

Future Events

Ballee Mission Hall, Christmas Praise Service, Sun 7 Dec @8pm; Rev Eric Stewart

Laymore Mission Hall, 'Watchnight Service,' Wed 31 Dec @10.30pm; Mark Donnelly

Day of Prayer & Fellowship, Ballymena FM Centre, Sat 17 Jan from 10am; Rev Eric Stewart

Ballynafie Rally, Mon 19 Jan @8pm; Rev Henry Montgomery

Ballymoney Rally, Wed 21 Jan @8pm; Pastor Philip Cameron

IRISH BORDER DISTRICT

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Brian and Hazel Parker are, once again, thankful for an encouraging term with schools, children's clubs and tots' ministry. They are thrilled to see God really moving in a couple of the families they have got to know and would love you to pray for growth and lasting fruit. Brian and Hazel look forward to being involved with a number of Christmas outreach activities in **Cootehill**, **Ballyjamesduff** and **Monaghan**. Please pray that these are encouraging times for the churches involved and that God would really meet with families during these events. Brian and Hazel are also excited to be invited to a number of schools for Christmas-themed Lego assemblies and praise God for these open doors.

Pray on for individuals reached during this Christmas period; how great it would be to hear of their spiritual birth at this time! The Rural Chaplaincy Team has Carol Services in **Markethill**, 5 December and **Rathfriland** Mart, 12 December, also giving out refreshments and literature at **Crossmaglen** Mart Christmas show and sale, 6 December. We look forward to "A Farming Life Story" evening at **Lisnagleer** Baptist on 30 January, please remember the visitation and the evening itself. Over Christmas and New Year we will be undertaking the refurbishment of the en-suites at the camp centre and praise God for the provision to undertake this work.

Future Events

Bitesize Bible Study, FM Bookshop, **Portadown**, 5 Jan
Coffee Morning, FM Camp Centre, **Portadown**, 7 Jan
Focus on the Faith Mission Evening @ **Keady** 2nd Presbyterian Church, 22 Jan; Rev David Moses

WEST IRISH DISTRICT

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Heather Wilson rejoices that recently a classroom assistant in one school shared after the assembly how she found the message so appropriate. Heather was thrilled to be back into **Derrygonnelly** PS for an assembly and thanks those who have been praying about this issue. She values continued prayer for all the children in the regular clubs and assemblies—that the Word shared will change hearts and lives—and on Sunday 21 December as she speaks at **Omagh** IMC Sunday School Carol Service.

Robert Little has been most encouraged by the response both to the recent mission outside **Castlederg** and to open air gospel preaching. Christians sometimes stop to share burdens and seek reassurance. After the **Roughan** Carol Service on Sunday 7 December, he looks forward to the outreach in towns and cities during the run-up to Christmas, including street preaching and tract and calendar distribution. He also plans to do late-night pub and night club outreach over the Christmas and New Year period and to return to Co. Leitrim in January for further visiting. He feels blessed to have your prayerful support, without which he could not do this work.

The Lord has blessed recent Rallies when people have been encouraged by news of souls saved throughout the Mission. I was grateful for good support in both venues for the Day of Prayer on 14 November. The Ladies' Bible Studies continue to be well attended and appreciated. Please pray for, and attend where possible, the various meetings mentioned below.

Future Events:

Fintona Drive-in: Sun 14 Dec @ 3.30pm, William Harrison

Killycurragh Carol Service: Sun 14 Dec @ 8.00 pm, Andrew Maybin

Stewartstown Rally: Sat 3 Jan @ 7.30pm, William Harrison

Killycurragh Monthly Meeting: Sun 11 Jan @ 8pm, Robert Little

Morning of Prayer: Tue 13 Jan 10.30am – 1pm, 15 Derry Road

CAMEO @ Drumquin: Thu 15 Jan, 10.30am, Anne Brown

New Beginnings Weekend: Fri 16 – Sun 18 Jan, Rev. J. Currie (Fri & Sat), Rev. R. Moore (Sun)

CENTRAL IRISH DISTRICT

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The reports brought by Heather Wilson at **Killyleagh** Rally and Daniel & Emily Brown at **Upper Crossgare** Rally were a real inspiration; we knew the Lord's blessing at all five of our Autumn Rallies. We had good times of prayer on Friday 14 November; we are truly grateful to those who joined us in person and also to those who prayed at home that day. Many neighbours have been visited for the **Christmas Outreach** in our home on Saturday 6 December; please pray they will attend. Alison brings a Christmas message at a Ladies' Breakfast in Emmanuel Fellowship, **Lisnaskea** on Saturday 13 December.

Future Events:

Moir a Rally, Fri 9 Jan, 8pm, Rev Andrew Quinn.

Prayer @ Bangor IMC, Mon 12 Jan, 8pm.

Prayer @ 62 Glenavy Road, Tues 13 Jan, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Prayer @ Ballymacbrennan Old School, Fri 16 Jan, 7.30pm.

Prayer @ Ballyfore Mission Hall, Mon 19 Jan, 8pm.

Straid Rally, Wed 28 Jan, 8pm, Rev Billy Park.

Kilkeel Rally, Thurs 29 Jan, 8pm, David Bennett.

Kinallen Rally, Fri 30 Jan, 8pm, Rev Eric Moore.

Fellowship Meal @ Lisburn Cong Ch, Sat 7 Feb, 7pm, William & Carolyn Harrison and John Porter.

NORTH WEST IRISH DISTRICT

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We give the Lord praise for the blessings of the past weeks of ministry in which we have been involved. What a joy to witness a young married man, much prayed for, come through for the Lord on the last evening of the mission in **Banagher** which Trevor Matthews conducted recently! The Lord was at work in lives throughout the week and it was good to see over 70 men, including many unsaved, gather for the Men's breakfast, following the mission, at which I had the responsibility to minister.

The recent week of mission in **Portadown** Independent Methodist Church was a time of rich blessing and encouragement and it was thrilling to see unsaved attend each night, some coming regularly throughout the week. Several asked for the little booklet 'Spiritual

Birth' when leaving the meetings. It was evident that God was at work in lives and we trust that there will yet be souls seeking the Lord.

Carolyn has had a number of ladies' meetings over the past few weeks and was so encouraged to hear since of a young lady coming to the Lord after one of these gatherings. Her husband has also got saved recently. Saturday 6 December is the ladies' Christmas coffee morning in our home when Gabrielle Farquhar will be ministering. Carolyn values prayer as she testifies at **Clonaneese** Presbyterian Church evening service on Sunday 7 December, I speak at **Fintona** Drive-in service on Sunday 14 December and we look forward to hosting our annual Christmas Open House night on 15 December. Meetings of the New Year include **Stewartstown** Rally, Saturday 3 January (William) and **Castledawson** Presbyterian Church PW, Thursday 8 January (Carolyn). Our annual **Milford Rally** is on Friday 30 January at 8pm when Rev Jim Lyons will be the speaker.

ULSTER BOOKSHOPS

Alasdair Maclean

This is the busiest month of the year for our bookshops in both Northern Ireland and Scotland. A great deal of preparation has gone into the shops and our teams are looking forward to this busy time. Continue to pray for our customers, that the shops would meet their needs and that not only will we have the right product range for them, but also be able to minister at this time of Advent. We pray that new members of staff would integrate well and that managers would not be overburdened as they manage the various duties in their shops.

SOUTH WEST IRISH DISTRICT

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The Book Week in November was very worthwhile with many good conversations and much literature sold. The three regular clubs are going well on Tuesdays at the **Carhue** Centre, on Wednesdays in **Deerpark**, Bandon and monthly in **Ballineen**. One girl at a club asked if Jesus was really real and then asked why He had to die; she is obviously thinking deeply – pray for her salvation. The Gospel Hymn Sing Evening was well attended when the Bandon Concert Band accompanied the Christmas Carols and many people heard the Gospel message. Afterwards, one man said that he didn't think the cross was necessary: pray for him. The **Church Cross** monthly

meeting venue is being used for a Carol Service on Thursday 6: many local people usually attend. Other opportunities this month include visiting, distributing Gospel Calendars, Christmas Carols and other services. We look to the Lord for His speaking voice and for Salvation blessing on all those who hear the Good News.

IRISH MIDLANDS DISTRICT

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Mervyn & Rachel Tomb end the year with great thankfulness following a number of well attended Youth events at the **Durrow** Centre. These included clear testimonies from the young people of Christian growth. Mervyn now prepares for Council & Board meetings in January and is increasingly involved in some outreach in **Scotland**.

Margaret Roberts is encouraged with further opportunities in the South East. These include the children's club in **Fethard-on-sea**, with Christmas club planned for Monday 8 December and the Ladies' coffee morning in **New Ross** Wednesday 10 December. Continue to pray for New Ross and for open doors to share the Gospel in the town. Door to door outreach is planned for **Duncannon** in the week leading up to Christmas. Praise God for an opening to share the Christmas story in the preschool in **Tagoat**, 11 December. **Waterford** youth & children's clubs resume weekly 9 January; praise the Lord for the spiritual growth in some of the teenagers.

Daniel & Emily Brown had a worthwhile time with the Christmas Bookstall in **Baltinglass** with a notable Gospel conversation with one lady. School Assemblies continue in **Athy** and **Monasterevin** on 12 & 15 December. Ignite Kids Club, **Baltinglass**, continues to grow with 15 kids attending. The monthly **Athy** Youth will have its Christmas session on 19 December with festive fun planned. Daniel and Emily look forward to playing in a Christmas Carol Concert in **Glenealy**, Co. Wicklow on 16 December. Pray for a Lego Workshop with **Naas** Baptist Fellowship on 8 January.

Future Events

Durrow Monthly Meeting, Sun 14 Dec: Daniel Brown
Carrig-on-Bannow Club, Mon 15 Dec: Margaret Roberts
Baltinglass Live Crib, Wed 24 Dec: D & E Brown
Cookstown IMC: 29 Dec: Daniel & Emily Brown.
Carrig-on-Bannow Lego Club, 3 Jan: Margaret Roberts
Durrow Monthly Meeting, Sun 11 Jan.

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Dear Praying Friends

We want to thank you for standing so faithfully with us in the work over the past year, both prayerfully and practically. One of the names given to our Saviour is 'Emmanuel' which means 'God with us.' May each of you know the reality of His presence and peace over the Christmas season. We value prayer for the many outreach events over the next few weeks – pray that people will realise their personal need of the Lord Jesus Christ. Wishing you God's blessing in the year ahead.

NORTH IRISH DISTRICT

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Andrew and Carolyn Maybin were able to share the Gospel at a community event in Garvagh recently. The Gospel Truck is in **Monaghan** from 4 December for Christmas outreach, concluding on Sunday 7 with a Carol Service. Over the next few months as a family they have various meetings.

Thank you for your prayers for the recent two-week mission at **Derrykeighan** when Andrew and the team of local men knew God's help and several unsaved attended. It was great to have around 70 people at the Fellowship dinner last month. We were thrilled to see a good number attend the Rejuvenate youth meeting, **Ballymena**, in November, which included some who were there for the first time - the meeting on Saturday 13 December takes the form of a Christmas special when Noel Bell is the speaker. Jenny begins a series of New Testament Bible Explorer lessons on Thursday 15 January in **Parkhall** Primary School and speaks at an assembly in **Ballymena** Primary on Friday 16 January. Jenny also helps with **Ballykeel** Primary SU for four weeks from Monday 19 January. The monthly ladies' coffee mornings take place in **Laymore** FM hall on Wednesday 10 December and on Wednesday 14 January. We have services most Sundays over the next few months.