

**Personal Prayer Diary**

SUNDAY Church Family

MONDAY Family

TUESDAY Friends

WEDNESDAY Colleagues

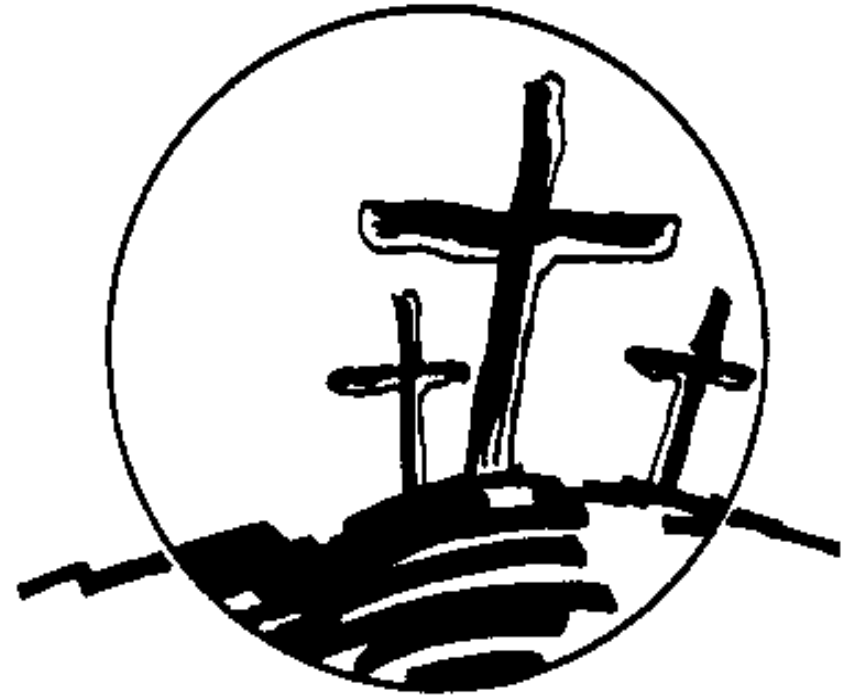
THURSDAY Neighbours

FRIDAY Leaders

SATURDAY Missionaries

Orangefield Presbyterian Church

**PRAYER DIARY**



February-May 2012

**“Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know”**

(Jeremiah 33:3)

## FEBRUARY

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** Two topics for Orangefield: 1. Pray that the catering team will again provide an attractive meal which will be enjoyed by Lunch Club members; 2. Ask for a valuable time of intercession at this evening's prayer meeting. In Kenya: Pray for Rebeccah Muriguh who is scheduled to undergo major surgery tomorrow, asking for God's guidance for doctors and other staff with a successful outcome and complete recovery for Rebeccah.

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>



Pray for the many courses which have already started on Tuesdays, asking for wisdom for leaders and the working of the Holy Spirit ministering to the needs of each participant: Griefshare, Discipleship Explored, Alpha (in Clonduff Community Centre), Marriage Preparation Course.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Remember MOB members as they seek to strengthen men in their faith and provide a programme that will attract and challenge the uncommitted. On Tuesday next the topic is “Afghanistan: A long way from home”, a talk from first-hand experience. Ask, also, that the speaker will be encouraged by the support and prayers of the group.



### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>



Our former Associate Minister, Alan Carson, asks prayer for Streaton congregation in Newtownards as he preaches about the eldership prior to the election of new elders. Pray that men and women of mature faith will be chosen so that the augmented session is a wise, discerning team with a good balance of age, gender and background.

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>



Ask for a time of warm fellowship in our congregation as we worship the Lord and gather around His table to remember Jesus' death, to marvel at His grace and to move forward in the power of His Spirit to honour Him in our lives and service.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all the arrangements that need to be made for the care and security of our premises over the coming months when there will be many variations from the usual pattern. Ask that David will be directed in organisation and the Chris and Pauline will be able to maintain the high standards. Ask for sufficient volunteers to cover for holidays.

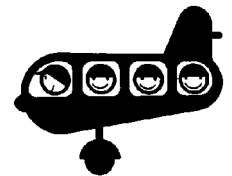


### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>



Uphold Brian in his last few months with OM. As the Logos Hope resumes service after repairs, pray that he and all who were working on board will be able to readjust and incorporate new volunteers so that operations can recommence smoothly. Ask for God's guidance for Brian in thinking towards the future.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all of our members who will be involved in outreach teams over the summer. Pray that the programmes, talks and studies will be well prepared in advance so that they can concentrate on building relationships. Ask that travel plans will work out smoothly, that team dynamics will be positive and that each one may have the flexibility to adjust to the unexpected.



**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>** Remember all arrangements being made for JAM. Pray for section leaders in their planning, for recruitment of helpers for the wide variety of tasks and for committed prayer support. Ask that JAM will be a fitting conclusion to the year's teaching for Orangefield children, helping them to respond to what they have learned. Pray also that it would be a good introduction to others, attracting them to various organisations during the new session.

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**



Give thanks for the good work of the welcome teams and pray that there will be new recruits to their ranks and no shortage of people to serve during holiday time. Pray that visitors will feel free to ask for information and that they will receive the help they need.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** Uphold our session meeting primarily for fellowship this evening and committee members at their business meeting tomorrow. May all necessary matters be dealt with wisely and wisdom be given regarding unforeseen issues.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray that tonight's dinner and AGM of our PW will prove a happy and encouraging finale to the year's programme. Ask for God's overruling in elections and other business decisions that will be taken.



**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray that Avril and smallTALK leaders will be able to encourage adults who will be leaving the group this summer to establish further church contacts both for themselves and the children in the days ahead.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray that Carlos and his colleague, David, will soon have the chicken farm established with suitable Cambodian workers. Ask that Michaela will be able to develop friendships with neighbours and be guided in opportunities for children's work.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** Oak has had a new part-time worker, Scott Vance, involved for some months. Pray for wisdom regarding outreach over the summer and the provision of sufficient enthusiastic helpers to assist him in implementing the activities.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**



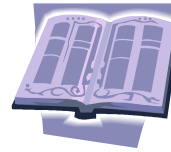
Give thanks for the dedication of Norma and John Jack in organising the provision of flowers for church services and their distribution afterwards. Pray that this service will continue to provide pleasure both to the congregation and to those who receive the Sunday evening gifts.

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** During the coming week about 40 Exodus teams will start to meet in small groups, following a 6 month discipleship and preparation for mission course. Pray for wisdom for the group leaders and ask that each team member will grow in the knowledge and love of God.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** Uphold our elders as they meet tonight with a full agenda of church business. Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit in all discussion, plans and decisions so that God's will is discerned.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**



This evening the Alpha course in Clonduff is considering "Who is Jesus?" and the Discipleship course in Orangefield is studying "Transformed by Christ" from Phil. 2:12-30. Pray for leaders and guests in these groups and also for Heather Mercer as she addresses Crescent Church Friendship Group this afternoon. Heather has many encouragements in Every home Crusade to share today, in Larne Congregational Church on Thursday and with the PW members in Clough/Seaford next Tuesday.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Ken is starting Communicant/membership classes this evening in 2 groups (youth and adult). Pray that there will be many who will join and benefit from thinking through the basics of the Christian life with a view to becoming full church members or transferring their membership to Orangefield.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** Remember Deborah Ford and Alison Shooter who are both embarking on service with Logos Ministries International. Pray that both will have the necessary financial support to work with this faith mission and be guided clearly in their work, Alison in youth work and Deborah in developing and re-vamping the distance-learning Bible Teaching Ministry for many overseas students.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** Ask that all the work of Orangefield, both on the premises and elsewhere, will be undergirded with prayer through time for prayer being scheduled into planning, in prayer groups for specific purposes as well as in general prayer meetings and fellowship groups.



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**



CJM, now working with Bangor churches, are holding a Gala Dinner tonight at which the BBC Sports Correspondent, Dan Walker, will speak. Also tonight, Orangefield is showing Six Nations Rugby. Pray that both events will be effective in attracting and challenging those who are not yet committed to Christ.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Pray that this morning's PW service, with Amanda Mitchell as speaker, proves stimulating to the whole congregation as well as attracting other women to the group. The evening service features the work of Operation Mobilisation. Pray that John McIlvenna's presentation will encourage further support for Brian and those working with OM as well as challenging about opportunities for service.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** Pray for useful, lively discussion on the E100 material both in Ruth McConnell's Bible study on the topic and in existing fellowship groups. Pray for Ruth as she encourages people to join appropriate groups.



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Tonight the PW are experiencing PW Spanish Style with Jackie Hartsmith Foy and friends from Malaga Church while Alpha focuses on "Why did Christ die?". Uphold both meetings before the Lord.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Pray for a good attendance at the Silver Links when George Sproule will be the speaker. Pray that all will be strengthened by the fellowship and stimulated through the talk.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

There is a Christian Resources Exhibition being held today and tomorrow in the Ramada Hotel. Pray for Heather as she talks to visitors at the EHC display and pray that many see the potential of all that is available through EHC and other exhibitors. Remember Heather's speaking engagements over the next couple of weeks: Sunday in Derryhubbert Mission Hall, Monday in Castlereagh Baptist, "9<sup>th</sup> February in Ballycrochan Baptist and 5<sup>th</sup> March to Crumlin PW.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the dedication of all the SALT and CRUMBS teachers, praying that they will be directed in their preparation and lesson presentation so that our young people will develop a sound Biblical knowledge on which they can base an intelligent commitment to Jesus Christ.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>** Pray that the Youth Club leaders will establish a good rapport with all their members. Ask for wisdom in planning epilogues and dealing with questions that arise especially from those with less church connection.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for worship teams in their planning and leading of worship. Ask that they may enable us all to draw near in praise and submission to our God in His great universal plans for His world and yet His mercy and grace to each individual.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** Remember the arc staff and volunteers who endeavour to provide good appetising meals and snacks each day and serve the customers efficiently in a friendly, welcoming way. Pray that the Christian ethos of arc may continue to influence people for good.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** Ask God to give parents wise and loving perseverance in prayer for their offspring even when they are no longer children. May the group of praying mothers encourage and support one another in seeking God's direction and protection for children and grandchildren.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Philip and Andrew Cupples are involved in the technical side of Commission which produces Christian drama for broadcasting at home and further afield. Pray for a good take up of their productions and real impact upon listeners.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for our church website and pray for Steven Nelson as he keeps it updated and David Irvine in controlling the calendar. Ask God to speak through the sermons and inform and attract people to church events and involvement through its pages.



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** CJM are organising an outreach for the Klass Kids groups tonight. Pray for clear teaching and presentation of God's word through which the Holy Spirit will lead each child nearer to Jesus. Pray against any peer or human pressures that would militate against God's work in lives.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for YAT, Nicola and her helpers in planning and organising the summer youth programme that caters for the young people when organisations end and during the summer holidays. Ask the Lord to use the activities not only for our own young people but to interest others with little church connection.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Give thanks for God's financial provision for our congregation and pray that a generous spirit will prevail despite the current economic situation. Pray that we will continue to meet our commitments for the work at home and be able to support those engaged in God's work whether based at home or abroad.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** Session and committee action teams meet regularly to take forward the different aspects of church life both spiritual and practical. Give thanks for all who serve in this way and pray for imagination, creativity and down-to-earth common sense.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** Pray for Ken in his many leadership responsibilities asking that he will always be able to guard his own time with the Lord so that he does not become a victim of the tyranny of the urgent. Ask that today's staff meeting will be a time of encouragement to all as they support one another in prayer.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** Uphold the Business Committee as they discuss the day to day issues of church life, respond to requests from within the congregation and sanction bookings from outside organisations.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** Maureen faithfully visits older members of Orangefield who appreciate her loving interest. Ask that she will be constantly refreshed by the Lord and enabled to minister spiritually in each situation as well as handling her family responsibilities.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for all groups and organisations who arrange activities over the summer. Pray that these outings and functions may be used to deepen fellowship and be especially valuable to those who might otherwise feel isolated.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** Continue to pray for members of congregation who are seeking employment. Pray that they may have the courage to persevere in making applications and be delivered from despondency. Pray for right decisions and actions by government to reduce the level of unemployment and promote economic growth.

**.Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Keith Mitchell has just started a week's work with Compassion amongst children in Calcutta. Pray for discernment in grasping needs and opportunities to be of service during the short visit.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** Pray for leaders preparing to facilitate the courses which are on-going: Discipleship Explored, Alpha, Marriage Preparation and Griefshare on Tuesdays and Communicants on Wednesdays. Ask for a relaxed atmosphere in each group which will encourage participants to ask questions. May each person be open and responsive to what God is saying.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Arc directors meet this evening to review the past month's progress and to plan ahead. Pray for wise care of volunteers and staff, recognition of needs, creative ideas regarding outreach and responsible financial management.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray that the many children and their carers will have a positive morning in smallTALK which will encourage further church involvement amongst those on the fringes of church life. Remember, also, the Lent prayer and reflection evenings that are designed to help each one realise afresh the wonder of God's grace, mercy and love in the weeks before Easter.



**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Uphold our worship leaders as they plan worship in conjunction with Ken and other speakers. Pray that our services may bring us all closer to the Lord in repentance, love and commitment and help us to enter into the heart of God in His love and concern for His world.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** Logos Hope is berthed in Manila for 3 more weeks seeking to minister to the vast population of that city and its environs. Pray that Brian will be encouraged by making good contacts with visitors to the ship and also by meeting with local Christians in churches. Ask that Brian and his fellow workers will have good opportunities to share God's love both in word and action.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for a good attendance of young people at tonight's Worship Live. Pray for a programme that will broaden minds, soften hearts and lead to dedicated obedience as folk meet with the Living God.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** Uphold Mark McMaw as he draws to the end of his Orangefield placement by preaching at this morning's service. Pray that he may be encouraged and helped in his future ministry by his involvement with us.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**



Remember Joy and her staff in Orangepips, praying that they will provide a positive Christian environment in which the children will mature securely. Pray that the ethos of the play group will cause on-church parents to recognise the need for a spiritual dimension in both their own and their children's lives.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** Pray that leaders in Discipleship Explored will build good relationships with the participants which will encourage sharing of experiences and problems in a caring atmosphere. May tonight's topic, "Knowing Christ", help all to grow in faith.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Uphold Ken in all the demands of his leadership, praying that God will direct in his prioritising work. Pray that he will have a good rapport with those in this evening's communicants' classes so that questions can be aired and understanding deepened.

## MARCH

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** Pray for Patricia Jamison settling in to her pastoral role amongst us. Ask God to direct her as she establishes relationships as well as seeking to minister to those who may be ill or facing difficulties. May she prove that her competence is in the Lord.



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** As part of their work with Bangor churches, CJM are organising "If my people..." in 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church tomorrow evening. Ask for a movement of the Holy Spirit in the gathering through Ian Coffey's talk and the various prayer sessions.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**



Today our prayer Ministry Team is holding a Refresher Day at which Derek McKelvey is to minister. Pray for spiritual strengthening, mutual support and growing discernment for each one so that they are more able to lead people to the presence and power of God.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** Our morning services for the next while will focus on aspects of discipleship. Pray that we will all learn much that will enable us to be more committed to the Lord, to grow in our likeness to Jesus and to be more effective in our service and witness.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**



This exam time can prove very taxing for many, both candidates and their families. Pray that revision will be done thoroughly and systematically and parents given God's wisdom and patience to encourage and support. Pray that that all caught up in the throes of exams will put their trust in the Lord and commit their futures to Him.

## MAY

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** We now have two hospital deaconesses in the congregation, Christine in the Ulster and Jean Gwyn Patton in the Royal. Pray that both will be upheld by the Lord in the demands of ministering to people who are ill and worried as well as to concerned relatives.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Ask God to encourage us all to intercede both individually and corporately. May many come to the prayer meeting this evening, the missionary one next Sunday, the fortnightly Friday ones and use these and other opportunities to be involved in God's work through prayer.



**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** The PW Annual meetings for the whole church are being held this afternoon and tomorrow evening. Pray that members and leaders will be inspired, encouraged and challenged so that the PW programmes will attract, stimulate and empower Christian women.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**



Pray for Alison serving the Lord through LMI's youth ministry and Deborah working on the courses that reach and teach many overseas who have had limited training and lack resources. Pray that both will be empowered by the Holy Spirit and encouraged by seeing God working through them.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** Heather will have opportunities to share about EHC at a barbeque in Fivemiletown today and at Leaney Mission Hall, Ballymoney, tomorrow week. Pray that hearers will be moved to prayer and financial support as Heather shares testimonies to changed lives both in the UK and overseas as God has spoken through His Word translated into people's mother tongue.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pray that the new series of evening talks on first letter to Timothy will help us to grow and mature as a church and recognise and develop the essential elements of church life. May this help our leaders to get their priorities right and all of us to focus on the vital issues.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** As the Exodus teams continue to follow their small group training and preparation, pray that members will mature individually and bond together as teams. Uphold Jose in all his leadership responsibilities in Exodus.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**



The Ladies' Walking Group has valued their fellowship together in physical exercise, friendship and reflection on God's Word. Pray for them this morning and for Heather Mercer this afternoon as she encourages and challenges a group in 2<sup>nd</sup> Broughshane with news of the many ways in which EHC is reaching people worldwide with Christian literature, both directly and in partnership with other missions.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the many adults and children in smallTALK each week. Pray for the establishment of good trusting relationships so that any families in difficulty will feel free to seek help. Pray for Avril in this ministry so that each situation is dealt with wisely and sensitively.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** Pray that tonight's GB Explorers' Parents' Night will be a happy and successful time for both children and leaders during which they will demonstrate the positive influence of Gb on the girls' development. Pray for valuable contacts with parents that will help non-church families to link more with church.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the spiritual value of gap years in strengthening and maturing young Christians through their service of others and support of more experienced people. Pray for God's direction for those planning gap years in the future and wisdom for Lois, Kathryn and Brian so that they discern God's next step for their lives.



**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** May tonight's Worship Live give our young people the opportunity to re-focus their lives on God so that he remains first in their allegiance and His promises and purposes enable them to view their concerns and opportunities from His perspective.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>**



Pray that this afternoon's Seniors' Service will give older folk, who may find the regular services unsuitable, an opportunity for worship and fellowship in a congenial atmosphere. At the other end of the age spectrum, may SNYF provide a suitable forum in which the young people may learn, worship and develop in their faith journey.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** Pray for a good attendance at tomorrow's MOB meeting when they will hear a talk on "The truth about the Arab Spring". May this give many a new incentive to pray for the Middle East and support our brothers and sisters in the area.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** Continue to uphold the folk attending Griefshare and Discipleship Explored and particularly the couples in Marriage Preparation as they work through principles and plan together not just for a wedding day but for their married life together.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** Pray for a happy time of fellowship together for the Lunch Club members today and a valuable time of intercession tonight in the prayer meeting as they bring to the Lord the needs of many people and places.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** Christine Kyle needs God guidance to have the right message to share in Donacloney this evening. Pray for safe travel and mutual encouragement for both Christine and her audience.



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**



Give thanks to the Lord for all the vital work that Joan and her helpers do in the office. Pray that they will be strengthened to persevere when they find tasks monotonous by realising how essential the mundane is to the smooth running of the church.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** Pray that Ken will have opportunity to relax this weekend. May he make time for refreshment to enable him to minister to folk in crisis and to get alongside the people considering church membership. May each of the latter group know if they are ready to take their places as communicant members of Orangefield.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Orangefield has been used by the Lord over the years to witness to Christ not only in this community but throughout the world through members whom the Lord has called to serve Him overseas. Pray that we will continue to have a global vision as we celebrate our anniversary with a missionary theme.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** Uphold current missionaries, Carlos and Michaela, serving in Cambodia and former missionary, Tracey Soko, now serving the Lord with her husband Ramos in S. Africa; both couples are expecting babies this month. Pray for safe deliveries of healthy children and the ability to adjust to the changes necessitated by the new arrivals.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** Pray that the Alpha guests will return after the break in their course and be stimulated as they deal with the topic, "How does God guide us?" Pray also that the Discipleship Explored guests will finish their studies in Philippians on a high note and be keen to join another group where they can develop further their relationship with Christ.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** Remember the Business Committee dealing with essential church decisions this evening as well as those attending the lent prayer and reflection. May both groups be aware of the Lord's presence despite the different contexts.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those who work so hard on the technical side to facilitate our worship. Pray that they may be enabled to cope with unexpected requests and hitches and make wise decisions as they assess situations.



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** Tomorrow arc is inviting us to "Celebrate St. Patrick". Pray for all involved in the planning and preparations for this outreach and ask that pray that there will be many satisfied customers who will appreciate the food, ambience, programme as well as valuing contacts with volunteers and staff.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

This is the crucial Alpha weekend for the Clonduff guests. Pray that the three sessions on the Holy Spirit today and tomorrow's topic, "How can I make the most of the rest of my life?" will be used to challenge commitment and draw people to Jesus.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Remember all involved with our children this morning. Pray that the infants in the crèche will feel secure in a caring environment; the children in SALT will understand more of God's nature and purposes and members of CRUMBS recognise the relevance of God's Word for their lives.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** Pray that the elders will be led by the Holy Spirit as they pray and discuss the business on their agenda tonight. May God give them unanimity in their decisions.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Pray for another positive well-attended meeting as the men at MOB worship and enjoy fellowship together. As men's health issues are discussed may each person note any matters that he should heed.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** Silver Links members are finishing this session with a visit from a CEF team. Pray that the programme will encourage more prayer for work amongst children. Ask that those who come to the Quiet Hour this evening will meet with the Lord and listen to Him.

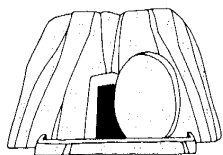


**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** Uphold Deborah before the Lord in the teaching she is doing in Union over the next couple of weeks. Pray for clear and thought provoking communication in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** Pray that any new children in Orangepips this term will settle quickly and relate easily to the staff as well as to the other children and soon develop good social skills. Pray for Joy and her team in assisting any child who finds adjustment difficult.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Pray that the Youth Club attendance will be maintained now that the evenings are brighter and ask for wisdom for the leaders in planning activities for this time of year. Pray that there will be fruit from the conversations and teach over the year.

**Easter Day**

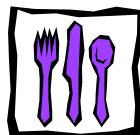
“Our Lord Christ has Risen! The tempter is foiled.  
 O sing Hallelujah! Be joyful and sing,  
 Who now can condemn us? Christ Jesus is King!”  
 May this be the song of our hearts on this  
 triumphant day!

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** Pray that the welcome break from routine will enable all who have been pressurised to unwind and allow God to renew both their energy and perspective. Remember, also, others who live at a slower pace and find themselves more isolated at holiday times.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** Clonduff Alpha concludes today with the question, “What about the church?” Pray that this topic will be discussed helpfully so that guests with no church link will desire to make a meaningful church connection. Pray for wise follow-up of all participants.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** The Logos Hope is to be in dry dock for some time to address a number of issues in the engine room. Brian and the majority of his colleagues are now going on outreach teams in the Philippines and elsewhere in SE Asia. Pray that they will be used effectively in evangelism and practical assistance.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the hard work of Anna, her staff and all the volunteers in arc. Pray that they will have all needed stamina for busy periods and still be able to create a welcoming and caring atmosphere for customers as they enjoy their meals or relax over a cup of coffee.



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Remember, not only arc volunteers, but others who serve the community in various ways. Give thanks for the faithful band of helpers who have built meaningful relationships in Clarawood through OAK. Others, assisting in adult literacy at Greenway Women’s Centre, have been thrilled to discover that some of the ladies and their families have made church contacts.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** Pray for good teaching and sensitive evangelism at the I – Way Youth event in Bangor tonight. Pray that the many young people who will attend will be drawn nearer to Jesus.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

This morning we welcome new members to our fellowship, some transferring from other congregation and others professing faith publicly as they become communicant members. Pray for a warm accepting welcome for all as we remember the Lord’s death in bread and wine and seek to live in the power of the resurrection.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** Tonight is the scheduled meeting of our church committee. Pray for wisdom as they work through the practical and financial aspects of church life asking for God’s guidance in all discussions so that wise decisions are made that honour the Lord.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** This evening a group of mothers have their monthly meeting to pray for their children and grandchildren. Ask that they may be encouraged in seeing God answer prayers and benefit from the support of the group.



**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for Avril, Sharon and the smallTalk committee in their planning, praying and befriending roles so that the children are happy and safe and the adults valued and appreciated in an inclusive fellowship.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Give thanks for the ways in which 4U2 supports disabilities and special needs in Orangefield and reaches beyond the congregation. Pray that they will be encouraged by relationships built with families and successful placements in arc and Orangepeeps; ask that more people will work alongside them in this year.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

There will be a mass evacuation from Orangefield to Castlewellan Castle this evening; pray for safe travel, no last minute problems and a happy settling into the accommodation. Pray that Bishop Ken (Fanta) Clarke and his wife, Helen, will feel at home in our midst and minister in the power of the Holy Spirit during the weekend.



**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for an enjoyable day at Castlewellan with a good balance of fun, activity and ministry that caters well for both children and adults. Pray that the all will feel fully involved and no one on the side lines; may the fellowship enable some newer members to integrate more easily into our large congregation.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** Pray for a valuable time of worship for those at Castlewellan as well as for the residue of the congregation in Orangefield. May both groups meet with God and be challenged as they study His Word; may the dynamics of new situations and smaller groups help us all to be more open to the Lord and with one another.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** Remember Heather as she shares with the women of Castlereagh Gospel Hall the encouragements of EHC over the past year when vast quantities of tracts, gospels and booklets were printed in over 95 languages and containers of literature sent to previously inaccessible countries: Hong Kong (for China), Israel, Turkey and Sudan. May there be praise to God for such potential.



**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** Uphold Brian and his team in Alpha where the topic is “Why and how should I tell others?” Remember also Maureen, Sam and Margaret facilitating Griefshare and showing God’s love to people who are sorrowing and lonely.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** Pray for physical health and emotional and spiritual stamina for Christine Kyle in her deaconess work in the Ulster Hospital. Pray that as she shares with people in Millisle tonight they will gain insight into the demands of her work and be more committed to pray for the hospital chaplains.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** Lift before the Lord Nicola’s many opportunities to encourage, challenge and influence our young people for good. Pray for necessary wisdom and discernment for her in both her relationships and all the organisation involved in the work.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** Tomorrow afternoon the PW embark on a new venture, an afternoon tea party. Pray that many will attend and enjoy not only the food but the chat. May this enable the group to reach out to other women. Also, pray for Maureen as she takes a group of more senior people to Rock House for a week’s holiday starting tomorrow.



**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>** CJM are holding their bi-monthly HUB gathering for young people tonight. Pray that, yet again, there will be a large crowd of enthusiastic young people eager to hear and understand God’s Word so that they may grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord.



## APRIL

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** This morning’s all-age service is followed by a Tearfund lunch. Pray that many will enjoy the fellowship with others at the lunch and be generous to the Tearfund Cambodia project in which Cambodian churches help people to grow vegetables and farm for fish so that they can feed their families. Give thanks for the evangelistic impact of this assistance.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** Uphold Lois Gibson and Kathryn McGregor before the Lord as they work with CJM in their gap year. Pray for the Street Reach programme in Bangor from tomorrow until Thursday and pray that good relationships will be built among the young people and with the folk whom they seek to help with practical acts of kindness.



**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Pray that God will keep all our staff members in good health and deliver them from foolish overwork. Pray that this morning’s staff meeting will be a time of encouragement and that all will have a refreshing break from work over the Easter period. Ask that Maureen and the group at Rock House will enjoy good fellowship together.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** Today is the final Lunch Club until the autumn. Pray that there will be a good attendance of people who will enjoy the meal and chat and be challenged by the epilogue. Pray that members will not feel bereft now that the lunches have ceased but be encouraged to participate in the Friendship Group and other activities.



**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** Pray for Carlos and Michaela’s witness in Cambodia over Easter and ask God to give them opportunities to explain something of Jesus’ death and resurrection to neighbours and friends. Pray that the plans for the chicken farm will go ahead with no further hitches.

**Good Friday** Ask that tonight’s communion service will bring home afresh to all the wonder of God’s redeeming grace so that we can join the praise of heaven: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise.”



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** Pray that a good number of young people from Orangefield and from other congregations will join the Easter Dawn Service at the Henry Jones Playing Fields tomorrow to rejoice in the risen Lord.