

## Monday

### **Edwin and Anne Kibathi - global mission workers - East African community in the UK**

Rev Edwin Kibathi and his wife Anne work amongst the East African expatriate community in the UK, and also presently minister in a church plant in East London.

- *Pray for Edwin and Anne and the congregation meeting in East London.*
- *Give thanks for the Presbyterian Men's Fellowship which encourages men to have faith in Christ, fellowship and gain confidence to participate in church activities.*
- *Pray for Edwin's visits to East Africans living in other parts of the UK.*
- *Pray for God's intervention concerning the high rate of knife crime in London.*

### **Student Christian Organisation Malawi (SCOM)**

SCOM was founded in 1961 with the mission to introduce students in secondary schools, colleges and universities in Malawi to Jesus Christ, in the hope that they can grow in their spiritual lives and become responsible members of their churches throughout their lives.

- *Give thanks for SCOM staff and volunteers and pray for the work they do.*
- *Pray that many students will devote their lives to Christ.*

## Tuesday

### **Rev Ken Doherty - chaplain serving in the Mater hospital, Belfast**

Ken writes, "Our motto as chaplains, so to speak, is 'walking with others - in good times and bad'. That is what we all try to do, to the best of our abilities."

- *Pray that chaplains will be sensitive to each individual person and every situation.*
- *Pray for those whom chaplains are able to contact, that they might be able to speak 'a word in season to those who are weary.'*
- *Pray for those who have no church connection, no (apparent) faith, no (apparent) interest in spiritual things. Pray that God will draw them to himself.*
- *Give thanks for all who seek to bring the assurance of God's love to others in the hospital context, Christian doctors, nurses and support staff.*

### **Carndonagh, Greenbank, Malin & Moville congregations - Rev Stewart Glendinning**

- *Pray for the life and witness of the home mission congregations of Carndonagh, Malin, Moville and Greenbank.*
- *Pray for Stewart who is on sick leave at present and for Rev Alastair Rosborough who is providing cover for the four congregations at present.*

## Wednesday

### **Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann - global mission workers in Malawi**

Volker is one of the course writers for the new All African Theological Education by Extension Association (AATEEA). In October, the final version of two Theological Education by Extension (TEE) Malawi courses (Knowing God and Knowing Jesus) are going to be presented so that other TEE programmes can use them. The next weeks are crucial for finishing the final revision and get the courses ready for print. They are still experimenting with the writing of new songs to support the learning outcome.

- *Pray for Volker and his team as they finish the courses.*
- *Pray for JinHyeog and the children as they settle into life in Blantyre.*

### **Presbyterian Church of Brazil**

The Presbyterian Church of Brazil is the largest Presbyterian denomination in the country, having over a million members and over 5,000 congregations.

- *Pray for the work and witness of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.*
- *Pray for the leadership team, including Rev Roberto Brasileiro Silva, President of the Supreme Council.*

## Thursday

### **Eleanor Drysdale - deaconess serving in Wellington, Ballymena**

Wellington congregation is beginning a new ministry to women. Their vision statement for this is 'Come, grow, go'. They want to encourage women to meet together, to grow in their walk and love of God and to reach out to other women both in and outside of the church.

- *Pray for the launch and commencement of the new women's ministry programme and that many women will come along and be part of it.*
- *Pray for the women and that new intergenerational friendships will be made.*
- *Pray that the women will grasp God's plan for the church and for their lives.*

### **Carrigart and Dunfanaghy Presbyterian Churches - Rev Andrew Watson**

- *Pray for the life and witness of Carrigart and Dunfanaghy congregations in north Donegal.*
- *Pray for deliverance from the dark negativity of hopeless despair, the fresh light of joy in Christ and the Spirit for us all, our families and areas. His name, his kingdom, his will.*

## Friday

### Road Trip regional training events for youth and children's ministry leaders

*Pray for those attending the evening gatherings this autumn in Ballynahinch (17 October) and Lurgan (13 November), that God will equip, enthuse and inspire them for this vital area of congregational life and witness.*

### Adelaide House is PCI's residential care home in South Belfast.

*Give thanks for the dedication of Home Manager Norma Picking and her staff team, and for the creative and compassionate way they look after their residents. Give thanks too for high occupancy in the home.*

### The Accredited Preacher & Auxiliary Ministry Panel met yesterday.

*Pray for the convener, Ossie McAuley, and the panel members. Pray for the men & women trained as accredited preachers in leading worship all over Ireland, and for the two commissioned Auxiliary Ministers, Evelyn Boyd & Meriel Pinkerton.*

**General Council** - *Pray for the conveners of the eight committees: John Brackenridge, Church Relations; Stafford Carson, Doctrine; Trevor Gribben, Priorities and Moderator's Advisory; Mark Catney, United Appeal; David Thomson, Support Services; Jonathan Curry, Nominations; and Roy Patton, General Assembly Business.*

## Saturday

### Tom Dowling - Irish mission worker serving in Kilkenny

- *Pray for three ongoing Bible studies / Christianity Explored courses with individuals. Pray that God will draw people to himself.*
- *Pray also for the door-to-door visitation and give thanks for those who give of their time to help.*
- *Give thanks and pray for a new contact who is attending the Ossory Park Bible study.*
- *Give thanks too for those who have recently come to trust in Jesus and pray that they will continue to grow in their faith.*

### Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA)

The PCEA has over 3 million members, most of whom are in Kenya. It sponsors 700 schools and operates community centres, rural development projects, centres for weaving, home-craft and secretarial training, and HIV/AIDS control programmes.

- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the leadership of the church.*
- *Pray for the members of the congregations to be good witnesses to others.*
- *Pray too for the PCEA's various projects and mission work.*

# Let's pray...

### Moderator - Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen

This Sunday 30 September, the Moderator will be preaching at the morning service in Muckamore Presbyterian Church, before attending the National Police Memorial Day service in the Waterfront Hall in the afternoon. This week he will be undertaking his first week-long presbytery tour, of the Templepatrick Presbytery.

- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Moderator as he attends these and other services and events.*
- *Pray too that he will be a blessing to those he meets during his presbytery tour, and will be encouraged by the Church's ministry throughout the presbytery.*

## Sunday

### Public Affairs

The Council for Public Affairs seeks to represent the views of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in the public square and specifically to Government, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland.

- *Pray for members of the Council, its Committees and Task Groups, as responses are made to Government and as PCI is represented in a range of meetings and bodies.*
- *Pray especially that there might be a positive reception of PCI's response to the Secretary of State's current consultation on dealing with the past.*
- *Pray for the Council Convener (Very Rev Dr Norman Hamilton) and Secretary (the Clerk of Assembly, Rev Trevor Gribben) as they give leadership in this often challenging work.*
- *Give thanks for the work of Gavin Norris as he finishes his time as PCI's Public Affairs Officer today. Pray that the right person might be recruited to replace him in this important role, giving vital support to the Council in its work.*

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