

As it meets this evening at 7.30 pm and ask God to grant all members His wisdom for all that is discussed and decided.

WED 26 Pray for the last Connect groups of the year as they meet this week. Give thanks for all the group leaders and pray that although this past year has been so difficult, that the members of the groups will still have been able to support each other in fellowship, Bible study and prayer.

THURS 27 Give thanks to God, and pray also for continued safety at schools, particularly schools for children with special needs, and in the community – as restrictions are gradually relaxed. Pray for wisdom regarding the available vaccines, and for sensitivity and respect for others with whom we come into contact.

FRI 28 Pray for renewed opportunities for Scripture Union schools workers to be allowed into schools again.

SAT 29 Pray that young Mr K – with whom Helen has been doing Bible study for the last 6 months – will come to faith in Christ.

SUN 30 Pray for this morning's service where the sermon will be on "Abraham tested", and for Frank as he preaches on "The Message of Habakkuk" at this evening's service.

MON 31 Pray for anyone who has been furloughed or made unemployed, or whose business is struggling to survive due to the pandemic and lockdowns. Pray that they will find employment soon, that businesses will recover and thrive, and that any loss of confidence in people will be overcome.

BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY MAY 2021

"Great is the Lord and most worthy to be praised". 1 Chron 16 v25

SAT 1 Give thanks that the Charis group have been able to meet across the private facebook page and for how welcome this has been to many of the families. Give thanks that the leaders can share stories from the Bible across this page.

SUN 2 Pray especially for Frank as he preaches on "Jesus – Light of the World" at the morning service and on The Message of Micah at the evening service.

MON 3 Remember in prayer the centenary of the formation of Northern Ireland, praying particularly for any events planned and for wisdom for all those involved in public life. Drew is part of a group looking at standards in 3rd level teaching of theology and religious studies across the UK as a whole. Pray that this will be an exercise that encourages a spiritual deepening of

teaching throughout the universities and colleges that teach these subjects.

TUES 4. Pray for our boys discipleship group and for Michael as he leads it. Pray particularly for any of our members in nursing homes – that things will open up more for them soon in relation to visitors and outings.

WED 5 Commit to God our prayer time this evening.

THURS 6 Pray for people's mental health – and pray especially for those whose mental health has been made worse in any way by the covid pandemic and all the restrictions. Pray particularly for individuals and organisations that seek to help and that resources will enable as many as possible to be supported.

FRI 7 Pray that the violence that has been prevalent in other parts of the city recently will not spread to East Belfast. Pray that the Lord will confound the plans of those people who would use political uncertainty to control and manipulate our community. Pray that the young people in our neighbourhood would

engage with community youth teams and not allow themselves to be controlled or influenced by paramilitaries.

SAT 8 Pray for the country of India which has recently been so badly affected by Covid-19. Pray that oxygen, vaccines and other medical supplies will arrive in time to help treat or prevent illness, and that wise decisions would be taken politically. Pray also for any Christians there who are also facing the risk of persecution for their faith on top of the dangers of Covid.

SUN 9 Commit to God in prayer the official opening of our new halls this morning at 11am with the Moderator of the General Assembly - the Rt Rev Dr David Bruce, and also a celebration with the Moderator at 7pm. Give thanks for the faithful service of Ken and the development team, and of Malcom and the fundraising team.

MON 10 Pray for Drew as this week at Union College he leads an intensive teaching module on Pastoral Care and Reflexive Practice. This aims at developing students' ability to think and act as Christlike

shepherds in their future congregations.

TUES 11 Pray for Frank as he speaks with all Ministers ordained within the past 4 years about Spiritual Formation.

WED 12 As a church without a pastor, pray that members of the Satsunae Lighthouse Church, Sapporo, would support and encourage one another in their faith.

THURS 13 Pray also for the girls' discipleship group led by Petra as they plan to meet face-to-face for Bible study on Thursdays.

FRI 14 Pray for Amy Cooper who should now be in the Middle East with YWAM. Pray for continued safety for her, for opportunities to practically share her faith and that the team would adapt to any challenges as they present themselves.

SAT 15 Pray for wisdom for the Charis leadership as they plan a face-to-face outdoor meeting. And pray also for the parents, a lot of whom are really looking forward to meeting up.

SUN 16 Pray for Frank as he begins a new series in tandem with Kidzone on "Heroes of the Faith – pointing to Jesus" today on Noah, and preaches this evening on The Message of Nahum. We also hope to

celebrate the Lord's Supper just after morning worship and also as part of the evening service.

MON 17 Union College has its annual visit from the Quality Assurance Agency this week. Pray that this will encourage the College and all the staff as they continue to implement many major changes.

TUES 18 As Kirk Session meet this evening, pray particularly for the 10 new elders as they join the team, and pray for wisdom for all session members as the church plans to restart face-to-face meetings.

WED 19 Pray for our Congregational Meeting this evening at 7.30 pm and for all who take part or give reports. Give thanks for those who carefully look after the administration of our church.

THURS 20 Pray for Frank that he would continue to be lead by the Spirit as he seeks to minister to the church in many different ways. Pray for Michael as he leads our youth work, and for Elizabeth in all her pastoral responsibilities. Pray also for Anne and others helping in the church office and for Gordon in all his work with the church buildings.

FRI 21 Pray particularly for Helen who is finding that Covid precautions continue to limit all normal ministry and fellowship

opportunities - so pray for enthusiasm, creativity and wisdom to initiate and pursue alternative ones.

SAT 22 Continue to pray for anyone waiting on tests, surgery or treatment. Pray that delays and backlogs due to Covid will be cleared and that this will not be detrimental to patients. Pray that each person will feel God's presence and comfort at such a difficult time.

SUN 23 Pray for Frank as he preaches at our morning service on "Abram called", and for Michael as he leads our end of year service, for Youth and BB at 6.30pm. This will be the first time many of our young people will have had the opportunity to all be together in some 16 months.

MON 24 As our hospitality sector hopefully opens up after such a long period of restrictions, pray for all those who are employed in or own businesses in that sector. Pray also for our BB as they plan to have a family fun event to bring the session to a conclusion – restrictions permitting.

TUES 25 Commit to God in prayer our Church Committee