

Kinallen Rally, Fri 26 Jan, 8pm, David Bennett.

Fellowship Meal, Lisburn Cong Ch, Sat 27 Jan, 7pm, Brian & Hazel Parker and Lorraine Vance.

Glenavy Rally, Sat 10 Feb, 7.30pm, Pastor Wm Mc Candles.

Clonduff Rally, Wed 14 Feb, 8pm, Simon Walsh.

WEST IRISH DISTRICT

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Heather Wilson thanks supporters for upholding the *Tabaugh* Mission in prayer. There was a sweet and gentle spirit in all the meetings and at times a real sense that hearts were being spoken to. She was delighted to have locals in most evenings and unsaved every night. Please continue to pray that there will be lasting fruit and that God will draw those under conviction to Himself. As Heather resumes clubs and assemblies in the New Year, pray that hearts and lives will be transformed. She speaks at the Open Sunday school in *Omagh* Baptist on Sun 7 and at *Killycurragh* Monthly Meeting on Sun 14 Jan.

Robert Little is pleased with the seed sown and ground gained during the autumn with the completion of two 3-week missions in *Annaclone* and *Curglassan* when a good number of lost souls sat under the Word. He now values prayer as he goes on to the streets reaching shoppers with the Gospel during the run up to Christmas and returns to Co. Leitrim for visiting in the new year. He takes the meeting in *Camagh* Mission Hall on Sun 10 Dec and in *Ballinagh* Mission Hall on Sun 14 Jan. and shares a weekend mission with John Weir at *Tempo* Coffee Bar, Fri 26 – Sun 28 Jan.

I really appreciated the opportunity to help Heather in the *Tabaugh* Mission and to see her support in Co. Fermanagh. It was also good to be involved a little in the *Curglassan* Mission. The coffee mornings at *Portadown Centre* and the *Drumquin* CAMEO have been going well. Please join us at 15 Derry Road for the New Year prayer times if possible; details below.

Future Events:

Fintona Drive-in: Sun 10 Dec, 3.30pm, The Maybin Family

Killycurragh Carol Service: Sun 10 Dec, 8pm, David Bennett

CAMEO @ Drumquin: Thu 4 Jan & 1 Feb, 10.30am, Anne Brown

Stewartstown Centenary Rally: Sat 6 Jan, 7.30pm, George Conn

District Prayer Times: Tue 16 Jan 2.30 – 4pm & 7.30 – 9pm

New Beginnings Weekend: Fri 19 – Sun 21 Jan, Derek Maxwell

Fellowship Meal: Sat 10 Feb @ 7pm, Paul Acheson

IRISH BORDER DISTRICT

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Brian and Hazel Parker have enjoyed an encouraging term with schools, children's clubs and tots' ministry. They are thankful for these open doors and pray that God would use these interactions to speak into young lives, parents and teachers alike. Christmas brings wonderful opportunities: they are thankful for an encouraging weekend with the Gospel Truck in *Monaghan* and for a great carol service in *Rockcorry*. They look forward to a couple of special children's outreach activities and would value your prayers that these would connect with families and encourage them to pause and remember 'The new-born King'. They look forward to the New Year as regular activities recommence. Brian is also thankful for the opportunities for football coaching in *Clontibret* and *Drumcorrin* National Schools.

We had a good outreach evening at *Lisdown* Mission Hall for the farming community. We give thanks to God for the unsaved who were present; indeed, the hardness of heart toward the gospel is evident, but we pray that there would yet be a turning to Christ in these lives. We are going to hold a similar evening again at the end of January at *Lisdown*, taking the form of interviewing a believer involved in agriculture. This will give opportunity to visit the local farms again and I trust follow up on those who attended the December outreach. I appreciate the hard work of the folk at the hall for making the evening go so smoothly. Please continue to pray for the regular Gospel witness at the various Marts. I have been encouraged recently with an opening for a Sunday service at a nursing home in *Keady*, this will take place on 24 December. We would love this to become a regular opportunity to share the gospel with staff and residents and also that local believers may be able to support this when able.

Future Events:

"Focus on The FM" evening @ Keady 2nd Presbyterian, 25 Jan - Rev William Anderson

This Farming Life Story @ Lisdown Mission Hall, 27 Jan - In Conversation with Jim Henning

Bitesize Bible Study @FM Bookshop, Portadown, 8 Jan & 5 Feb

Ladies Coffee Morning @FM Camp Centre, Portadown, 3 Jan & 7 Feb

SOUTH WEST IRISH DISTRICT

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We have so much for which to praise God and the many opportunities we have had to share the Gospel recently. Please pray for those who have received Bibles, New Testaments, John's Gospels and tracts. Also pray for the many unsaved who came to recent Carol services and for outreach events before Christmas. In January, we look forward to the *Oasis* outreach lunch on Wednesday 3, a *Family Brunch@Carhue* outreach on Saturday 6 and the *Gospel Hymn Sing Evening* on Sunday 7 as well as the regular clubs in *Carhue* and *Deerpark*. Janet has the ladies outreach *CAMEO@Carhue* on Friday 19 January.

IRISH MIDLANDS DISTRICT

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Mervyn & Rachel Tomb continue to connect with local schools through the Masterbuilders Lego sessions. A large number of young people attend the monthly Bible studies at the *Durrow Centre* and it has been great to see evidence of Christian growth since the summer camps. Numerous bookstalls have been planned with many Bibles being sold, particularly to young converts. A shopping and ice-skating trip is planned for 6 January, so pray for safety. Mervyn shares in church services and the "New Beginnings" Weekend (WID) on 21 January.

Margaret Roberts asks prayer for a children's Christmas craft club in *Fethard-On-Sea*, Wexford on Tues 12 Dec. There has been growing interest in this ministry in recent months. Please pray for the Christmas children's club in *Gorey* on Thurs 14 Dec which parents will also be attending. Some follow-up work will resume in *Rosslare* after Christmas, where many Gospels of John have already been distributed this year. Youth and children's work resumes from 11 January. Pray that interest will continue to grow and that the children and young people will have an enduring hunger to learn God's Word.

Daniel & Emily Brown praise God for progress with Garda Vetting which will enable them to commence ministry with other church organisations. The "Tea, Toast & Testimonies" at "Rural Revival", *Baltinglass* had small physical attendance, but received over 250 views on Facebook. "Nexus" young adult outreach is planned for Fri 29 Dec. These young folk need purpose and a sense of belonging; all to be found in Christ. JAM restarts in *Baltinglass* on Sat 13 Jan.

Pray for Daniel and Emily as they share Biblical truth with the young people.

Future Events:

Gorey Christmas Club, 14 Dec

Gospel Concert, Tinahely 16 Dec

Christmas Outreach, Baltinglass 23 & 24 Dec

Nexus Young Adult Outreach, Baltinglass, 29 Dec

NORTH WEST IRISH DISTRICT

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We have much for which to praise the Lord as we reflect on all the meetings of the past few weeks and also the many opportunities of ministry to individuals. We value your prayers for the following meetings and events for which we have the responsibility to minister in the coming weeks. We look forward to our Open House night here in **Ballykelly** – a time to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. I speak at **Knockaleary** Mission Hall on 7 Jan and **Castlederg** Mission Hall on 28 Jan. Carolyn values prayer as she speaks at a ladies' meeting in **Coleraine** on 12 Dec, testifies at a Christian Events evening in **Coleraine** on Sat 20 Jan, and also as she speaks at **Newtownards** Congregational ladies' weekend retreat on 27 & 28 Jan.

Future Events:

Christmas 'Open House' evening, Mon 18 Dec, 7pm, 'Sheephill House' Ballykelly

Day of Prayer: Thurs 4 Jan: 2-4pm & 7.30 – 9 pm, Ballykelly

Cullyvenny Rally Fri 19 Jan, 8pm, Trevor Matthews

Milford Rally Fri 2 Feb, 8 pm, Andrew Maybin & Maybin Family singing

NORTH IRISH DISTRICT

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Andrew and Carolyn Maybin were greatly encouraged with outreach in **Monaghan** recently when over 200 pupils from 3 schools came on to the Gospel Truck. Around 30 of them requested Bibles after the talk. A drive-in carol service was also well attended. Over the next few weeks, meetings include a drive-in on Sun 10 in **Fintona**, Co Tyrone and services in Main Street Presbyterian Ch, **Garvagh** on Sun 17 and on Christmas morning when Andrew shares God's Word.

The Fellowship Dinner and the Men's Night in November were worthwhile events when many shared of blessing received.

Jenny continues to help with **Wellington** and **Ballee** Girls Brigades each Monday and Tuesday nights, as time permits. Pray concerning openings for Bible Explorer lessons in Primary schools next term. This is becoming increasingly difficult with so much in the educational curriculum. On Fri 12 Jan, Jenny speaks at an assembly in **Ballymena** PS. The Rejuvenate youth meeting takes the form of a Christmas special on Sat 9 Dec and we look forward to David McKee speaking on Sat 13 Jan. Jenny speaks at the monthly ladies' coffee mornings in **Laymore** FM hall on Wednesdays 13 Dec and 10 Jan. We have various services most Sundays over the next weeks. A **'Youthmix weekend'** for those aged 12 – 16 years is planned in the **Portadown Centre** from Fri 2 – Sun 4 February. If you would like further details, please contact us for the link to the booking form.

Future Events

Laymore Mission Hall, 'Watchnight Service,' Sun 31 Dec, 10.30pm, Speaker: Rev Raymond McLarnin

Day of Prayer & Fellowship, Ballymena FM Centre, Sat 20 Jan from 10am, Speaker, George Conn

Ballynafie Rally, Mon 22 Jan at 8pm, Speaker, Rev Ian Gilkinson

Ballymoney Rally, Wed 24 Jan at 8pm, Speaker, Rev Hugh Mullan

ULSTER BOOKSHOPS

Stephen Dundas

We give thanks for the recent purchases in one of our bookshops of over £1300 of Bibles to be donated to either individuals or organisations who could benefit. We pray that God will use these Bibles to help people in their walk with Him or for unbelievers who receive them, that they may read and come to know the Lord through His Word. Continue to pray for those who grieve, especially as Christmas approaches. Pray that our Staff will have opportunities to share the Gospel in the days before Christmas.

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Dear Praying Friends

Thank you for your faithful prayer support throughout another year; please continue to intercede for us in 2024. Remember those converted through the Mission this year and pray that through the various Christmas events, many will come to know our wonderful Saviour. All our Members join us in wishing you God's blessing this Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

CENTRAL IRISH DISTRICT

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Naomi Dudgeon reports very encouraging door-to-door outreach over the past few months, with many connections made, and homes opened to the Gospel. She would love you to pray for two teenage Muslim boys and their family who listened intently for over an hour as she shared the Gospel and presented them with a Bible. The weekly Street Outreach continues to present huge challenges as the team deal with the needs of the homeless, hopeless and helpless, but it is a great opportunity to share the Gospel and show practical kindness. Pray as hampers will be delivered during December. Naomi values prayer for the following meetings in Jan: Mon 15: **Castlereagh** Baptist Ch, (Belfast) ladies; Mon 22: **Elmwood** Presbyterian Ch (Lisburn).

Beanstown PU Centenary was encouraging with good attendance and Trevor Matthews brought an uplifting word. 100 PU cards were handed out in Oct 1923! We thank God for the faithful PU members throughout the District, even where two or three are meeting. Our Christmas **'Neighbours' Outreach** was so encouraging with new folk along, praise the Lord! Pray for further contact in 2024. We have enjoyed the recent opportunities to speak at various Sunday services and Ladies meetings.

Future Events:

Day of Prayer @ 62 Glenavy Rd, Tues 16 Jan, 2.30-4pm & 7.30pm.

Prayer @ the Commons Mission Hall, Wed 17 Jan, 7.30 pm.

Prayer @ Ballymacbrennan Old School, Fri 19 Jan, 7.30pm.

Moira Rally, Fri 12 Jan, 8pm, Pastor Wm Mc Candless.

Kilkeel Rally, Thurs 18 Jan, 8pm, Simon Walsh.

Straid Rally, Wed 24 Jan, 8pm, William Harrison.