
- *Pray for vision for staff and volunteers in Friendship House as the different clubs recommence. Give thanks for the good relationships being built. Pray for guidance as they seek to model Christlikeness and for opportunities to share the gospel in a relevant way to all who come into Friendship House.*

Aughtentine Presbyterian Church – Rev David Cupples (vacancy convener)

Aughtentine along with Cavanaleck has received Leave To Call.

- *Pray for the congregations as they seek a new minister.*
- *The mums and tots group is a vital community outreach; pray that the contacts made there will develop into gospel opportunities.*
- *Pray too for new teachers for the Sunday School.*

Wednesday

Chris and Rachel Humphries – candidates for global mission work in Portugal

- *Chris and Rachel are excited about moving to Porto to begin overseas service. Give thanks for a clear sense of God's call upon their lives. A commissioning service will take place on 24 February at 6.30pm in Tartaraghan Presbyterian Church.*
- *Pray for preparations as they pack up their house and move to Porto in the coming weeks.*
- *Pray for suitable accommodation for the family to be found quickly around Senhora da Hora, in a good location for their work and witness.*
- *Pray that family and friends would know God's presence, peace and comfort as Chris and Rachel depart.*

The Christian Church of Sumba, Indonesia

- *Give thanks that the church has experienced significant growth in recent decades.*
- *Pray for Rev Alfred Samani (General Chairman), Rev Marlin Lomi (General Secretary) and Rev Charles Detha (Secretary, Department of Education and Training).*

Thursday

David Boyd - Irish mission worker in Dublin

- *David writes, "A number of new people came along to the various carol services and other events that we held over Christmas. The result of social media advertising and conversations with people on the street." Pray that these people would continue to be impacted by the gospel message and God would use it to transform their lives.*
- *The International Café will restart shortly on Friday nights. Pray that many students would return and bring new students with them. Pray especially that the students who attended the video series last term would come back to learn more about what the Bible has to say to them and its implications for their lives.*

Ballina, Ballymote and Killala Presbyterian Churches – Rev Molly Deatherage

Pray for two new initiatives in Ballina:

- *Once a month they are going to offer a breakfast before church to anyone who wants to come along. The service afterwards will be a little more contemporary than usual.*
- *A NUA course in the end of January, for people interested in learning about Christianity.*