

Donations to Storehouse. Pray also that our generous response to food requests continues over the coming year. Remember the families who will depend on food banks as the impact of the pandemic and restrictions spreads across our city and beyond.

TUES 26 – Commit to God in prayer our church Committee meeting tonight and pray for wisdom for all the members in relation to the business discussed. Pray also that the 30 families involved in the Slow Cooker Project would continue to use their new skills in providing nutritious meals for themselves. Pray also that the video instructions on our website would help connect some of the families to our church.

WED 27 Contractor R J McKelvey has now commenced the re-building of Walkway. Pray for safety on site for all the workers and that the project will be delivered on time. Pray that the social clause in the contract will help train and find employment for young people in our community.

THURS 28 Thank God that the Soup Club outreach has been expanded to include

members of our Walkway family. Pray that this would help in building relationships between our church and the wider community.

FRI 29 Give thanks for the great relationship between BPC, Walkway, Bloomfield Community Centre and Beersbridge Road Elim Church which helped deliver 450 Boxes of Hope to residents of East Belfast before Christmas. Pray that the groups continue to work together to serve our community in the coming year.

SAT 30 Continue to pray for the Charis families who still feel very isolated and lonely at home – that they will have the reassurance that God is always with them in all circumstances.

SUN 31 Pray for Frank and Drew as they speak at today's services.

BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY

January 2021

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

FRI 1 As we enter a new year – possibly with a mixture of hope and fear or anxiety about the future – pray that we will sense God's presence and believe in our hearts that we “can trust an unknown future to a known God”. Pray also that all our ministry team, and organisational leaders, will have had a good break over the holidays.

SAT 2 After doing very well, Covid-19 cases are unfortunately steadily rising throughout Japan. Pray for wisdom for Helen Lyttle in her decisions whether to visit people or not.

SUN 3 Pray especially for Frank as he preaches at today's services (all DV and subject to government covid restrictions). Pray for the new morning series, linked with Kidzone, on titles for Jesus, and for the evening series as we begin to study the book of James.

MON 4. Pray for our older members who are now facing a

new period of isolation- that they may know God's peace and presence in any loneliness at this time.

TUES 5 Pray for our Kirk Session as they meet this evening, and ask God to grant them wisdom and discernment for all their decisions.

WED 6 Pray for our Connect Groups as they meet this week – in whatever format. Pray also for all the leaders, that they will have been refreshed during the Christmas period.

THURS 7 Pray that BB and Guide leaders and those who work with children and young people will remain enthusiastic and will be given the inspiration and creativity they need to keep the connections going.

FRI 8. Thank God for His favour past, maintaining and strengthening relations between Scripture Union and schools in East Belfast and Special schools across NI. Pray that despite covid restrictions, opportunities to share God's good news will increase.

SAT 9 Give thanks that the Charis team have been able to connect with the Charis families using a team video, SU video and by delivering

gifts. Pray that it will not be too long before Charis can plan to meet face to face again, and the joy that will bring.

SUN 10 Pray for Frank as he speaks at today's services. Remember also in prayer all those involved in the technology to make the live streaming available, and thank God for their talent and dedication.

MON 11 Pray for the return of Union Theological College students where classes start for 1 week of intensive Greek. Pray especially for all businesses adversely impacted by government restrictions – whether in retail, hospitality or otherwise. Pray for practical and emotional support for employers and staff as they face difficult times.

TUES 12 Pray for Union College Deaconess Selection and Training Panel as it meets today to decide how to train students who will begin their training in September. Continue to pray for all health service staff – for stamina and physical and mental health protection as they deal with unprecedented demands.

WED 13 Pray for wisdom for the Assignment Panel of UTC as they meet today to decide

where Ministerial students will go to serve their assistantships from June. Commit to God our prayer time this evening. Pray also for any P7 children facing transfer tests – that they will feel at peace with no pressure or anxiety.

THURS 14 Pray especially that the covid vaccines may be effective and will be available and rolled out speedily to all those who need them as soon as possible. Pray also for safety for Helen in walking or driving throughout the long winter months on snowy or icy roads.

FRI 15 Pray for continuing safety for the staff and residents of the Arches Care Home. Pray that better communication would allow online services to begin and that covid rules relax to allow visiting to begin again, in this and in all care homes.

SAT 16 God willing, and subject to Government restrictions, we hope to have a weekend of celebration with the Moderator – the Rt. Rev. Dr. David Bruce, to mark the dedication of our new halls. Pray especially for the opening service this afternoon at 2.30 pm.

SUN 17 Pray for our Moderator – Rt Rev Dr David Bruce as he speaks again at our services

today. Give thanks for all he has done and the way he has led during the pandemic, and pray for God's continued guidance and protection for him as he carries out his role.

MON 18 Continue to pray for all the students and lecturers at UTC as all the remaining classes resume today. Pray also that God will grant His wisdom to all government ministers and members and to all the medical and scientific advisers as they advise, make and implement decisions.

TUES 19 Remember in prayer our Kirk Session as they meet again tonight and ask God to guide each of the members in all their discussions and decisions.

WED 20 Continue to pray for our Connect Groups as they meet in whatever format is allowed. Pray that the groups will keep growing in their faith and in their fellowship. Helen is leading 2 Bible studies – so pray that these can continue through the winter months and that both Mr K and Mrs Y will desire a relationship with the Saviour.

THURS 21 Thank God for the generosity of our women who made it possible to deliver individual pamper packs to

each member of Walkway's Young Mum's group. Pray that this will help facilitate contact in the coming year.

FRI 22 Pray that the young people in all our youth organisations will keep connecting despite the frustrations with spending time on the computer. Pray also that parents will encourage their children and young people to stay involved. Pray that organisations will be able to return to face to face meetings as soon as possible.

SAT 23 Thank God for our Men in Bloomfield group who helped provide a Christmas gift for each of the Walkway Young Dads' group. Pray that this will facilitate follow up contact in the coming year. Pray also that Andy and Michael can establish a good working relationship with Catriona at Walkway to allow this to happen.

SUN 24 Pray for Michael and for Frank as they preach at today's services. Pray that many will either come to church or worship online, and that we as members will keep the pattern of regular worship in whatever form we can.

MON 25 Thank God for Graham and Jill co-ordinating the provision of our food