

church, and for others, via the internet and in other ways. Give thanks that many people have been accessing church services during this time, and pray that this will continue.

FRI 26 Remember in prayer all politicians, scientific and medical advisers, and civil servants as they try to get the country out of lockdown while at the same time hoping to avoid a second wave of infection. Pray that God will Grant them all His wisdom and compassion and a unity of purpose in their task.

SAT 27 Pray for small congregations in PCI finding it hard to pay assessments and for those congregations which will struggle to survive this crisis.

SUN 28 Remember Drew and Frank in prayer as they speak for our services today. Remember particularly all our ministry team and leaders in prayer – and pray that they would all get a good break and some rest over the summer and be refreshed for the new session in the autumn.

MON 29 Continue to pray for developments on a vaccine or other treatment for the virus, and that good progress will be

made on this. Pray also for our partner churches in Rwanda and Moldova- that our friends there will have sufficient food and supplies, and that churches will be able to provide both hope and practical help.

TUE 30 Pray also for PCI programmes facing uncertain futures following lockdown and for the many staff who have been furloughed. Pray particularly for our young people who have finished school, or have finished one school and will move to another. As they have missed out on all the farewells and normal events of changing schools, pray that they will still have joy and fond memories.

BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY JUNE 2020

Ps 4 v 1 “Be merciful to me, and hear my prayer”.

MON 1 Pray for our new Moderator – Rev David Bruce, who will be installed tonight at the General Assembly (via Zoom) in a live stream service.

TUE 2 Pray for the General Assembly which will hold sessions via Zoom today. Pray especially for Rev David Bruce, and for our Clerk – Rev Trevor Gribben, and Deputy Clerk – Rev Jim Stothers, who have been working under considerable stress during lockdown.

WED 3 Continue to pray for the General Assembly which holds further sessions via Zoom today.

THURS 4 Pray especially for Charis families – that they will be able to maintain a settled routine at home and get adequate sleep and rest to help them deal with their daily challenges. Pray that they can keep going and keep well.

FRI 5. Pray for Helen in Japan as she adapts to new ways of working and helping OMF families. Pray that God will daily prompt her about who she should be in contact with. She is hoping to establish an online youth group with a few of the OMF teens. Pray that this can become a helpful platform for them.

SAT 6 Pray for those in our congregation who are frustrated and finding it increasingly difficult to cope – that they would experience the peace of God and joy despite all the difficulties. Pray also for freedom from fear or anxiety for anyone who is worrying about the future.

SUN 7 Pray especially for our Kidzone service and for all who participate in this this very different format. Pray also that all the technology and everything else will go smoothly behind the scenes. Pray also for Frank as he speaks at the start of a new series on Philipians.

MON 8 Pray in relation to the pushing through of the abortion legislation in Westminster which is against the wishes of the majority of people here. Pray for God’s

wisdom for our elected representatives to take the most appropriate action.

TUE 9. The East Belfast Crisis Response Team is made up of approximately 30 Christian and non-Christian volunteers. Pray that God would provide the opportunities and give Christian volunteers the courage to share their faith with their co-workers as they bring help to our community.

WED 10 Pray particularly for parents juggling school, work and home in a time of pressure. Pray for wisdom, peace, humour and patience to enable them to cope.

THURS 11 Pray for God's continued blessing and protection on the Arches care home. Thank God that so far there are no cases of infection among the 42 staff and 28 residents. Thank God for the technology and the staff's willingness to bring Christ to this wonderful group of people.

FRI 12 Pray for Union College as they face exam boards and end of year reviews. Pray that Drew and all the other teaching staff can reflect on how they did and identify what if anything they can do better

especially as they head into uncharted waters in the next few years.

SAT 13 Pray for those who are seriously ill and are afraid that Covid-19 will rob them of what little time they have left. Pray that God would bring a sense of His peace to those in that situation.

SUN 14 Pray especially for Sam and Michael as they speak for our services today. Continue to pray for all those working behind the scenes to make our live streaming service come together.

MON 15 Pray for the Boys' Brigade as it continues to provide new and innovative ways to engage boys, for guidance as the movement seeks to develop plans to meet the challenges of the new session as well as for the leaders, boys and their families of the 24th during these difficult times.

TUE 16 Pray that these unprecedented times will prove a time for Scripture Union and other Christian movements and for God's people, to "recalibrate" in and through His Word.

WED 17 Pray for Philip Boyd who had hoped to be licenced as

a preacher of the Gospel, but which service – along with other installations, ordinations, elections of elders and openings of buildings – has been put on hold.

THURS 18 Pray for our Prison, Hospital and Armed Forces Chaplains during this difficult time. Pray that they will still be able to minister well to those who need them, and be a real source of comfort and support.

FRI 19 Pray that during the lockdown period young people in our community have had time to reconsider their lifestyle and think about their future. Pray that God would present opportunities to educate and find employment for any young people who believe they have no future to look forward to.

SAT 20 Pray for wisdom for the Education Minister, principals and staff of schools, and particularly special schools, as they make decisions about children for returns to school and for the huge challenges they will face in preparation.

SUN 21 Pray for Frank and Sam as they preach again for our services today. On Fathers' Day, pray especially for men who are under pressure

whether at work, at home or financially.

MON 22 Pray particularly for anyone who has been bereaved at this time – many who never had a chance to say goodbye or attend a funeral. Ask that God will help them know His presence. Pray also for all church leaders and funeral undertakers – who help shape funeral services at this time and care for the bereaved- that God will grant them His wisdom and His words.

TUE 23 Continue to pray for those who are furloughed, for businesses which are closed or are considering making staff redundant, for those who face job loss and for those who live under financial pressure.

WED 24 Continue to pray for all NHS staff, care home staff and domiciliary care workers. Pray also for all other key workers in our community. Pray for their protection -both mentally and physically. Ask God also to give them wisdom in their daily decisions and actions, and stamina as they face new challenges.

THURS 25 Pray for a positive and vibrant witness for our