

TUES 27 Pray for the meeting of Kirk Session this evening at 7.30 pm. Pray that God will grant wisdom and discernment to each member for all the discussions and decisions, and pray that the new elders would settle into their new roles on session.

WED 28 Continue to pray for our Connect groups in whatever format they meet. Pray that they will continue to provide fellowship and Bible study, prayer and support for all who attend,

THURS 29 Pray for anyone who is waiting on tests, treatment or surgery – especially if there has been any delay due to covid. Pray that whatever they need will be carried out as quickly as possible and that results and outcomes will be good.

FRI 30 Pray especially for all our youth organisations – both for all the members and all the leaders. Ask God to grant them wisdom as they make plans for meetings and activities -whether online or face to face whenever that is allowed. Also pray that our young people would continue to grow in their faith.

BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY APRIL 2021

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

THURS 1 Pray for the new elders elect as they meet with the East Belfast Presbytery Commission tonight via Zoom in preparation for ordination.

FR 2 Good Friday – Pray for all of us who join the Jews for Jesus presentation at 7pm this evening on The Passover. Pray that this will help us gain a deeper understanding.

SAT 3 Helen has prepared a special Easter service for Lighthouse Church. Pray especially for her as she speaks tomorrow.

SUN 4. Easter Sunday – Give thanks and pray as we return to live worship with an All-Age Service led by Frank on the theme of “Jesus as “Saviour”. Pray that there will be safety for all, joy in being together and being in the presence of God in one gathered place. Pray for the Moderator’s Easter service this evening via video link.

MON 5 Pray for Amy Cooper and her team with YWAM and

for their current ministry work in Talamanca, Costa Rica. Also pray for them as they prepare to head to the Middle East in mid-April to serve for 2 months.

TUES 6 Pray for all the behind the scenes preparations for church services, and also pray that grace and love will be shown in all we do. Pray especially for all the team preparing, for Anne in the office taking all the church bookings etc, and for Gordon who has been keeping all the buildings so clean and well refreshed for opening.

WED 7 Continue to pray that the right person would come along to be Treasurer of our congregation.

THURS 8 Pray for the PW as they meet via Zoom this evening at 7.30 pm. Pray that the women will enjoy the fellowship and that the programme will be of benefit to all who come along, and that all the technology will operate smoothly.

FRI 9 OMF has 9 new missionaries (plus kids) lined up to come to Japan as soon as borders open. Pray for them in the disruption of ever-

changing plans and for those in OMF who wait to receive them.

SAT 10 Give thanks that the Facebook page for the Charis families and team is running smoothly and has allowed the Charis leaders to build an added connection to the families. Pray that they will be able to share their love of Jesus through the weekly Bible readings and that God will speak to hearts through the Easter story.

SUN 11. Pray for Drew as he speaks this morning on Jesus as “Lord”. Pray also for our long-anticipated congregational meeting after worship in order to ratify the election of our 10 new elders. Pray for our live service in church this evening when Frank will speak on the book of Amos.

MON 12 Pray for our children and young people as they hopefully return to school today. Pray that they will enjoy being back at school, and will quickly settle into new routines. Pray also for all the teachers – especially those who will be facing pressures of assignments or assessments, and pray for safety for all at schools – the pupils, all the

support workers and all teachers and classroom assistants.

TUE 13 Pray for Christian new parents as they consider the implications and privileges of baptism for their children.

WED 14 Assignment deadlines and exams loom at Union College, QUB, UU etc. The tensions of the academic year will not be lifted until all assessments are finished. Pray for all our students struggling with anxieties and some having to cope with mental health problems.

THURS 15 Pray for the medical and scientific advisers and for the NI Executive at Stormont as they meet today to consider relaxing more restrictions on covid. Pray that God will give them His wisdom and discernment, and pray that they will make good decisions to benefit all of society.

FRI 16 Pray for the new Professor of Ministry/Director of the Institute of Ministry at Union College, taking up a newly created and very demanding post.

SAT 17 Continue to pray for all businesses adversely impacted by covid restrictions. Pray that the businesses will survive, that

job losses will be kept to a minimum and that our economy will bounce back.

SUN 18 Pray for Frank as he speaks at the morning service about Jesus as “Lord”, and for Michael who will preach this evening on the book of Hosea.

MON 19 Give thanks for the roll out of the covid vaccine and for all involved in the planning or delivery of that mammoth operation. Pray that the vaccine will be effective, and will help prevent any further waves of covid.

TUE 20 Pray for our new elders as they prepare their hearts and consider the vows they will be asked to make.

WED 21 Pray for protection over Satsunae Lighthouse church as for the first time they are without a pastor or full-time missionary worker. Pray for them as they begin the search for a new pastor.

THURS 22 Pray for our seniors JOY zoom meeting this afternoon. Give thanks for good fun and fellowship and pray for smooth working technology.

FRI 23 Continue to pray for our health service – and pray

especially for all those workers on the front line who may be weary and drained. Pray that God would refresh them and give them energy – especially if they have to face new challenges such as dealing with any backlog of cases.

SAT 24 As restrictions are gradually lifted, pray that parents and those working with children from the Charis family will have wisdom when planning activities. Thank God that they can look forward to a time when they can all meet again face-to-face.

SUN 25 Pray for Sam who will enable us to think about Jesus as “Helper” at our morning service. Pray for our evening service at 7pm which will be the ordination and installation of our new elders by a Commission of East Belfast Presbytery. Pray for Colin, David, James, James, James, Kenny, Mark, Michael, Pete and Sharon.

MON 26 Continue to pray for the country of Myanmar which is facing so much disruption and difficulty. Pray that the situation will resolve, and pray especially for believers in that country as they face many challenges and hardships.