

Stephen Kerr – our new student assistant, and for Frank, who will preach at the morning and evening services respectively. Continue to pray for Stephen and Kat as they settle into Bloomfield.

**MON 25** Pray for members mourning the loss of loved ones at this time. Pray for a real sense of God's comfort and of Him being very close to the broken-hearted.

**TUES 26** Commit to God in prayer the situation in Afghanistan – for those who are being displaced or forced to flee, denied education and basic freedoms. Pray especially for protection of women and girls. Pray particularly for any believers in that country, and also that somehow God will use this situation to turn people's hearts to Him.

**WED 27** Continue to pray for all our Connect Groups as they study the book "Loving your Church". Pray especially for any new leaders who have taken over groups this year, and give thanks for the faithful service of leaders who have stepped down.

**TURS 28** Continue to pray for God's guidance as the Lighthouse Church hopes to issue a call to a new pastor at the end of this month.

**FRI 29** As we head into the winter season, pray for our health service and all the pressures they face from flu, pneumonia, Covid and other seasonal disorders. Pray for protection for each worker's physical and mental health, and for ability to cope with all the competing demands they encounter.

**SAT 30** Continue to pray for our walking group as they travel to Limavady for the Roe Valley walk. Pray for safety in travel, protection from injuries and good fellowship for the group.

**SUN 31** Pray particularly for Frank as he preaches at both our morning and evening services. Also give thanks and pray for all those involved in any way in our church services – whether behind the scenes or leading from the front.

## **BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY OCTOBER 2021**

**1 Thess 5:16** *'Be joyful always; pray continually;'*

**FRI 1** After a gap of 15 months, Helen hopes to visit families in one area of Japan at the end of this month. Pray that this will happen, that it will be of great benefit to the families, and pray for Helen as she prepares.

**SAT 2** Give thanks for the successful meet-ups that the Charis families have had – cycling, swimming and a visit to Streamvale Farm. Charis will return in a different format, so pray to God for guidance as they restart. Pray especially for safety for vulnerable families.

**SUN 3** Pray for Frank as he preaches at both our morning and evening services. Pray especially for our musical outreach to those running the marathon past our church between 9.00 and 9.30 am. Remember in prayer our Communion service today and those aiming to communicant membership.

**MON 4** Because of Covid, this year's General Assembly of PCI will take place in Assembly Buildings from today until Thursday. Pray for our BPC representatives – Frank and John McKibbin. Pray especially for Frank as he will speak tonight as Convenor of the Church of Mission in Ireland.

**TUES 5** Remember in prayer Rev Dr David Bruce as he takes on a second year as Moderator and Rev Trevor Gribben in his heavy responsibility as Clerk.

**WED 6** Continue to remember in prayer all the business, meetings and proceedings of our General Assembly. Pray that each representative will be granted God's wisdom and discernment for all the decisions and proceedings.

**THURS 7** Commit to God in prayer our PW as they recommence monthly meetings tonight at 7.30 pm. Pray for all the women who attend, for the arrangements and practicalities, and especially for Dr Ruth Kennedy who will talk about mental health issues from a Christian perspective.

**FRI 8** Praise God for many children and young people who came to faith, had faith re-ignited or deepened at a Scripture Union camp or mission this summer.

**SAT 9** From 10 am to 3pm, one of the Moderator's chaplains for the year – Rev Niall Lockhart, will help lead our Elders' Day Conference in Bloomfield. The theme will be "Fresh Opportunities". Pray for a real sense of God's presence and guidance in this important time together.

**SUN 10** Remember Frank in prayer as he preaches this morning, and also Michael who will speak this evening at the BB enrolment service. Pray particularly for all the boys and officers in the BB, and for families who will attend this evening.

**MON 11** Pray especially for our pending Committee election. Pray for wisdom as the congregation elects a new Committee, and give thanks for each member who has served so faithfully on the current Committee.

**TUES 12** Pray for all the Guides groups who meet tonight. Pray for safety for the

girls and leaders, and pray that all of them will enjoy good fellowship and have a real sense of God's love.

**WED 13** Continue to pray for our Connect Groups as they meet today and tomorrow, and pray especially for the leaders of all the groups as they prepare and lead so faithfully each week. Pray that the Connect Groups will provide real fellowship and sense of community as they recommence meeting.

**THURS 14** Remember in prayer all our young people who have left home to study at college or university. Pray that they will settle in quickly, enjoy their studies, make good friends and be supported and strengthened in their faith as they navigate all the challenges of being away.

**FRI 15** Pray for God's continuing protection and provision for the residents and staff of the Arches Care Home. Pray that Bloomfield might be able to visit again soon and hopefully provide worship services, when rules allow.

**SAT 16** Give thanks for the people who have been committed to the Charis teams in the past. Pray that going forward, there will be enough

people on the Charis team for all the activities. Give thanks for all those who will continue, and also for new people who may wish to help.

**SUN 17** Today will be our All-Age Family Harvest Service, so pray for Frank as he preaches, and as we think about our responsibility to this world which God has entrusted into our care. Pray also for Pete Huey, as he speaks this evening – continuing our series on Philippians.

**MON 18** Pray especially for all the Boys Brigade sections as they meet this evening. Pray for safety for all the boys and leaders, and pray that each of them will enjoy a time of good fellowship and have a real sense of God's love.

**TUES 19** Remember in prayer our Kirk Session as they meet at 7.30 tonight. Ask God to grant His wisdom and discernment as they discuss, plan and decide various matters.

**WED 20** Pray for all our organisation leaders as they recommence activities and adjust to new programmes and ways of doing things. Pray for wisdom for all their decisions,

ability to navigate through all the new protocols and guidelines, and particularly for a sense of God's guidance and peace as they recommence.

**THURS 21** Pray that the Walkway Young Mothers' Group will enjoy the use of our halls in Bloomfield again while waiting on completion of the new community centre. Pray that they would sense God's presence and love through meeting and talking with our members.

**FRI 22** Pray for a positive response and follow up to the schools mailing sent out by Scripture Union to all special schools last month, for opportunities in person and online to share God's story.

**SAT 23** Pray particularly for Helen as she will give the message tomorrow at the Lighthouse Church, Sapporo. Pray that her message will bless the congregation and that she will have the appropriate words and structure in Japanese to deliver the message.

**SUN 24** Commit to God in prayer our Sunday services, and pray especially for