



Week Seven 11th - 17th August

LEADERSHIP

Focus on the leaders in our church this week. Summer is often perceived as a quiet time in the church calendar, but that isn't true for our congregation!

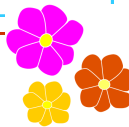
Pray that leaders and helpers would get time with their families and friends to recharge their batteries during a break over the summer months.

Pray for Cecil, Tagle, Sonya, Rachael, Anita, Rosalind and Harry. Pray for Session and Committee, that in all the decisions, both spiritual and practical in the life of the congregation, they may lead under God's direction and wisdom.

ACTION: Each day select one organisation and pray for its leaders and helpers.

Week Eight 18th - 24th August

FAMILY & FRIENDS



- Give thanks for family and friends. Pray God's blessing on them and our neighbours that they will have a peaceful and special time over the summer.
- Pray for those who are not Christians that they would hear God speaking to them and drawing them to himself.
- Pray that we would take whatever opportunities come our way to share the importance of our faith and that we would be a living witness to Jesus every day by the pattern of how we live.
- Remember those who are facing difficult times at this time that God will draw close to them and they will feel His presence surrounding them with love, comfort, healing and peace.

ACTION: Pray each day for a different person to come to faith in Christ and know his joy and forgiveness.

Week Nine 25th - 31st August

THE YEAR AHEAD

- September is fast approaching and it's a hectic time for families settling into new routines. Pray for the children in our congregation as they prepare to start new schools and new classes.
- Pray specifically for Christian teachers and head teachers that they may be empowered and enthused by the opportunities presented to them to share their faith with young people and children at school.
- Pray for our church and for the year ahead of us. Pray for the activities and organisations starting up again. In particular, focus on the spiritual life of our church that we will be open to what God is saying to us. May we listen to Him and learn from His Word, and be challenged and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.

ACTION: Ask the Lord to lead and direct your thoughts as to ways you might serve Him in the new church year.



SUMMER PRAYER DIARY 2019

Week One 30th June - 6th July

HOLIDAYS AND REST!

School is out and summer holidays have begun! This is a time when many people go off on holidays. It is a very important principle in Scripture that we build times of rest into our routines. Rest allows us to refresh our bodies physically, mentally and spiritually. It also allows us to focus on the things that are of lasting value, like our relationship with God and our relationships with other people.

Pray for families who have looked forward to a holiday time together. May they deepen their love for each other and enjoy the fun and support of each other's company in a special way.

Pray for those who find summer a financial burden, as children look for activities to occupy their time and additional childcare needs to be organised.

Pray for those who find summer emotionally stressful and tiring as they have to spend extra time together!

Also, Andrew Beattie and Josh Preece are in Glenarm for Summer Madness 27th June-2nd July. They are working as Event Crew looking after different events in the festival grounds and general safety. Give thanks and pray for this event as around 1700 people come together to worship and learn more about God.

ACTION: Make a list of specific families you know in our congregation and bring them individually to God in prayer.



Week Two 7th - 13th July

TOWN AND COMMUNITY!

As well as being a holiday time, this week is often seen as a time of increased tension and unease in Carrickfergus.

Pray for our community:

- ◇ For those who will try to use this time as an opportunity for violence and sectarianism, that they will be restrained.
- ◇ For those who feel intimidated and fearful, that they will find support from friends and neighbours.
- ◇ For the PSNI, Fire & Rescue Service and the Ambulance Service, that they would be able to perform their duties safely and effectively.

Also please pray for Matthew Blair who is serving as part of the CSSM team at Benone this week.



ACTION: Pray specifically for a different area of the town each day, that God would bless the area with peace and that Christians would shine for Jesus where they live.

Week Three 14th - 20th July

SPIRITUAL VITALITY!



Give thanks to God for the ways he shapes our lives:

- ◇ The Bible: pray that your love for the Bible would grow and that we as a congregation would have a desire to grow in our knowledge and understanding of what the Bible says.
- ◇ Worship and Sacraments: pray that your experience in worship would bring encouragement, strength and hope. Pray for those who lead our worship each week that through their gifts of music and song, God would be glorified and we would be lifted up in mind and spirit.
- ◇ Prayer: perhaps you struggle in prayer. Pray for opportunities to be encouraged in prayer. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, why don't you ask him too?
- ◇ Fellowship: ask God to deepen the fellowship of our congregation, and pray that he would show you ways in which you can add to the fellowship we share.
- ◇ Service: summer is a good time to consider how you might put your faith into action and service. Pray that God would open your eyes to possible ways in which you might serve him and others.

ACTION: Each day pray for one aspect of our worship together and ask God's blessing on all those who share in that role.

TEAMBUILDERS

Week Four 21st - 27th July

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

- There will be many volunteers involved in the Leadership Team at Team Builders. Pray each leader will use their gifts for God and be blessed throughout the week.
- Pray for the children who come along to this special week. Pray that they will feel valued, accepted, happy, and learn much about the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for the parents/carers who bring the children along. Please pray for our team who will meet and greet parents each day and that relationships will be built up.
- Pray specifically for those who will focus on the adults to offer support and prayer. This has been greatly appreciated in the past, and so we pray that good conversations would develop and that many of the adults would be open to the good news of Jesus.
- We are having a Celebration Barbeque on Friday evening. This is a significant event for the community. Pray for good weather, safety for all the activities, and that the families who come would feel the love and openness of our church reaching out to them.
- We finish the week with an All Age Service on Sunday Morning. It is good to end the week with a time to thank God for all that happened at TeamBuilders.
- Please pray for Jake Neilly and Andrew Beattie who are completing KGVI BB Officer Training with Salt Factory Sport in Newport (BBHQ) 20th-26th July.

ACTION: Make a list of children and leaders known to you who will be at Holiday Bible Club. Pray specifically for God's Spirit to be working in them.

Week Five 28th July - 3rd August

YOUTH WEEK

This is an exciting week for our teenagers – and another important week for us as a congregation as we share the gospel with this vital age group!

- Pray for all the young people who attend, that they will have a great time, that new friendships develop and old ones grow stronger, and most particularly that the message they hear, during the Bible discussion groups and during Worship in the evenings, will change their lives.
- Pray for the leaders involved in this week, a small but committed team of leaders ready to share the gospel with our teenagers. Pray for the preparation and delivery of everything they are involved in. Pray for energy, patience, courage and love to empower them throughout the week. May they serve as examples of Christian discipleship and point the young people to Jesus.
- Pray for the afternoon activities that the young people will enjoy the activities planned for them. Pray for safety and protection, especially for the Wednesday trip to Bangor.



ACTION: Make a list of the young people and leaders known to you who will be part of Youth Week. Pray for God's Spirit to be speaking to them in ways that are encouraging and challenging.

Week Six 4th - 10th August

MISSION ELSEWHERE!

Kate Doherty goes to Salou, Spain with Exodus 1st-12th August to be involved in Youth & Children's Work. Kate will join other Exodus teams and Spanish young people for the launch conference in Salou for training and equipping them to serve and live out the Gospel in their everyday mission field. The church which Kate is working with has been growing in recent years in a difficult environment. Please remember Kate and her team in prayer.

Jake Neilly will be a Trainee Leader at a Christians in Sport summer camp in Campbell College 3rd – 9th August. Here, Jake will develop his potential to be a Leader while learning how to live out his faith as a Christian in his sport.

Ellen Anderson and Rebekah Galway are Leaders at SU Camp Castlewellan 10th-17th August. This is a camp for boys and girls age P7 up to Year 12. What a fantastic opportunity to spread the Word of Jesus.

Remember all the children from our own congregation who will have attended CSSM, SU camps, CEF camps, and other outreach activities. Pray that the good news will have impacted their hearts and minds leading to faith in the Lord Jesus.

ACTION: Think of mission activities and agencies you know and pray for their witness and impact.

