

## Monday

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

The importance of rite of passage from boyhood to manhood is presently pre-occupying the minds of most Samburu people. The climax takes place on the fifth day of the sighting of the moon when the traditional circumciser will start his work. This is a time of reflection for any who follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

- *Pray for individuals who have chosen well and are standing clear in the power of the gospel.*
- *Pray for those who are leaders in churches to be a good example to others showing that how they live their lives demonstrates where their spiritual allegiance lies.*
- *Pray for youth camps in August. Pray for the team from Shore Street, Donaghadee, and others who will be leading the programme at the camps. Pray that the challenge of the gospel will come in power and conviction.*

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

- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for Martin Kalimbe, Director of TEEM.*
- *Pray that through TEEM many rural church leaders may be equipped to serve their congregations and communities.*

## Wednesday

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

Peter and Jayne are currently back in Northern Ireland on home assignment. During September and October they will be doing deputation, seeking to share insights with others in PCI about the work they are doing in Nepal.

- *Give thanks for opportunity to enjoy family and rest in August.*
- *Pray that as Peter and Jayne share about their work in Nepal, our church will be motivated to be active in serving in the name of Christ.*
- *Pray for Nepal during this monsoon season which brings the promise of growth and food, but also the danger of flood and landslide. Remember the many United Mission to Nepal staff who must travel in these difficult conditions.*

### **Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary (JETS)**

- *Pray for staff as they start the new semester this month.*
- *Pray for those graduating from JETS this summer as they take up ministry positions in various locations; pray that they will be guided by God & see people come to faith.*
- *Pray for students preparing to begin study at JETS in the incoming academic year.*

## Tuesday

### **Rev Andrew Watson – chaplain in Letterkenny Institute of Technology**

Andrew writes, "I'm thankful for a small number of eager staff and students who attended Thursday lunchtime readings and prayers in the College Oratory."

- *Pray for members of the Christian Union who are graduating this year, for guidance for the future, and for enthusiastic new leaders to develop this fellowship next year.*
- *Pray that this generation of students will know the light and truth of Jesus.*
- *Pray too for Andrew as he continues in his role of chaplain in the new academic year.*

### **Glenelly Presbyterian Church – Rev Rodney Thompson**

- *Give thanks for a blessed time of mission (with Glenelly's linked congregations of Corrick and Badoney). Rev Frank Gibson was the guest preacher.*
- *Give thanks for very positive Children's Day services.*
- *Pray for Glenelly congregation's holiday Bible club which is due to take place from 19 to 23 August. Pray for the leaders and all the final preparations. Pray that many children will attend, that they will listen attentively to the message shared and respond to it by committing their lives to Jesus Christ.*

## Thursday

### **Heather McCracken – deaconess in the Belfast Trust Hospitals**

• *Pray for those who are in hospital. There are a total of 1,317 beds in Belfast's main Royal, Mater and City hospital sites. The Royal Victoria Hospital treats over 80,000 people as inpatients and 350,000 people as outpatients every year.*

• *Pray for the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children which has 107 beds. Its Emergency Department treats approximately 33,000 children each year. Pray for doctors and nursing staff as they treat each child.*

• *Pray for chaplains as they connect with patients, families and staff, and for each opportunity to listen and pray.*

• *Pray for the work of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service suffering from staff shortages. Give thanks for the skill and dedication of all its workers.*

### **Gortin Presbyterian Church – Rev Rodney Thompson (vacancy convener)**

- *Pray for the home mission congregation of Gortin following the recent departure of Rev Roger McElnea, and remember Rev Rodney Thompson (vacancy convener).*
- *Pray for the elders and congregation as they seek to appoint the person of God's choosing to be their minister.*

## Friday

**Summer Outreach Team (Co Cavan, Friendship House, Grange 10-17/18 August)** – PCI outreach teams are working in congregations across Ireland. *Pray for Conor Patton & Hayley Cullen as they build upon last year's work in Cavan; Chris Dickison & Lauren Forsythe, new leaders in Friendship House; Matthew Kelso & Emma Blair in Grange.*

**Special needs access to vital services** – Many families have been campaigning for years for their loved ones to have access to vital services. *Pray for additional advocacy support to have these views heard. Give thanks for the teachers & classroom assistants in Special Schools, staff in Adult Centres/Colleges and those in allied professions.*

**Ministry Students** – The General Assembly approved the piloting of a scheme to make adjustments to the requirements placed on ministry students – a 'flexible pathway'. *Pray for the Ministerial Studies & Development Committee, its Convener and Secretary, Andrew Faulkner & David Allen and all involved, that the pilot will be successful.*

**The threat of 'holiday hunger'** can be very real for families who rely on free school meals during term time. *Pray for families who find this time of year difficult financially, that they might find the practical help they need, and the right emotional and spiritual support. Pray too for a just society that seeks to address the root causes of poverty.*

## Saturday

**Philip Whelton – Irish mission worker in Arklow**

- *Pray for Arklow congregation as they go through the process of choosing a minister, and that the person of God's choosing will be with them soon.*
- *Pray for the follow-up from the recent holiday Bible club, as Philip and others meet up with many families and prepare to start the weekly clubs again soon.*
- *Pray for wisdom and guidance for Philip in all his work.*

**National Evangelical Church in Syria and Lebanon (NESSL)**

- *Pray for the leaders and members of NESSL and their witness to others.*
- *Pray for all still suffering due to the Syrian conflict; and for religious freedom and lasting peace in Syria and throughout the region.*
- *Pray for NESSL's various projects to help displaced people and refugees.*
- *Pray especially for NESSL's work with educating refugee children. NESSL is now providing an education for around 700 refugee children in schools they have set up in Lebanon. Pray for the resources needed to run these schools. They hope that as people begin to return to Syria, the schools will be able to close by the end of 2020.*

# Let's pray...

**Moderator – Rt Rev Dr William Henry**

The Moderator is currently on holiday with his family.

- Pray for safe travels for the Moderator and his family as they return home from holiday this week.
- As we give thanks for the opportunity to take time away from the busyness of daily life to find rest and refreshment in God, pray also for renewed energy, strength and guidance as the return to work commences.

## Sunday

**Fresh Start volunteering scheme**

Fresh Start is an initiative set up between the Council for Social Witness and Hydebank Wood College, where volunteers go into the prison and work alongside the prisoners, teaching them life skills. The scheme has been running for a few years and has had successful results for the participants.

- *Pray for all who volunteer, aiming to address offending behaviour through educational and vocational training/mentoring and support programmes.*
- *Pray for offenders, that they would willingly take up the opportunity to build numeracy and literacy skills and gain recognised qualifications.*

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