

Home and other nearby care homes, during these hard times of isolation.

THURS 26 Pray for those in our community suffering hardship -physically and mentally – who have asked for prayers. Also pray for those who haven't asked for prayer – that God would use the pandemic to draw them close to Him.

FRI 27 Praise God for the faith, hope and trust in Him that many of our older members are showing in their lives and words at this difficult time when they are unable to go out or meet others. Pray for those struggling with the situation that they will find peace in Christ to sustain them.

SAT 28 Pray for Helen as she conducts a worship service on the theme of Advent tomorrow. The Lighthouse Church have returned to meeting as a full congregation but with many precautions in place. Pray for safety but also for fellowship and joy.

SUN 29 In this first Sunday of Advent, pray for Sam as he preaches this morning, and pray also for Graham Connor

as he speaks at our Evening Communion Service.

MON 30 Pray that we will all seek and trust in God in this difficult time. (*“Lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways submit to Him. Prov ch 3 v 5 and 6)*

BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY NOVEMBER 2020

1 Thess 5:16 ‘Be joyful always; pray continually;’

SUN 1 Pray for our service this morning where Frank will speak on “Goodness”. As this service is also a service of baptism, pray for those being baptised and those involved. At the evening service of Communion, pray for Leslie Casement who will lead the communion and for Frank who will speak.

MON 2 Pray for all those whose income has been affected and the challenges that brings. As the current furlough scheme comes to an end, pray that job losses will be minimal, and that employers and government will do their best to protect and help workers.

TUES 3 Remember in prayer East Belfast Presbytery as it meets tonight via Zoom. Ask God to grant all the members His wisdom for all their discussions and decisions.

WED 4 Continue to pray for the Connect Groups as they meet

to study about the Fruit of the Spirit and to pray. Pray for a real sense of fellowship and joy as the groups meet.

THURS 5 Remember in prayer Rt Rev Dr David Bruce , Moderator of the General Assembly, in all his various responsibilities. Give thanks for our wonderful Soup Ministry and all its volunteers.

FRI 6 Pray particularly for those who live alone especially as restrictions tighten. Pray that they will be comforted and that God will uphold them, and that any sense of isolation or loneliness will not be overwhelming.

SAT 7 Give thanks for Eddie Spence and Brian Simons who have been shining examples of people totally committed to sharing Jesus throughout their lives. As Eddie has just retired from his work at Ballygomartin, pray for him as he adjusts to retirement and that God will show him how He can use him in this new period. Pray also for a new generation of evangelists to be raised up.

SUN 8 Pray for Drew as he speaks on “Faithfulness” this morning, and for the evening service- pray for Frank as he

leads Communion and for Michael as he speaks.

MON 9 As Helen Lyttle visits 8 OMF families scattered around the greater Tokyo area from today until 18th November, pray for safe and health-protected travel. Pray also that these visits will be of great benefit to the families.

TUES 10 Pray particularly for people's mental health during this pandemic. Pray that people needing professional support will get the help they need, and that people will also seek help. Remember in prayer all the health care workers in this specialism.

WED 11 Remember our prayer time this evening at 7.30 and thank God for freedom to meet.

THURS 12 As Union College will see major changes in personnel in the coming months, give thanks for the contribution made by those who are leaving and pray that those who are arriving will settle in quickly and effectively.

FRI 13 Pray for families who have been touched directly by Covid, for those who have been bereaved or have

someone ill – some of them seriously, and some of them recovering. Pray for those who have been ill and find recovery slow and challenging and for family members trying to support them.

SAT 14 Give thanks for the many prayers already answered. Pray also for the work of the prayer ministry team. Give thanks that they are getting some prayer points from other parts of the world, but pray for some more local response for prayer requests.

SUN 15 Pray for our Remembrance Service this morning, and for Frank who will speak on "Gentleness". Also pray for our evening service and for David McIlwrath who will lead us in our evening communion.

MON 16 Pray for our children, missing organisations at the church. Pray that God will specially teach them at this time of His love for them. Pray for parents and children's teachers as they try to show their faith in action.

TUES 17 Pray for the various PCI Councils including the Council of Mission in Ireland which Frank chairs – all of whom are facing big missional and

financial challenges through Covid-19. Pray also for our Kirk Session meeting tonight, and ask God to lead and guide them all as they meet.

WED 18 Pray for the forthcoming election of elders – that God would guide us all in our voting. Pray especially for all elders as they seek God for what we can and should do at this time to "Know Jesus and Share His Love".

THURS 19 Pray for good working relationships with other churches and denominations in East Belfast.

FRI 20 Helen is leading 3 Bible studies and asks for prayer that those attending would be drawn close to Jesus. Prayer is also valued for the pastor and wife of Satsunae Lighthouse Church who has taken a break from teaching.

SAT 21 Pray for the challenges facing our Charis families as they cope with many changes due to Covid-19 – such as places opening and closing at short notice, or changes in school classes etc. Pray especially for the Charis families and leaders as they are unable to meet as usual and for the sadness, frustration and

loneliness that can be felt in response.

SUN 22 Pray for Frank as he preaches this morning on "The Fruit of the Spirit – Self-Control", and for all those involved in the sacrament of baptism this morning. Pray also for Leslie as he speaks at tonight's Evening Communion and for Frank as he leads the Lord's Supper.

MON 23 Pray for our Christmas preparations and plans as a congregation in most unusual circumstances. Pray also that God will reveal how our church fellowship can reach into our community in the lead up to Christmas with messages of Joy and Hope.

TUES 24 Remember in prayer our Church Committee as it meets tonight and ask God to grant His wisdom and discernment for all the business discussed and decided upon there.

WED 25 Pray for our witness to the Arches Care Home. Our link is quite tenuous at present since the Christian nurse who arranged our zoom meetings has moved to other employment. Remember the staff and residents of this care