

1. Please pray with us for the new semester which starts on Monday 16 January. Pray for unity and the continued spiritual protection over all we seek to do and be as a community of learners.
2. Please pray for the preparations for the week of mission the 2nd year students will be involved in in February 13-17 They will be working alongside Daniel and Grace Howson in their outreach work in Grantham.
3. Please pray for new publicity being prepared to help us raise the profile of the College and attract more students for training and service.

John Brand

**BANGOR Co Down
EASTER CONVENTION**

Friday 6–Tuesday 10 April 2012

Speakers Expected:

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Edinburgh Convention 2012

Tuesday 3 - Sunday 8 July

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Prayer Focus

January—February 2012

Dear *Praying Friends*

We are deeply indebted to all who have stood with us in prayer fellowship and practical support over the past year. We sincerely thank God for the faithful provision we have known in every way through His people.

As you are aware a decision was taken by the Mission Council some months ago that William and Carolyn Harrison along with Emma and Kyle would move from Newton Stewart to Portadown with William taking on the responsibility of Superintendent of the Irish Border District. This is subject to a suitable NHS care package becoming available for Kyle. At the time of writing there remains considerable uncertainty about this. Please pray that over the next few weeks the situation will become clear to everyone.

We know you will be praying for Johnathan and Janet Slater and their family as they adjust to the work in Co Cork.

As you pray for the different aspects of the Mission's evangelistic ministry, we would value your prayers as the Mission's Council look at ways the different areas can be staffed at a time when the shortage of personnel make this a very real challenge.

With warm regards

Yours in the fellowship of the gospel

Joe McNeill

Director for Scotland

England

NORTH DISTRICT:

James and Lynda Bovenizer, **Preston**: 'We want to give God praise and thanks for the many encouragements and opportunities given to share the gospel message in and around the Lancashire area. We continue with a full programme of school assemblies, Sunday services and mid-week meetings each month. This month we will be teaching RE Bible Explorer OT and NT to years five and six in four schools over a five week period. Lynda has weekly RE lessons at **Lea Endowed Church** of England School near Preston.

Mark and Sheena Nelson from **Durham**: 'Thanks for praying for us. Please pray for Mark as he regularly preaches in local churches. He is at **Broadmead Way Evangelical Church** and **Rowley Baptist Church** monthly. He does kids' clubs at **Rowley** and **Esh Winning** and goes into **Frankland** prison fortnightly. Mark starts a young teens Bible study at Bethany Christian Centre, **Houghton-le-Spring** on Monday 16 January. We have 'Castlesiders' family event in **Castleside** on Friday 3 February.'

The next meeting in **Leyburn** Mission Hall will be on Sunday 5 February, at 3:00 pm, when James Bovenizer will be the speaker. Please remember Johnathan and Janet Slater and their family as they settle into their new ministry in **Bandon**, Co Cork. We sincerely appreciate their fellowship and ministry in the North English District over these past few years.

Alistair Patterson

CENTRAL DISTRICT:

Simon and Rebecca Walsh were really pleased to have thirty-two neighbours along to a carol service in their garden in **Hulland Ward**. Nearly all these are unsaved and many have requested a repeat event next year. Pray for Simon and Rebecca as they continue their outreach to the Derbyshire farmers. Simon is often working alongside these farmers and also meets them at the local markets; building relationships with them and endeavouring to share the gospel.

David and Donna Ohin resume their weekly 'Treasure Seekers' club in their local village of **Turnditch**. The monthly Twenties & Thirties Bible study meets in their home, as does the fortnightly youth meetings. David joins an open air outreach team each Tuesday in **Derby** city centre. They also ask specific prayer for a monthly Bible study at which they have been studying comparative religions and cults. Freemasonry is in the spotlight in February and David and Donna need wisdom and discernment as they handle this. The Christianity Explored course in **Milford** continues with the last few sessions.

EAST DISTRICT:

John and Liz Macdonald: 'Thank you for your prayers. We had a good open air in **Peterhead** just before Christmas and the Christmas service in **Alandale House** was well attended by staff and residents. As we enter a new year pray that the good seed sown will reap a harvest. Continue to pray for the work in the prison. This month we will be visiting **Fraserburgh** and **Peterhead**. We have Sunday services throughout January and look forward to our New Year Rallies 19 – 21 January. We take three Prayer Unions, **Macduff**, **Peterhead** and **Cairnbulg**. On Tuesday 31 John speaks in the prison, Thursday 5 February is **Allandale House**, and then Liz speaks at two ladies' meetings, 30 January **Peterhead** Congregational Church and Monday 13 February in the Old Parish Church **Peterhead**.'

Kathy Wood, Fife: 'There were good numbers of unsaved at the carol services. On January 25 we have a Fanny Crosby afternoon at Viewfield Baptist Church, **Dunfermline** and that evening I take the ladies' meeting at **Pathhead** Baptist Church. On Sunday January 29 I take the service at **St Monans** Evangelical Church. I have a new opening to take the ladies' meeting at **Pittenweem** Baptist Church on Monday 6 February.'

The beginning of a new year is a good time to record our thanks to a great and faithful God, and to all who stand with us in the important place of prayer. Please continue with us as we seek the Lord for His outpoured blessing throughout this coming year. Our monthly "ministry and prayer meeting" continues in **Gourdon** along with opportunities in many churches to preach the Word each Sunday. Theme nights and other mid-week meetings bring us into contact with people who need to hear of Jesus the mighty to save. Viktor Mezger and I will be in Shetland 2–13 March when I will have a week of Bible teaching and Viktor will have a series of youth meetings. Prayer is valued for planning and preparation for the year ahead.

Noel McClintock

Bookshops

Please pray for the lady who purchased two Bibles for Christmas gifts for her sons, who have drifted away from the Lord. Pray that these young men will read them and be drawn back into a living relationship with God.

Praise God for the **Gilmerton** Primary School children, teachers and parents who used our Centre before Christmas for their Christmas services. Please pray as we continue to build relationships with this school.

Norman Liddle

HIGHLAND DISTRICT:

Fort William: Justin and Carol Cummings 'We pray the Lord would bless each one of you this year and we thank you for your prayers last year, many of which we have seen the answers to. Through this next month we have our regular meetings; Road to Recovery fortnightly on Mondays, **Spean Bridge** Bible Club each Monday and SU weekly at the High school on Wednesdays. Justin preaches at **Kilochoan** Free Church and **Acharacle** Free Church on Sunday 22. We have school assemblies at **Spean Bridge** Primary 26, **Upper Achintore** Primary 27, **Fort William** Roman Catholic Primary 30 and **Roy Bridge** Primary 1 February. Our monthly rally in the FW Hall on Saturday 28 has a special testimony time with Christina Bielska of Dalkeith who works with Edinburgh City Mission. Also in the Hall, we have our meeting on Sunday 29, Prayer Union lunch on Thursday 2 February and our youth meeting on Sunday 5 February. Carol speaks at the **Fort William** Baptist Church ladies meeting on Thursday 5. Please pray for guidance and wisdom for all these meetings and in particular for the new opening into the primary schools. Pray also for all those we visit during this time especially the non-Christians.'

At the start of a New Year we look back with thankfulness and forward with a measure of uncertainty but also anticipation; uncertainty about how the Lord will supply all our needs as we seek to reach the lost but anticipating the Lord's provision and unfailing promises as we launch out into a new season of evangelism. For some time now, we have been thinking about how we can be more effective in reaching the lost throughout the Highlands and Islands. This spring, God willing, we hope to begin Tent Missions as a tool to spreading the gospel in the villages and rural areas. Pray that we would continue to know the Lord's encouragement as we seek to move forward with this venture and His wisdom for exactly where these missions should take place. We anticipate a team coming from the College from 21 April to 20 May so we see this as a good opportunity to get started. Much needs to be done before then and we value your prayers. Richard Allen works with the Harbour Mission in **Wick** until 22 January. We look forward to the Rev George Macaskill, Stornoway speaking at our January Ross-shire rallies. They are in **Maryburgh** 27, **Fortrose** 28 and **Balintore** 29. We plan door to door visiting in some of these areas beforehand. Also we are pleased to have Joe Barnard, Kiltarlity, speaking at our Youth Weekend in Kingsview Christian Centre, **Inverness** 10–13 February. May the Lord be glorified in all that we do.

Donnie Macleod

Grace and I are excited about the coming year and the outreach on the **Earlesfield** estate, Grantham. We finalise plans for a number of teams to join us during the year and see real potential to make a significant impact on the community. Tim Currie, Faith Mission Ministry Apprentice, joins us on February 4 for a ten week placement from the Faith Mission Bible College, then second year students Andrew and Grace Morton, Stephen Houghton, Chris Klompas and David Nixon join us for a week 10-17 February. This is the midterm school break so we plan a holiday club as well as other outreach on the estate. PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS. Our 'connected' youth Bible study each Friday evening brings a lot of encouragement and an outreach event just before Christmas brought us into contact with many parents and other villagers from **Harby**.

Daniel Howson

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT:

David Lewis ask prayer that both he and his wife Elizabeth may know improved health; they also ask prayer for various family members that they will come to know and experience the grace and mercy of the Lord. They also ask our upholding for SMILE Club, which starts again in February, door to door, follow up, and the Lord's anointing for preaching each Sunday.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who prayed for the Carol Service in **Hatherleigh**, the Lord really answered prayer and we were thrilled to have at least 400 attend, a lot of these were local people, many of whom we believe to be unsaved. We are grateful to David Lewis and all on the local Committee for their commitment to this event, their support in prayer, their practical and financial support, and all their hard work both on the night in question and long prior to it! We also want to thank all who took part in the service, and each one who helped in any way.

We look forward to the Prayer and Fellowship Weekend in **Paignton** 20-22 January, when Dr Patrick McElligott will be our speaker. There are some places still available should anyone want to make a late booking, day visitors are very welcome to join us for any of the meetings at no extra charge, although should meals be required there will be a cost involved, please arrange this directly with the hotel.

Please do remember Paul Curwen in your prayers, towards the end of his Ministry Apprenticeship he was admitted to hospital in Exeter. Paul has now returned to Lancashire where he is awaiting further tests. Do pray that he will know God's healing touch and His peace at this time.

Ian Gilkinson

SOUTH EAST DISTRICT:

Arabella Paul writes from **Kent**, 'This quarter I am joined by Daniel Sherrington, who lives locally. He completed his "A" Levels in the summer, and will be helping with the after school clubs. It will be a steep learning curve for him, as he has little previous experience. **Eccles** after school club, which is usually quite lively, is Monday 16-Friday 20 January, **Wouldham** Monday 23-Friday 27 January and **St. Mary's Platt** Monday 6-Friday 10 February. There are assemblies prior to each of these.'

Stephen and Cynthia Walker, **Norfolk**. Over the next few weeks Stephen will be going into **Eccles** Primary School to do the Bible Explorer with year five and six. The door has opened into this small school recently with the move of a head teacher. Also they have been invited back into **Diss** High School to teach five sessions on Christianity to year seven.

Alistair Patterson

Wales

Thank you for praying for regular mid-week meetings and Sunday services in this past month. I knew the Lord's help both in preparation and in taking the various meetings. Thank you also to those who prayed for the travelling involved. Elizabeth and I would ask for continued prayerful interest in the further opportunities we have this month. For Elizabeth in the regular children's club in **Newton** Evangelical Church and for the outreach in which we are both involved through a Care and Share group; also for the on-going visitation programme, the book ministry, Sunday services and mid-week meetings.

Paul Crowe

Scotland

ANGLO SCOTTISH BORDER DISTRICT:

We have now entered 2012, another year in which to serve the Lord and look forward with anticipation to all that in His Will He has planned. We pause to give God praise for all His undertaking and rejoice with thanksgiving for His constant provision and for the variety of opportunities during 2011 to serve Him throughout the District. Our eyes are unto Him for the year ahead. Gordon and Helen Bingham have now moved to Wales where Gordon takes up a new sphere of ministry as assistant pastor with Llandrindod Wells Baptist Church.

Cumbria: We value your prayers for this well established work that we might soon have personnel available to put in position, enabling us to continue the Lord's work in this area.

The District programme is now underway with Prayer Union visitation and other preaching engagements. We look forward to our forthcoming Bible rallies in February. Please be much in prayer for these meetings and if at all possible plan to attend, it would be great to see you! **Advance Note:** We plan to run the Youth Weekend here at the Centre in **Newton Stewart** 2-4 March and ask that you pray for and encourage teenagers to attend.

Bible Rallies February 2012

Longhorsley Thursday 9th @ 7.30pm (The Mission)
Kirkby Stephen Friday 10 @ 7.30pm (Baptist Church)
Carlisle Saturday 11 @ 7.30pm (St Peter's Kingmoor)
Speaker: Rev Donovan Lurrie
(Crown Lane Free Methodist Church)

Advance Note:

District Youth Weekend 2-4 March '12

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William Harrison

SOUTH DISTRICT:

We thank God for His anointing on the ministry of David Brown who brought a very challenging message at **Edinburgh** Rally on 7 January. June and I are becoming increasingly conscious of the need in the District and are seeking openings for ministry and evangelism. The next **Edinburgh** Bible Rally is on Saturday 4 February when William Harrison will be the speaker.

Danny Chambers