

SAT 25 Christmas Day

Pray for our Christmas Day service this morning at 10.30 – where the offering will be for PCI World Development Appeal supporting projects in Haiti and Ethiopia through Tear Fund and Christian Aid.

SUN 26 Pray for Frank as he preaches at our Boxing Day service this morning. Pray particularly for any homes where there have been tensions, strain and difficulties over the Christmas period.

MON 27 Pray especially that our ministry team and organisation leaders will be able to have a rest and a break over the Christmas period, and that they would be refreshed and sustained – mentally, physically and spiritually.

TUES 28 Pray for all our congregation's plans and preparations for next year. Commit them to God – asking Him to provide our ministry team, leaders and entire congregation with wisdom and vision for the days and months ahead.

WED 29 Pray for good final visits as Helen finishes her

role with OMF missionary families in Japan.

THURS 30 Pray that Bloomfield's co-operation with churches belonging to the East Belfast churches' network strengthens in the coming months to enable joint efforts in presenting Christ and His love to our broader community

FRI 31 Give thanks for the end of another year. Pray specifically for anyone who is facing the new year with anxiety or loneliness, that they will be very aware of God's faithfulness and love.

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

WED 1 Pray for all the preparations still to be undertaken for our Christmas services and events – that the events we host and the outreach we plan will bring glory to our Lord and Saviour.

THURS 2 Pray for our PW as they meet this evening, and pray especially for Petra and the girls from the girls discipleship group as they take the Christmas programme.

FRI 3 Pray for our outreach events in Connswater which will hopefully take place next week. Pray that this will be an opportunity to share the good news of Christmas and to invite our neighbours to our special services.

SAT 4 Pray particularly for the Charis Christmas party and lantern parade today. Give thanks for the opportunity to take part in this community

lantern parade, and pray that the Charis leaders will be able to bless the families as they bring the Christmas message to them through the Jesus Story Book Bible.

SUN 5 Pray for Frank as he preaches this morning, and also for our "On the Sofa" this evening which will feature the work of CARE NI. Pray also for anyone being baptised this morning.

MON 6 Pray especially for our BB carols event this evening and for Stephen Kerr who will give the epilogue. Pray also for all the boys and families who will attend.

TUES 7 Remember in prayer East Belfast Presbytery as they meet this evening at St Andrew's church. Ask God to grant each member of presbytery His wisdom as they discuss issues and make decisions.

WED 8 Continue to pray for our Connect groups as they meet this evening – praying that our Bible study on "Loving your church", time of prayer and fellowship will deepen our faith in God and our sense of community within our congregation.

THURS 9 Helen Lyttle values prayer as she plans the Christmas service and message for the Lighthouse Church on 19th December. Pray also for safety for Helen as she travels around on icy roads and treacherous wintry conditions.

FRI 10 Pray especially for all our digital communications team. The year has been very busy and December is always a busier month with more services etc. Pray that there would be an opportunity for rest and for wisdom, patience and guidance as they share and communicate the messages through the various platforms – (social media, email, website, and sermon audio/podcast).

SAT 11 Commit to God in prayer our special service in Bloomfield this afternoon – from 2.30 until 3.30 – which will be a service of quiet, music, prayer and reflection for anyone who anticipates Christmas with mixed feelings or who wants to take time to consider the impact of covid on our lives.

SUN 12 Pray for our morning service which will be an All-

Age Christmas Service led by the Kidzone Team. Pray particularly for all who plan, lead or participate in this. Remember also Sam in prayer as he preaches at this evening's service.

MON 13 December is going to be a very difficult month for many families both inside and outside of our churches. Pray that those in need will find appropriate help to meet their fuel and food needs.

TUES 14 Pray especially for our Soup Club as they hope to have a Christmas lunch today. Pray for all who plan, prepare and serve and also for those who come along. Give thanks for this faithful ministry which has been so valuable during the pandemic.

WED 15 Continue to pray for anyone working within our health service – that they as individuals, and also the system, will be able to cope with all the pressures and demands of the winter. Pray also for protection for their physical, mental and spiritual health and well-being.

THURS 16 Give thanks that Mr Kudoh has accepted the call to be pastor of the Lighthouse Church in Sapporo next April

after finishing Bible College. Pray also that God will prepare and equip him for this new role.

FRI 17 Pray for those who are facing financial difficulties in this run up to Christmas. Pray that people will not feel under even more pressure. Remember also the work of Storehouse and Walkway and pray that they will be well supported as always.

SAT 18 Praise God that the Charis group has been able to meet together in the church halls with the families. Give thanks for being able to see everyone again and to build up relationships once more.

SUN 19 Pray for Stephen as he preaches this morning, and pray especially for our Carols by Candlelight Service this evening. Pray that many of our friends and neighbours will come along and hear the good news of the Christmas message.

MON 20 Pray particularly for anyone who is in hospital at the moment or who is awaiting going into hospital. Pray that any treatment or surgery will be successful, and that anyone waiting on any kind of treatment will get it as soon as possible.

TUES 21 Pray for safety for any family members travelling to meet up over the Christmas period, and pray also for those who would love to travel home but who cannot.

WED 22 Pray particularly for any believers living in countries on the Open Doors Watch list where they have no freedom to meet to proclaim the Saviour's birth at Christmas. Pray that somehow believers there – without freedom to worship or enjoy fellowship which we take for granted, will still know the joy of the Lord's birth.

THURS 23 Pray especially for anyone who is housebound or isolated over the Christmas period. Pray that God will be especially close at this time.

FRI 24 Remember in prayer any of our members who have been bereaved – and who are facing Christmas without a loved one, either again or for the first time. Ask God to enable us to become a genuinely caring community, and pray today that each person grieving will know the comfort and peace of God in a very real and personal way.