

TUES 25 Commit to God in prayer our Congregational Committee as they meet this evening. Pray that God will especially lead and guide each person preparing or delivering reports.

WED 26 Continue to pray for wisdom for all our politicians, and our scientific, health and policy advisers – as they provide advice and analysis, and take difficult decisions at this time in relation to the pandemic and other government policy issues.

THURS 27 Continue to pray for Walkway, Storehouse and any other community outreach we are involved with. Give thanks for all the donations and hampers received for Christmas, and for all those who help in any way in this area. Pray that these vital ministries will bring Jesus' love to others.

FRI 28 Give thanks for the work of organisations such as Open Doors, Barnabas Fund and Release International - seeking to help our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Pray for all prisoners of conscience in Iran, and give thanks that the Supreme

Court there has ruled that the promotion of Christianity and formation of a house church are not criminal offences.

SAT 29 Pray for safety in travels and on the walk as our walking group hope to travel to Strangford to walk St. Patrick's Trail, and also pray for good fellowship.

SUN 30 Remember Frank in prayer as he preaches at today's services. Pray also for all our musicians and singers, and for anyone involved in any way behind the scenes.

MON 31 Continue to pray for anyone whose business or livelihood has been destroyed or affected by the impact of Covid or government restrictions. Pray for strength and determination to rebuild, and for government assistance to be available when needed to those who need it.

BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY JANUARY 2022

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

SAT 1 New Year's Day. As we enter into a New Year, pray that God will continue to lead and guide us as a congregation and as individuals, trusting to Him for our future in difficult circumstances. Also, give thanks for our Christmas programme and all the special services. Pray especially for Helen as she co-ordinates and speaks at the first service of the new year tomorrow, in the Lighthouse Church, Sapporo.

SUN 2 Remember in prayer our 10 new Communicant members who make profession of faith this morning and for fellowship at the Lord's Table. Pray for Frank as he preaches at both our morning and evening services.

MON 3 As we move into the new year, pray for those who are struggling because of an uncertain future. Pray that they will know the strength of God's

presence as the One who is truly in control and is working His purposes out, and that they will experience the joy and peace He alone can bring.

TUES 4 Give thanks for the possibility of receiving new members in the CPV church (in Senhora da Hora, Portugal) early this year. Pray also that James and Heather Cochrane will be able to organise 3 small groups as they hope to recommence their small group ministry, even as they try to deal with the uncertainty of Covid.

WED 5 Continue to pray for our Connect groups as they resume today. Pray especially that all the leaders will have had a good break over the Christmas period.

THURS 6 Pray especially for the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray that our health service will be able to cope, that other surgeries and treatments will still proceed, and that God will sustain all our health care staff – physically, mentally and spiritually. Pray also for strength and stamina to face each day with all the challenges it brings.

FRI 7 From today until 20th January, Helen is doing “final” visits to families and friends in the greater Tokyo area. Pray for safety in travels and for a time of blessing to all as she makes these visits.

SAT 8 Continue to pray for Charis team members who are experiencing illness or medical treatment. The Charis team give thanks for God’s provision since September, and pray for wisdom, in the light of current medical advice, about meeting in January.

SUN 9 Remember Michael in prayer as he preaches this morning on “Witnessing”, and also pray for Stephen as he speaks this evening.

MON 10 Boys’ Brigade hopes to start back tonight. The BB leaders are very thankful for the many answered prayers in the first term, and pray for continued blessing as they resume.

TUES 11 Continue to pray for our Rangers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Give thanks for all the girls and leaders, and pray for wisdom for all the leaders

moving forward in uncertain times.

WED 12 Pray that God’s Word which was communicated to children, young people and adults with disabilities and intellectual difficulties through Scripture Union this Christmas in special schools and special needs ministry groups will produce fruit.

THURS 13 Remember in prayer our PW as they hope to meet this evening. Pray especially for Stephen Chisholm (winner of the Irish Bake Off) who will do a demonstration, and also his mum Valerie who will give an epilogue. Pray also for all the practicalities and arrangements.

FRI 14 Continue to pray for anyone who is ill, or waiting on tests, treatment or surgery. Pray that every one will feel God’s presence and peace in the midst of such a difficult and stressful time, and that God will provide healing and restoration.

SAT 15 Pray that Bloomfield, St Donard’s and Bloomfield Methodist will pray and work with expectation that the Holy Spirit will be at work in our congregations and community when Glen Scrivener is due to

return to lead our Easter outreach from 10th -17th April.

SUN 16 Pray for Frank as he preaches at our services today – including on the topic of “Sending” – the last in our “Love your Church” series.

MON 17 Remember in prayer Christians (pupils, families, and staff) in our school communities, and pray for God’s vision, protection, wisdom and leading this year.

TUES 18 Commit to God in prayer our Kirk Session as they meet this evening, asking God to grant each elder His wisdom and discernment for all their discussions and decisions.

WED 19 Pray especially for peace with joy and guidance for Helen during this very busy and intense time as she prepares to leave Japan for the last time in the Spring.

THURS 20 Pray for Lynn Currie as she hopes to lead cooking classes for people in the community. Pray for the success of this initiative and that it would prove to be of good practical help to families nearby.

FRI 21 Remember in prayer Rev Graeme Kennedy as he is to be installed as Minister in our neighbouring church of Kirkpatrick Memorial. Pray that God will be with Graeme, his family and the congregation as they begin this new chapter of ministry together.

SAT 22 Pray that Charis parents will come to faith as the Holy Spirit speaks through the sharing of Bible stories, presentations, conversations and love. Give thanks for those who have come already to church services.

SUN 23 Pray especially for our congregational big day when we hope to ask “What is the Lord saying to us during these current circumstances concerning our life and witness as a congregation?” Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and lead us as we plan to discuss and deliberate on this issue as a congregation.

MON 24 Continue to pray for anyone suffering from any type of mental health issue. Pray that each person would get the most appropriate help at the right time, and pray for overstretched health services in this area.