

Ordination each year of the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Give thanks for such good responses each year, and pray that the delivery of the shoe boxes will bring some real joy and some of the love of Jesus into the homes of the children they reach.

FRI 26 Remember in prayer the work of organisations who minister among members of the persecuted church. Pray for good fundraising, raising awareness and advocacy, and wisdom for them where and when to act and how best to help.

SAT 27 Remember in prayer our church walking group as they travel to the Mournes today to walk Rocky Mountain. Pray especially for safety and good fellowship.

SUN 28 Pray for Michael as he preaches this morning and for Frank as he speaks tonight at what will also be a service of Communion. Pray also as we hope to hold a brief congregational meeting after the morning service to confirm the election of new committee members.

MON 29 Pray for the preparations for any special

Christmas services or events which we plan to hold, and for all those involved in the planning. Pray that God will lead and guide each person involved as they pray, plan and prepare.

TUES 30 Pray for the members of committee, and especially for any new members, as the new committee meets tonight for the first time. Give thanks for Tom Reid who has served so faithfully as Chair of the committee for many years.

BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY NOVEMBER 2021

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

MON 1 Pray for Satsunae Lighthouse Church, Sapporo, as it continues on its journey towards calling a pastor. Up to 6 young teenage TCK girls meet with Helen via Zoom most Tuesday nights for fellowship and Bible study. Pray that they will grow in faith.

TUES 2 Pray for East Belfast Presbytery as it meets tonight in Cregagh Presbyterian church. Ask God to grant all members His wisdom and guidance as they discuss various matters and make decisions. Pray especially for our Rainbows group as it recommences tonight, and for Heather Trojan who has taken on the leadership of it.

WED 3 Give thanks for the Cochrane family's 12 weeks back in NI to rest and reconnect with family and friends. Give thanks for the churches that they were able to visit and

report back to. Pray for James and Heather's return to Portugal today – that they would settle back quickly into the work, and pray for Alana and Lucy as they continue their studies in Belfast.

THURS 4 Remember in prayer our PW as they meet tonight. Pray especially for Katie Shott who will talk about Open Doors, and pray for all the women who will attend, and all the practicalities.

FRI 5 Already there is evidence in our community of hardship being caused by the rising prices of fuel and food combined with the removal of the Universal Credit uplift. Pray that we can be generous corporately and individually in our response to people experiencing food and fuel poverty.

SAT 6 Give thanks that Charis will be meeting in the church halls today, and pray for wisdom as they continue to make everything as safe as possible for the families. Continue to pray that in their meetings and activities they can show the love of Jesus by their words and actions.

SUN 7 Pray for Karen Jardine as she preaches this morning,

and for Michael Stoneman who will preach tonight at the Guiding Youth Service. Pray also for Rev Kenny Hanna who will be installed as PCI's first rural chaplain with responsibility for the much under pressure farmers and the rural community.

MON 8 Pray for the new elders elect for Ravenhill congregation who get training tonight with a Commission of Presbytery. Pray that this would help prepare them as they get ready for their ordination service.

TUES 9 Pray for Ashfield Boys, Grosvenor Grammar, Bloomfield Collegiate, Campbell College and Strathearn School as their SU groups start to meet again.

WED 10 Remember in prayer the General Assembly's General Council as they meet today to discuss various important issues including Covid restrictions.

THURS 11 Pray for wisdom and guidance for our congregation as a new Congregational Committee are nominated.

FRI 12 Pray for the East Belfast Churches Forum as it meets monthly to discuss ways of working together with secular organisations and community groups to bring Christ's love to neighbourhoods.

SAT 13 Give thanks for the new families who have been joining the Charis group on their boating trips, cycling sessions and outdoor catch-ups. Pray that they and other new families will feel welcome into Charis.

SUN 14 Pray for our Remembrance Day service beginning at 10.45 and especially for those for whom today brings back difficult or painful memories. Remember Frank and Sam in prayer as they preach at our morning and evening services respectively.

MON 15 As Helen relinquishes her role as TCK advisor with OMF at the end of the year, there is still no full-time successor identified. Pray for this and for her as she hands over various aspects of her role to different people.

TUES 16 Commit to God in prayer our Kirk Session as they meet this evening and pray that God will guide and lead each

member in their discussion and decisions.

WED 17 Remember our prayer time this evening which will be in person.

THURS 18 Pray for anyone who is undergoing tests, treatment or surgery at this time and for anyone who is suffering from any type of ongoing illness. Pray that God would be especially close to each one, and that any medical interventions would take place in good time and be successful.

FRI 19 Continue to pray for all our youth organisations and groups. Give thanks for the faithfulness and dedication of all the leaders, and pray that good foundations built now will stay with and deepen in our young people as they go into adulthood.

SAT 20 Pray particularly for our BB as they organise via Zoom a quiz in aid of Tearfund this evening. Pray that a good number will take part and will raise money for the work of Tearfund, and pray also for all the preparations and organisation to go smoothly.

SUN 21 Pray for Frank and Stephen as they preach this

morning and evening respectively and pray for all involved in the sacrament of baptism this morning

MON 22 Continue to pray for our Ministry Team – for Frank, Elizabeth, Michael and Stephen – that God would be very close to them and would strengthen, equip and refresh them for all they do so faithfully week by week.

TUES 23 Pray especially for everyone working in healthcare – that they will have sufficient energy and strength to cope with the ongoing demands of Covid plus additional winter pressures. Ask God to grant our political leaders and advisers wisdom as they have to analyse evidence and advice and take difficult decisions.

WED 24 Continue to pray for our Connect Groups as they meet today and tomorrow. Pray that the time of study – when we continue to focus on “Loving your church” will be of real benefit, and that the groups will enjoy fellowship as they study, pray and chat.

THURS 25 Give thanks for Vivienne Spence and her co-