

Daily Prayer Diary May/June 2011

MAY

Sun 1 Pray for Revd William Hayes, Home Mission minister in Tullamore and Mountmellick.

Mon 2 Pray for Karen Glass and Rhonda Burns in their ministry of the GoodNews4You Bookshop in Westport.

Tue 3 Pray for Revd Mervyn Gibson, Urban Mission minister of Westbourne in East Belfast.

Wed 4 Pray for the Hotel Bible Study led by Billy Patterson in Drogheda.

Thur 5 Pray for the elections taking place in Northern Ireland today.

Fri 6 Pray for Sonya McCullagh, Deaconess in Shore Street Donaghadee.

Sat 7 Pray for Eamon Doyle, Irish Mission Worker.

Sun 8 Pray for Revd Robert Love and the Urban Mission congregation of Taughmonagh in South Belfast.

Mon 9 Pray for Harry Moreland, Irish Mission Worker.

Tue 10 Pray for Carol McRoberts, Deaconess in Tullycarnet Presbyterian.

Wed 11 Pray for Eddie Spence, Urban Mission Worker in Ballygomartin Presbyterian Church in North Belfast.

Thur 12 Pray for the BMI Grants Panel meeting today.

Fri 13 Pray for John Luke, Linzie Cobain and the Nightlight volunteers who are on the streets of Belfast tonight.

Sat 14 Pray for Brian Simons and the Nightlight volunteers working in the Odyssey Arena tonight.

Sun 15 Pray for Revd Alan Mitchell, minister of Sligo & Boyle Pres. Churches.

Mon 16 Pray for Revd John Kirkpatrick and Revd Noel Agnew who act as race chaplains at the North West 200 held this week.

Tue 17 Pray for BMI Property and Finance Committee meeting tomorrow.

Wed 18 Pray for Westminster Fellowship Revival Meetings with Ray Ortland.

Thur 19 Pray for Robin Fairbairn, ReachOut Editor, and Mark Thompson, Graphic Designer, as they finalise the June/July issue of ReachOut tomorrow.

Fri 20 Pray for the final preparations being made for the Kids Praise Party organised by PCI Youth and Children's Department, taking place tomorrow.

Sat 21 Pray for all the children and leaders who will attend the Kids Praise Party today in Carnmoney Presbyterian.

Sun 22 Pray for Revd John Woodside and the growing congregation of Drogheda Presbyterian Church.

Mon 23 Pray for David Boyd, Irish Mission Worker in Adelaide Road Dublin.

Tue 24 Pray for Lynda McFaul, Deaconess in 1st Carrickfergus Pres.

Wed 25 Pray for Caroline Hawthorne and the staff of PW as they make final preparations for the PW Annual Meetings tomorrow.

Thur 26 Pray for the PW Annual Meeting taking place in Church House today at 2.00pm and 7.30pm.

Fri 27 Pray for Sally, Isobel, Anne and Billy who will be packing the June/July issue of ReachOut over the next few days.

Sat 28 Pray for Kevin Hargaden, Irish Mission Worker in Maynooth.

Sun 29 Pray for Keith McCrory and the congregation of Maynooth Community Church who are looking for their own premises.

Mon 30 Pray for Tom Dowling, Irish Mission Worker in Kilkenny.

Tue 31 Pray for Jackie O'Neill, Deaconess in Joymount Carrickfergus.

JUNE

Wed 1 Pray for Revd Donald Watts, Revd Trevor Gribben, and the staff of the General Secretary's Office as they make final preparations for General Assembly next week.

Thur 2 Pray for Revd Molly Deatherage who ministers in Ballina, Killala and Ballymote Presbyterian Churches.

Fri 3 Pray for Heather McCracken, Deaconess in Alexandra Pres.

Sat 4 Pray for Revd Norman Hamilton, the outgoing Moderator.

Sun 5 Pray for Revd Ivan Patterson, the incoming Moderator.

Mon 6 Pray for the opening night of the General Assembly.

Read the Bible in 2 years! The M'Cheyne Bible Calendar (Carson version - Year 2)

APRIL 2011

Fri 1 Proverbs 19; Colossians 2

Sat 2 Proverbs 20; Colossians 3

Sun 3 Proverbs 21; Colossians 4

Mon 4 Proverbs 22; 1Thessalonians 1

Tues 5 Proverbs 23; 1Thessalonians 2

Wed 6 Proverbs 24; 1Thessalonians 3

Thurs 7 Proverbs 25; 1Thessalonians 4

Fri 8 Proverbs 26; 1Thessalonians 5

Sat 9 Proverbs 27; 2Thessalonians 1

Sun 10 Proverbs 28; 2Thessalonians 2

Mon 11 Proverbs 29; 2Thessalonians 3

Tues 12 Proverbs 30; 1Timothy 1

Wed 13 Proverbs 31; 1Timothy 2

Thurs 14 Ecclesiastes 1; 1Timothy 3

Fri 15 Ecclesiastes 2; 1Timothy 4

Sat 16 Ecclesiastes 3; 1Timothy 5

Sun 17 Ecclesiastes 4; 1Timothy 6

Mon 18 Ecclesiastes 5; 2Timothy 1

Tues 19 Ecclesiastes 6; 2Timothy 2

Wed 20 Ecclesiastes 7; 2Timothy 3

Thurs 21 Ecclesiastes 8; 2Timothy 4

Fri 22 Ecclesiastes 9; Titus 1

Sat 23 Ecclesiastes 10; Titus 2

Sun 24 Ecclesiastes 11; Titus 3

Mon 25 Ecclesiastes 12; Philemon

Tues 26 Song of Solomon 1; Hebrews 1

Wed 27 Song of Solomon 2; Hebrews 2

Thurs 28 Song of Solomon 3; Hebrews 3

Fri 29 Song of Solomon 4; Hebrews 4

Sat 30 Song of Solomon 5; Hebrews 5

MAY 2011

Sun 1 Song of Solomon 6; Hebrews 6

Mon 2 Song of Solomon 7; Hebrews 7

Tues 3 Song of Solomon 8; Hebrews 8

Wed 4 Isaiah 1; Hebrews 9

Thurs 5 Isaiah 2; Hebrews 10

Fri 6 Isaiah 3-4; Hebrews 11

Sat 7 Isaiah 5; Hebrews 12

Sun 8 Isaiah 6; Hebrews 13

Mon 9 Isaiah 7; James 1

Tues 10 Isaiah 8:1-9:7; James 2

Wed 11 Isaiah 9:8-10:4; James 3

Thurs 12 Isaiah 10:5-34; James 4

Fri 13 Isaiah 11-12; James 5

Sat 14 Isaiah 13; 1 Peter 1

Sun 15 Isaiah 14; 1 Peter 2

Mon 16 Isaiah 15; 1 Peter 3

Tues 17 Isaiah 16; 1 Peter 4

Wed 18 Isaiah 17-18; 1 Peter 5

Thurs 19 Isaiah 19-20; 2 Peter 1

Fri 20 Isaiah 21; 2 Peter 2

Sat 21 Isaiah 22; 2 Peter 3

Sun 22 Isaiah 23; 1 John 1

Mon 23 Isaiah 24; 1 John 2

Tues 24 Isaiah 25; 1 John 3

Wed 25 Isaiah 26; 1 John 4

Thurs 26 Isaiah 27; 1 John 5

Fri 27 Isaiah 28; 2 John 1

Sat 28 Isaiah 29; 3 John 1

Sun 29 Isaiah 30; Jude

Mon 30 Isaiah 31; Revelation 1

Tues 31 Isaiah 32; Revelation 2

JUNE 2011

Wed 1 Isaiah 33; Revelation 3

Thurs 2 Isaiah 34; Revelation 4

Fri 3 Isaiah 35; Revelation 5

Sat 4 Isaiah 36; Revelation 6

Sun 5 Isaiah 37; Revelation 7

Mon 6 Isaiah 38; Revelation 8

Tues 7 Isaiah 39; Revelation 9

Wed 8 Isaiah 40; Revelation 10

Thurs 9 Isaiah 41; Revelation 11

Fri 10 Isaiah 42; Revelation 12

Sat 11 Isaiah 43; Revelation 13

Sun 12 Isaiah 44; Revelation 14

Mon 13 Isaiah 45; Revelation 15

Tues 14 Isaiah 46; Revelation 16

Wed 15 Isaiah 47; Revelation 17

Thurs 16 Isaiah 48; Revelation 18

Fri 17 Isaiah 49; Revelation 19

Sat 18 Isaiah 50; Revelation 20

Sun 19 Isaiah 51; Revelation 21

Mon 20 Isaiah 52; Revelation 22

Tues 21 Isaiah 53; Matthew 1

Wed 22 Isaiah 54; Matthew 2

Thurs 23 Isaiah 55; Matthew 3

Fri 24 Isaiah 56; Matthew 4

Sat 25 Isaiah 57; Matthew 5

Sun 26 Isaiah 58; Matthew 6

Mon 27 Isaiah 59; Matthew 7

Tues 28 Isaiah 60; Matthew 8

Wed 29 Isaiah 61; Matthew 9

Thurs 30 Isaiah 62; Matthew 10

ReachOut Connect

April - May 2011



Eddie the Evangelist

Eddie Spence, Community Evangelist, Ballygomartin (Belfast)

I was eating an apple one day many years ago while driving my car to a PWA meeting, when suddenly while munching a large mouthful of the delicious fruit I sneezed. No ordinary sneeze, this was explosive!

The result was that everything shot out with enormous power hitting every nook and cranny on the dashboard. I stopped the car and looked at the mess. Then 'it' hit me and I smiled. What a definition of evangelism I thought – GO OUT IN POWER - HIT EVERY DARN NOOK AND CRANNY WITH EVERYTHING YOU GOT - THEN START CLEANING UP THE MESS! I am Eddie the Evangelist (Eddie Spence) serving in North and West Belfast in a terrific little congregation called Ballygomartin Presbyterian Church. A job I never wanted and tried my best not to get, but God had me swallowed up like a proverbial Jonah and spat out and I landed in my Nineveh. But I am not complaining, unlike my mate Jonah. I've no axe to grind against the people up here. I just wield a sword - the sword of the 'fruit' of the Spirit. When I got here I heard the 'parish' had 10,000 homes. I prayed every morning at 5.00 am, "Lord I

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APRIL

Sun 3 Pray for Wellington Church, Ballymena who are encouraging members of the congregation to pray and fast for 21 days from today.

Mon 4 Pray for Keith Preston and the Bible Study Group among migrants taking place in Ulsterville tonight.

Tue 5 Pray for Jenny Robinson, Deaconess working in Friendship House in Sandy Row, South Belfast.

Wed 6 Pray for the Hotel Bible Study led by Billy Patterson in Drogheda tonight.

Thur 7 Pray for Jonathan Reid Community Evangelist, supported by the Irish Mission Fund, working in Ahoghill.

Fri 8 Pray for John Luke, Linzie Cobain and the Nightlight volunteers who are on the streets of Belfast city centre tonight.

Sat 9 Pray for Brian Simons and the Nightlight volunteers working in the Odyssey Arena tonight.

Sun 10 Pray for Revd Danny Rankin and the congregation of Strand in East Belfast who are now meeting in the local primary school.

Mon 11 Pray for Richie Cronin, Church Community Outreach Worker in Dun Laoghaire Presbyterian Church, who is supported by the Irish Mission Fund.

Tue 12 Pray for the BMI Worship Panel who meet tonight.

Wed 13 Pray for the last night of Christianity Explored in Crumlin Presbyterian Church tonight.

Thur 14 Pray for Michelle McCauley, Deaconess in Ballygowan Presbyterian Church.

Fri 15 Pray for Philip Whelton, Irish Mission Worker in Arklow, and the work among children and teenagers in the town.

Sat 16 Pray for the appointment of an Outreach Worker in Ballyloughan Presbyterian Church, Ballymena. More details on www.missionireland.typepad.com.

Sun 17 Praise God for the continued growth of Donabate Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Revd Andy Carroll.

Mon 18 Pray for Revd Roy Patton, the Convenor of the Board of Mission in Ireland.

Tue 19 Pray for William Workman, Irish Mission Worker in Athy, and his outreach in the Market on Tuesdays.

Wed 20 Pray for 'Easter Cracked', a children's event to be held tomorrow from 10.00am - 12.00noon in West Church Ballymena.

Thur 21 Pray for the children who will attend 'Easter Cracked'; that they will come to know Jesus as their Saviour.

Fri 22 Praise God: The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me.

Sat 23 Pray for the Dawn services that will take place early tomorrow morning.

Sun 24 Praise God 'He is not here, He is Risen'.

Mon 25 Give thanks, 'That Christ indeed has been raised from the dead' (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Tue 26 Pray for Sadie McCullough, Deaconess in Whiteabbey Presbyterian Church.

Wed 27 Pray for Christianity Explored being held by West Church Ballymena, and for Phyllis Linton the Deaconess working in the congregation.

Thur 28 Pray for Revd David Montgomery, Minister in Greystones Presbyterian Church.

Fri 29 Pray for John Luke, Linzie Cobain and the Nightlight volunteers who are on the streets of Belfast city centre tonight.

Sat 30 Pray for Brian Simons and the Nightlight volunteers working in the Odyssey Arena tonight.

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No two days are ever the same

Elizabeth Matthews
Elmwood Presbyterian Church, Lisburn

Elizabeth, can I speak to you?" "Yes of course," I replied as I said goodbye to some mums as they left the hall after "Little Angels", our adult and toddlers group.

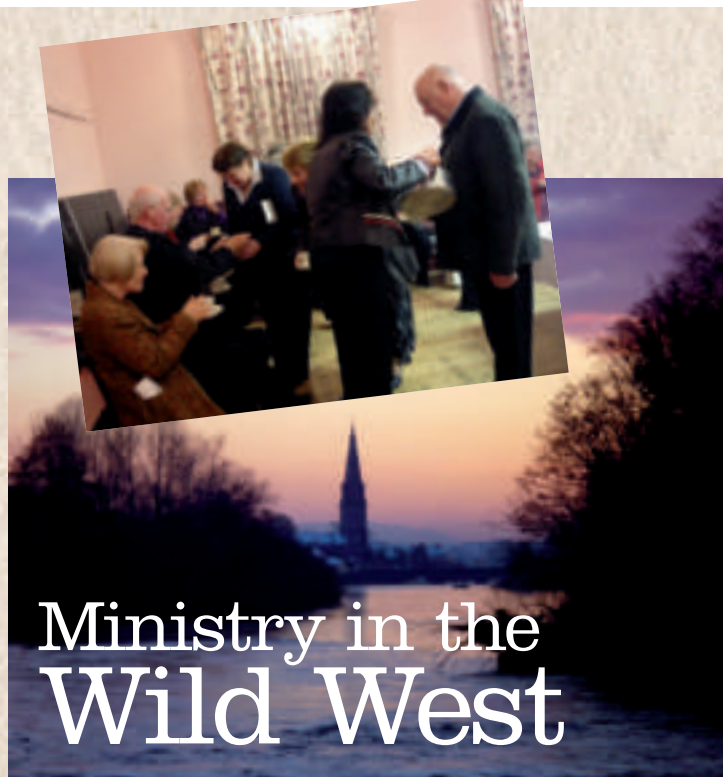
"And we buried his father yesterday," she said as she pointed to a little two-year-old by her side. I was stunned as I asked what had happened, to be told, "He committed suicide." Just one of the conversations I'd had at Mums and tots that morning as an aunt had brought the child out to try and preserve some sort of normality.



Is there a First Aid course coming up in Elmwood? some of the child minders ask. Another tells me her friend has just lost her baby and asks if I'll call and see her. Another has spent the night in A&E and asks if I will call and see her child in hospital. Our Connect service is on Sunday night and I endeavour to invite the mums, dads, grannies and child minders along explaining what it's all about.

No two days are ever the same. Problems vary but continue to give opportunity to bring Christ's love into all sorts of situations. Praise God for those opportunities to get alongside those hurting, offering hope and peace in the Lord Jesus.

Praise God for all those who come to programmes in Elmwood through Community Ministry, many with no church connection, others loosely connected through organisations. Pray for relationships to be built up and that Christ would be at the centre of all we do. Thank God for all those who help in this work and pray that we will stay close to Jesus in our daily walk with Him.



Ministry in the Wild West

Revd Molly Deatherage
Ballina/Ballymote/Killala

Ballina/Ballymote/Killala congregations, in the "Wild West," know how to celebrate! The day of my installation and ordination was one to remember: the church full to bursting, friends from all over Ireland, the buzz of anticipation, the lovely and challenging service, a dinner reception afterwards at a local hotel. What a wonderful start to my ministry here!

The cold weather shut things down for a few weeks, but since the thaw and the gradual warmth of the coming Spring, the congregations are back to full strength and have begun meeting to think and plan toward the future. It is a new experience for all involved, and stretches both the faith and the imagination, but is sure to bear fruit as we seek to hear from God what He has in mind for us.

I am grateful for the generosity of the congregations in preparing for my coming, in the renovations of the manse, and at my installation. I am grateful for the openness with which the congregations have embraced me and my ministry. I am grateful for the ongoing input and loving support of the congregation of Ballywalter, as well as the prayers of so many friends around Ireland and around the world. I am grateful for the level of faith so many have expressed that God wants to move in the church and in the area. And most of all, I am grateful to the Lord Jesus for bringing me here to serve him by ministering to the congregations of Ballina, Ballymote, and Killala.



Open people's eyes to see Jesus

William Workman
Athy

I am helping with an Alpha Course organised by all the churches in Athy. There are about 25 attending from a variety of backgrounds and with very different views. We have Atheists, those who have been strongly influenced by Jehovah Witness teaching, Roman Catholic and Evangelical Christian. This leads to an interesting discussion each week. Pray that the Lord will open people's eyes to see Jesus and that they will come to know him as Saviour. The course ends at Easter and I hope that there will be interest in a follow-up Bible Study.

The children coming to the children's meeting on Friday after school continue to show keen interest as they learn and ask questions about God's Word. I changed the age in our youth club on Wednesday evening to 18+ and although the number coming is small there is a good interest as we organise a varied programme. The improved weather makes it much more pleasant to be in the market on a Tuesday morning with a book stall. Interest continues to be mainly from non nationals.

Pray also for plans for the summer outreach which takes place in July. I have been in contact with people in the USA and in Ballymoney and hopefully they will be able to help out with teams.

I look forward to a harvest from the seed that has been sown over the years.



Eddie the Evangelist

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want 10,000 homes." Then last week I read a report that said there are 20,000 homes and I went to the Lord and said, "Damn it, Lord, I made a mistake, I want 20,000."

I, along with a small group of folks have been using what little resources we have to build relationships with the folks that surround us. For evangelism is not brain surgery it is just repairing the broken relationships that were damaged when the pair on the ground ate the apple from the tree, Genesis 3 (artistic licence used in the theology of this sentence). But you the reader get what I mean. I have a full year's work/presentation I am presenting to the session up here in Ballygomartin, it is exciting times! We did a 'tester' before Christmas of an open day for the community and it was deemed a success by all inside and outside our four walls that surround our church. Now like the flu pandemic we're set to 'sneeze' the fruit of the Spirit and then we're ready to clean up the mess.



Touching hurting and lonely lives

Rosemary Spiers, 1st Antrim Presbyterian Church

We are looking forward to the Ladies Big Breakfast, pray that women of 1st Antrim will come along and bring friends to this special event. Pray for Catherine Campbell as she shares her story of faith and all would be blessed at the Big Breakfast!

- Give thanks to God for conversations to share about Jesus and opportunity to show God's love in action (food at Christmas time) to those that drop in for a cup of tea at 'Chat N Chew' on a Thursday morning. Do pray that God will guide us as we minister to others and that He will touch hurting and lonely lives.

- Wednesday is a busy morning as children and adults come into the halls. Many friendships have been formed with those from the community and families from different countries now living in Antrim.

- Mums and Tots has been a faithful witness in the town over many years, due to the dedication of the leader, however she will be stepping down from this responsibility. Do pray for the new leader and new helpers for this ministry.

'Every day, seek to lose yourself more in Christ, to live more completely in Him, by Him, for Him, with Him.' Charles H Spurgeon

