

## Friday

**Encounter worship leaders' conference** takes place on 23 March in Orangefield Presbyterian Church. *Pray that those who attend will be encouraged and envisioned in facilitating their congregations in Sunday worship.*

**All forms of domestic violence** – psychological, financial, emotional and physical – come from the abuser's desire for power and control over an intimate partner or other family member. *Pray for the victims of domestic violence that they will find a safe refuge. Pray that our churches will recognise and help those who are victims of domestic violence and remember the children whose lives are caught up in the abuse.*

**The Council for Training in Ministry** meets on Tuesday 19 March. Training students for the ministry and deaconesses, Union Theological College, and receiving ministers from other churches are just some of the important items on the agenda. *Pray for the members that they may be open to God's guidance and seek first his kingdom.*

**Economic difficulties** of recent years have made it very challenging for many people to find stable employment, leaving many of those affected in poverty and feeling less valued by society. *Pray that the church would speak up for the economically and socially disadvantaged and continue to affirm the worth and value of every person.*

## Saturday

**Phyllis Linton – deaconess serving in West Church, Ballymena**

- *Pray for the Alpha course at West Church that through it people will come to faith in Christ and that others will renew their faith.*
- *Pray for Cafe Church which started on Sunday 3 March and which will run for seven weeks, as members of the congregation share their faith journeys.*
- *Give thanks for new families coming to West Church and pray that more will come and grow in their faith.*
- *Pray for West Church's staff team, that they will know God's leading in all they do.*
- *Pray too for Phyllis to be filled with the Holy Spirit in every situation she works in.*

**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**

This Sunday 10 March, the Moderator will conclude his tour of Monaghan Presbytery when he speaks at Kells Presbyterian Church. Celebrating its 150th anniversary, worshippers will be joined at the service by the Romanian congregation that also uses the church. On Wednesday 13 March Dr McMullen will visit Friendship House in South Belfast.

- *Pray for Dr McMullen as he concludes the final tour of his year as Moderator, that he will be a blessing and encouragement to those he meets.*
- *Give thanks for the opportunities provided to meet people from different organisations and groups while touring the presbyteries and visiting PCI projects.*

## Sunday

**Middle East**

- *Pray for staff in the Seminary who (as well as a busy teaching schedule) contribute to discipleship in the local churches through weekly non-formal training courses.*
- *Give thanks for the churches who contributed ten new computers for the Seminary library and pray that the installation will happen quickly and smoothly.*
- *Pray for the persecuted believers that they may remain strong in their faith and continue to receive encouragement from other believers in the local church.*
- *Driving conditions are often difficult, pray for continued safety for those working there when travelling throughout the country.*

**Global Refugee Crisis**

The UN 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.*

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

## Monday

### **Derek and Jane French – global mission workers in Spain**

On Saturday 23 March both the Spanish and international church in Bilbao are hosting a joint parents' conference which will be led by Ester Martinez. Ester is a psychologist, writer and teacher and a regular speaker at Christian conferences throughout Spain. The theme of the conference will be 'Family Values'.

- *Pray for the conference which is a great opportunity for discipleship and evangelism.*
- Derek and Jane continue with their work on MOCLAM (theological training course) and are thankful for those who are currently working their way through the modules.
- *Pray for more interest in the course from local churches and amongst students.*

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

- *Pray for new appointments made recently in UMN. As these people take on new roles, pray that this will work well and enhance the work of UMN in reaching the poorest people living in poverty.*
- *Pray too for UMN's work in the areas of education, healthcare, livelihoods, disaster response, integral development and peacebuilding.*

## Tuesday

### **Linzie Cobain – Nightlight, Belfast**

Nightlight works in the Golden Mile and Cathedral Quarter areas in Belfast, reaching out to those who frequent the entertainment areas of Belfast.

- *Pray for Linzie as she oversees the work of Nightlight in the Golden Mile area.*
- *Pray for safety for staff and volunteers who assist on Friday and Saturday nights.*
- *Pray for more volunteers to join the teams.*
- *Pray that God would continue to bless the conversations the Nightlight workers and volunteers have with people they meet.*

### **Donabate Presbyterian Church – Rev Andy Carroll**

- *Pray for people who have connected with the congregation in the past six months, that they will come to faith in Christ and continue to grow as Christians.*
- *Pray for an introduction to Christianity course beginning in March.*
- *Pray for discussions regarding acquiring a site for a church building.*
- *Pray for an Alpha course that has been running in the nearby town of Balbriggan.*
- *Pray for three elders-elect in Donabate as they move towards ordination.*

## Wednesday

### **Johnny and Lyn Dowds – global mission workers in Malawi**

- *Pray for Lyn's ongoing work at the David Gordon Memorial hospital; pray for the patients and for all the staff working in the hospital with limited resources.*
- *Many girls in Malawi do not get the opportunity to finish secondary school or go on to higher education. Pray for Johnny and Lyn as they have discussions about the building and funding of a girls' hostel at the secondary school in Livingstonia to help girls attend the school.*
- *Pray too for the work of Living Trees of Livingstonia, as the Dowds' work with the schools to provide fruit for the children and a small income to buy more resources.*
- *Pray for the protection of albino people in Malawi. Many are killed for body parts used in witchcraft. Pray especially for a little albino in the Livingstonia area as attempts have been made to snatch her. Police are increasing patrols in the area.*

### **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.*

## Thursday

### **Rev Norman Harrison – chaplain serving in the Royal Group of Hospitals, Belfast**

- *Give thanks for a blessed season of ministry in the Belfast Trust.*
- *Give thanks to God for Heather McCracken (deaconess), and for the many excellent qualities she brings to the chaplaincy work at the Royal.*
- *Pray for a prestigious scholarship awarded to the Art Pack Programme, the first non-nursing led project that has been granted this award.*
- *Pray that God will use the investment of all our gifts as a means to show care and compassion to patients and staff, and to provide opportunities for chaplains to share the reasons for the hope we have.*
- *Pray for the new PCI chaplain at Belfast City Hospital preparing for their new role.*

### **Douglas Presbyterian Church – Rev David Reid**

- *Pray for the life and witness of the home mission congregation of Douglas in west Tyrone.*
- *Pray for the minister, Rev David Reid, the elders and members of the congregation as they continue to reach out to the local community with the gospel.*