

mechanisms will not be completely overwhelmed by the surge in demand due to the pandemic.

THURS 24 – Pray for anyone living alone, or for anyone who has lost a loved one. Pray for God's comfort to be especially felt at this time.

Christmas Day – Friday 25th
Remember in prayer our 10.30 am Christmas Day worship which will also be livestreamed. Pray that this will bring peace and joy especially to those who cannot come to church or do not usually do so.

SAT 26 Pray for people's safety and health over the Christmas period. Pray that we will be able to meet safely, and that we will be kept free from the virus. Pray also that our ministry and leadership teams will get a good break and a rest over the holidays.

SUN 27 Pray for Sam as he speaks at our service this morning, and remember in prayer all those who participate or make the service possible behind the scenes.

MON 28 Pray for the plans for a new building for the

Walkway Community Centre. Give thanks that the project is moving forward again, and that the price to build remains unchanged.

TUE 29 Pray for the group of Eritrean people in Belfast who have come to faith over the past few months. Pray especially for Senait as she daily prays with and studies God's word with them online.

WED 30 Continue to pray for wisdom for all our politicians, scientific and medical and other policy advisers. Pray especially for God's wisdom to make the best decisions and choices in protecting and balancing lives, livelihoods and liberties.

THURS 31 As we come to the end of this difficult year, full of uncertainty, give thanks that the Lord is the same, yesterday and tomorrow. Give thanks for the blessings and mercies still received this year, and pray that He will be with us, guard us, protect and guide us as we enter into a new year. Pray also that soon we will be able to meet together as normal, and enjoy the new halls God has provided for us and for our community.

BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY December 2020

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

TUES 1 Remember in prayer East Belfast Presbytery as it meets tonight online. Ask God to grant the members wisdom for all their business and deliberations.

WED 2 Pray for all our Connect Groups due to meet today and tomorrow. As we are unable to meet in person at the moment, pray for a continued sense of fellowship as they study and pray together online.

THURS 3 Continue to pray for the election of our new elders, praying that God will guide us and give us His wisdom as we seek His will in choosing who should serve in this way.

FRI 4. Coming to the end of a very strange semester, many students in 3rd level education (especially first year students) are anxious about assessments and exams. Pray for calmness for them and that they might know the peace that comes from a living faith.

SAT 5 An SEN (Special Educational Needs) teacher's attitude "I'm bubbling with Jesus" communicates clearly good news. Join with Scripture Union and bring children, young people and adults with special needs to Jesus in prayer.

SUN 6 Remember Drew in prayer as he preaches at our morning service. Pray also for all those involved in the livestreaming of today's service, especially as we are unable to meet in person due to Government covid restrictions.

MON 7 Join with Helen Lyttle in giving thanks for a safe trip to visit many families in the Tokyo area and for having had several important face to face meetings.

TUES 8. Although Christmas will be different this year, pray that our non believing friends and family members might still come at our invitation to the carol service or view BPC events online.

WED 9 Give thanks for all the good news coming out about progress in relation to coronavirus vaccines. Pray that the vaccines will be effective and safe, and that the roll-out programme will

proceed efficiently and as quickly as possible.

THURS 10 Pray for Walkway's Slow Cooker programme in which 30 families have been given a slow cooker and ingredients for meals over 4 weeks to ease hardship. Thank God for the funding that has made this possible, and for the volunteers who, together with Lynn, deliver ingredients, menus and instructions.

FRI 11 Pray particularly for all our hospitality and retail businesses at this time. Pray for all owners of such businesses and for all their employees. Pray that they will receive the Government support which is due to them as soon as possible, that they will not be overwhelmed by pressures and financial worries, and that they will have the means and strength to hold on.

SAT 12 There are no major Christmas outreaches possible from the Lighthouse Church, Sapporo this year – but they will be distributing a tract, a card from the church and a small gift to all whom they would have hoped to invite. Pray for God to use this small seed and make it grow.

SUN 13 Pray for our Kidzone Christmas Celebration today, and for James Cousley who will lead it and for all those taking part. Pray also for our evening Christmas Youth Service led by Michael.

MON 14 Continue to pray for all our staff working in hospitals, or anywhere else in the health service. Pray for mental and physical strength and stamina and that they will not be exhausted or overwhelmed by all the demands placed on them.

TUES 15 Pray for the Walkway Young Mums Group and the real need for support for these mums. Pray for their mental health and for safe home environments. With the impact of the pandemic, God has provided an opportunity to demonstrate His love and concern for these young mums. Pray for the women in Bloomfield supporting the Christmas outreach to this group and the opportunity this presents to develop ongoing relationships.

WED 16 Remember in prayer all the preparations ongoing for our halls dedication weekend planned for Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th January. Pray for the outreach by the Soup Club to elderly residents outside our church family who have accepted the offer of a weekly

meal. In God's will, let us draw attention to His love and concern for the vulnerable in our community.

THURS 17 Pray particularly for all our care home residents and staff at this time. Pray that they will be able to have visitors from friends and family and that every effort will be made to alleviate their loneliness and isolation, and to take care of their mental and emotional well-being.

FRI 18 Pray for the Walkway young fathers. Pray especially for some dads who are struggling with addiction. As winter begins in earnest, Helen values prayer for safety in driving and walking in icy and snowy conditions.

SAT 19 Give thanks to God for looking after our Charis children and families. Also give thanks for medical staff and schools supporting and trying to keep everything as normal as possible, and for supporting the children as they come to terms with all the differences in their lives. Pray also for wisdom looking forward as to how the Charis team and families manage and enjoy the advent season in a pandemic.

SUN 20 Pray for Frank as he preaches at our morning service. Pray also for our Carols for Christmas which we

hope to hold this evening. Although this year it will be different due to decreased numbers and social distancing, pray for a real sense of joy as we worship the Lord in our readings and carols.

MON 21 Continue to pray for the work of Storehouse- that there will be plenty of gifts and donations to go round, and that this will provide a real blessing to anyone lonely or facing difficulties. Pray that the love of Jesus will shine through as these hampers are given out. Give thanks for everyone involved in any way in this or any similar ministry providing hope and help in hard times.

TUES 22 Pray particularly for anyone facing financial pressures in the run up to Christmas – whether due to furlough, redundancy or government restrictions on their livelihoods. Pray that Christmas will not add extra pressure onto them at an already difficult time.

WED 23 Remember in prayer anyone suffering from any mental health issue at this time. Pray that they will seek and be able to obtain the appropriate medical support, and that mental health services or other support