

Monday

Christopher and Nivedita Benjamin –Asians in the UK

Christopher and Nivedita who have been working amongst the Gujarati community in north west London since 1989, retired on 31 March and move back to India in April.

- Give thanks for Christopher and Nivedita's ministry over the last three decades.
- Give thanks too for all the support and encouragement they received over the years.
- Pray for them as they begin retirement and move to India.
- Give thanks for the relationships they have built up with some Hindus in London who have opened their doors to their visits.
- Pray for their Hindu friends, who attend the monthly prayer meetings, that they will continue to learn Scripture and experience the love of God.

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.

Tuesday

Tracey Nicholl – deaconess in St James' Presbyterian Church, Ballymoney

- Give thanks for the work the Lord is doing in St James. Pray for their new project 'Living Hope Community'. Tracey writes, "We have been collecting items of school uniform from schools in Ballymoney, laundering them & offering them to anyone in our community who needs them. This has proved very successful & is meeting a need in our community. We hope to start providing items for children 0-4 years soon."
- In August this year a team from St James is going to Romania with the Smiles Foundation. This is the first time a mission trip has ever been organised in St James. Pray for all the preparations over the coming months.

Gortin Presbyterian Church – Rev Roger McElnea

- Pray for the preparations for the children's five-day club to be held in June, that there will be the additional leaders and helpers to enable good engagement with the children through the lessons and the crafts.
- Pray for the congregation as they embark soon on a period without a minister and pray too for the vacancy convener, Rev Rodney Thompson.

Wednesday

Naomi Keefe – global mission worker in Brazil

- Give thanks for the recent evangelistic family event for the Good News Club and Reading Room families. Naomi reports, "Everyone really enjoyed their pizzas and also the individual family photos taken and developed, which they were each able to take home in a lovely frame."
- Pray for the organisation of the Easter evangelistic meal planned for the families of the football men and those attending the Coffee with God Bible study. The theme planned is 'ENTRANCE FORBIDDEN' based on the children's book 'The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross'.

The Christian Church of Sumba, Indonesia

- Give thanks that the church has experienced significant growth in recent decades.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance for the church leadership, including Rev Alfred Samani (General Chairman), Rev Marlin Lomi (General Secretary) and Rev Charles Detha (Secretary, Dept of Education and Training).
- Pray too for those in Indonesia still suffering due to the 2018 tsunami disaster.

Thursday

Eddie Spence – evangelist in Ballygomartin Presbyterian Church, Belfast

- Pray for the weekly house group in Highfield Estate, for the women who attend and Eddie who leads.
- Pray too for the weekly meeting in Farset Hotel on the Springfield Road. Pray for the varied group of folk faithfully attending and the staff who also engage with Eddie.
- Pray for Eddie's new initiative, the Community Bible Experience. Initially 17 people have signed up buying Bibles and planning Bible reading together.
- Pray for the congregation as the minister, Rev Brian McMullan retires this summer.

Great Victoria Street and Friendship House – Rev William Harkness

- Great Victoria Street has a growing women's ministry, pray that this will make a difference in the lives of many women.
- Pray for the summer plans being made in Friendship House, that they will be able to make an impact in the lives of the children in the area with the gospel.
- Pray for the plans being made for a new 'Men's Shed' project to create community for the men of Sandy Row and the local hostel.

Friday

Fruitful Congregations – The Presbyterian Church in Ireland has a major focus on helping congregations develop fruitful life and witness. *Ask that God would help congregations grow in fruitfulness in their life together and in the influence of their witness to others.*

The Council for Social Witness depends on the commitment of many volunteers working within its homes & units. *Give thanks for those volunteers as they serve on Local Support Committees & 'Friends of' groups or undertake a range of roles in the homes or units; assisting with outings & activities, or leading Bible studies & devotions.*

Licentiates serving assistantships meet today. Training will include pastoral care, self-awareness, leading small groups, the Presbyterian Children's Society. Those eligible for a call this September will have a session on how to approach this important time. *Pray for all licentiates that God will mould and prepare them for ordained ministry.*

There are many people who work in the community and whose work can be taken for granted. *Pray for all in the public arena, especially those in your own congregation and neighbourhood who carry great responsibilities - for example, police officers, those in the ambulance and other emergency services, health professionals and teachers.*

Saturday

James and Heather Cochrane – global mission workers in Portugal

Comunidade Pedras Vivas (CPV) is organising a second gathering for couples in the church. It is an informal time together to explore how being a disciple of Jesus is worked out within married and family life.

- *Pray for the second gathering of the couples on Friday 12 April.*
- *CPV is planning to hold a picnic on Good Friday, encouraging church members to invite non-Christian friends. Pray for good weather and opportunities to build relationships and share the meaning and importance of Easter.*
- *Pray for the CPV team (James & Heather, Chris & Rachel, and Pedro & Amada) as they get to know each other and develop specific roles and responsibilities.*

Greystones Presbyterian Church – Rev Gary McDowell

- *Pray for Greystones congregation whose vision is to be a church that reaches out to the men and women of north County Wicklow with Christ's transforming message of grace, love and forgiveness.*
- *Pray for those considering becoming full members of the church. The congregation is holding an information afternoon on 14 April for anyone interested.*

Let's pray...

PCI Moderator's Appeal for Cyclone Idai

The Moderator has launched an appeal to help those affected by Cyclone Idai, which swept through Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe causing widespread devastation.

- *Pray for all affected by Cyclone Idai; those who have lost loved ones, the injured and those whose homes have been damaged or destroyed.*
- *Pray for the authorities and aid agencies as they seek to bring emergency supplies to those in need: water, food, shelter and medical help.*
- *Pray for the control and prevention of diseases and for rains to ease.*
- *Pray that those affected will be given the assistance they need over the coming months to rebuild their homes and livelihoods.*

Sunday

Kids' Big Day Out

Kids' Big Day Out is PCI's annual event for children and is being held on 6 April in Wellington Presbyterian. The event focuses on an aspect of evangelism or discipleship to teach and challenge the children in their faith. This year, we will be looking at how science helps us to understand God and his creation.

- *Pray for the 500 children and 150 leaders who will join together for the event. Pray for safety in travel and for interaction with the event activities.*
- *Pray for the team of volunteers who support the groups as they take part in the event.*
- *Pray for God to work among the children of PCI as we help them to engage with God's creation and the Creator himself.*

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