



AUTUMN/WINTER 19/20

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PRAYER UPDATE OF BELFAST CITY MISSION

Dear Friends

They say the older you get the quicker the time goes and so at the age I've reached I cannot believe we are right at the commencement of another winters work in Belfast City Mission when it only feels like a couple of months since last winter.

For all of our Missionaries, volunteers, Sunday school teachers and Youth Leaders the summer days of rest and relaxation are over and they are up ready and raring to go again in their specific tasks to win souls for our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Much has been accomplished over the summer months with many of our halls holding good news clubs, fun days, and leisure activities for the children with the central theme of Christ. Summer outreach on the doors of our districts, B.B. and G.B. camps are now in the past were the good seed of the gospel has been sown into young hearts and we pray that through these efforts many will come to faith in the Lord Jesus.

Please find within this little brochure fuel for prayer praying that Almighty God will ignite these prayers with answers from on high.

Thank you for your faithful and continual support for our work here in our capital city which sadly like many other capitals in the U.K. are so removed from God in this present day.

Yours in Christ,  
**Bobi Brown, Executive Secretary**



**DATE  
CHANGE**

## ... for Next Year's *Annual Rally*

We had advertised in our Annual report that the date of 2020 Annual Rally is Thursday 30th April. Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the date to TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020 @ 7.30 PM IN ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS.

### *Annual Rally*

***TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020***

@ 7.30 PM IN ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS

Speaker: Rev Bobbie Stevenson

Soloist: Mrs Melanie Topley

Rev Dr William Henry  
(Moderator of the General Assembly)  
will bring Greetings

Praise led by: Ps 150



**PRAY FOR  
SPECIAL EVENTS**

### *Gospel Missions*

taking place in . . .

#### Ballysillan Hall

Sunday 6th to Thursday 10th October

Speaker Bobi Brown

#### Fairview Road Hall

End of September Various Speakers

#### Great Northern Street Hall

End of September Various Speakers

#### Glencairn Hall

End of September Speaker John Weir



## ***Belfast City Mission 2019 Annual Toy Appeal***

Pray for the Belfast City Mission 2019 Annual Toy Appeal as we help families out in our 16 districts who struggle at that time of the year. This is a great bridge builder with people that we donate to as we show our Christian love in a very practical way.

This year's details are as follows....Gifts and Toys and non-perishable foodstuffs can be delivered to Glencairn City Mission Hall Forthriver Road BT13 3US on Mon 2nd to Wed 4th Dec 10.00am -2.00pm then the following week Mon 9th to Wed 11th Dec. Due to health and safety regulations all toys, cosmetics, toiletries must be new and all foodstuffs must have a good shelf life date.

Thank You.

### ***Weekly Prayer Diary for Staff***

**Sun ~ Andy Williamson, Angela Magill, Martha Brown**  
(Ballysillan) (Office) (Office)

**Mon ~ David Bell, Gary Bingham, David Bisset**  
(Office) (Shore Road) (Ballybeen)

**Tue ~ Bobi Brown, Willie Cowan, Tom Gamble**  
(Office) (Kimberley St) (Jersey St)

**Wed ~ Stanley Kyle, Willie Logan, George Lunn**  
(Kimberley St) (Sandy Row) (Glencairn)

**Thur ~ Tom Marshall, Alan Martin, Paul McCaw**  
(Bloomfield Drive) (Ballyduff) (Mayo St)

**Fri ~ Billy McCullagh, Jordan Neill, Ivan Patterson**  
(Island St) (Rathcoole) (Great Northern St)

**Sat ~ Walter Simms, Michael Waddell, Lloyd Watson**  
(Mountcollyer) (Canton St) (Kilburn St)

### ***Retired Staff***

*George Ferguson ~ Harry Creighton  
Errol McCrory ~ Eddie Kelso ~ Roy Graham  
Arthur McClelland ~ Ernie Shooter  
Sam Morrow ~ Jim Lawther ~ Raymond Hume*

## Points for Prayer and Praise Around the Halls



### Canton Street

- Pray for the children and young people within the area and district.
- For leaders to help keep the Bible Club going.
- Pray for adults to have the desire to attend the Gospel meetings.
- God's spirit to move throughout our City.
- Give praise and thanks to God for a clear and simple presentation of the Gospel during our anniversary mission in May 2019.
- Praise also for the number of outsiders who came during the mission to hear the Gospel.
- For the people who remain faithful in their attendance and service of the Hall.
- To God for His enabling help amongst us.

### Sandy Row

- Pray for those within the district who are really struggling with addictions.
- Remember in prayer the people who are making use of our foodbank and also the men who are resident in the Utility Street Hostel.
- The new "Drop Inn" we hope to get started in early Autumn, (leading to a Men's Shed in the future).
- Salvation of souls who attend the hall and who live in the district.
- Remember in prayer those who used to attend the meetings but who are now in Nursing Homes.
- Pray for the coming Harvest weekend with Evangelist Mr John Weir.
- Give praise for God's faithfulness in providing resources for the Hall.
- Praise for the PCI team who worked within Sandy Row in August 2019.
- Thanks to God for the different churches and individuals who regularly

donate to our Foodbank.

- For the continuing work with Friendship House.
- Praise God for the regular opportunities to speak to individuals about the Lord Jesus.
- The children who attend our "Good News Club".

### Fairview Road

- Remember in prayer our Gospel Mission during the first week of October 2019. Pray that God will save souls. Pray for the outreach that will take place prior to the Mission.
- Our G.B. Company that God will bless the ministry among the girls.
- The Friday evening "Good News Club" as the young people hear the Gospel story.
- Praise God for His continuing blessing throughout the work during the summer months.
- For the many children who attended our Holiday Bible Club in August 2019.
- To God for giving strength and endurance to our faithful members.

### Glencairn

- Remember in prayer the special mission to be held Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October 2019 with speaker and evangelist Mr. John Weir.
- Our continuing youth work and for new leaders to help with this important work.
- Continue to pray also for new bus drivers to help transport people to the meetings and activities held in the Hall.
- The mission families who attend or have a connection to the Glencairn Hall. Especially pray for souls to be saved.
- For George that he will continue to experience God's blessing, strength and wisdom as he carries out his work daily throughout the district.
- Give praise for all that has been accomplished for God during the summer, for the many opportunities given in various activities and circumstances to proclaim the Gospel and for souls who have come to faith.

## Ballybeen

- Pray for our Youth Club which is due to recommence Friday 20th September 2019. We are currently without a female leader; if this remains the case, due to child protection reasons we will not be able to commence this important work. Pray urgently that the Lord will provide a suitable female Youth Club Leader.
- Our uniformed organisations – Boys Brigade (Monday night) and Girls Brigade (Wednesday night), as they recommence for a new session in September 2019. Pray for the Captains, Officers, Leaders and the young people who attend.
- Give praise for another successful joint GB and BB camp at the beginning of August. Praise God for His provision and enablement to take a party of 35 officers and young people to Southend on Sea Essex. Praise for the His blessings of safety, good weather, fun and good fellowship. Most importantly give thanks for the seed of God's Word that was once again sown in the hearts of the young people and trust God for fruit in His time.

## Mayo Street

- Pray for the people from the district to regularly attend the Sunday evening services.
- Remember in prayer all our youth work; Sunday School, Mums and Young Ones and Kids Club.
- For all the special services and events we have planned during the Autumn season:
  - o Family Afternoon Service with Brian & May Gault – Sunday 8th September 2019.
  - o Harvest Service – Sunday 6th October 2019 – Speaker Mr: Willis McDowell.
  - o Joint Evening Service in Woodvale Presbyterian Church – Sunday 27th October 2019.
  - o Family Service – Sunday 10th November 2019 – Speaker Mr: Colin Tinsley.
  - o Sunday School Service – Sunday 15th December 2019.
  - o Carols by Candlelight Service – Sunday 22nd December 2019.
- Praise for the opportunities provided to share God's Word at weddings and children's dedications.

- The unsaved who attended all the highlighted events listed below:
  - o Family Service with Rainbow of Hope Ministries Sunday 17th February 2019.
  - o Movie/Munchies & More night Friday 15th March 2019.
  - o 130th Anniversary Mission Sunday 14th April Sunday 19th April 2019.
  - o Sunday School Family Service/Prize Day Sunday 12th May 2019.
  - o Sunday School trip to Bangor Saturday 18th May 2019.
  - o Mums and Young Ones trip to Funky Monkeys Tuesday 21st May 2019.
  - o Family day trip June 2019.
  - o Summer Kids Club Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August 2019

## Bloomfield Drive

- Pray for a spiritual awakening again within the area and district as there is a real apathy for matters relating to God.
- For God's strength and guidance as we endeavour to engage with people in our outreach, that we will be enabled to explain to them their need of Him.
- We have recently lost some of our faithful people within the Hall to illness and Nursing Care. Remember these people in prayer but also pray their places will be filled by new people coming to the Hall.
- Give praise for the help given through our Mother & Toddlers Group and for those who come with their young children.
- Praise also for the good number of people who do attend our prayer meeting each week. We would have up to 18 on a regular basis.

## Mountcollyer

- Pray that God would put His blessing upon the tract distribution around Mountcollyer and Tiger's Bay, that was carried out over the summer months, that souls may be brought into the Kingdom of God as a result.
- For God would pour out His Holy Spirit on such a spiritually needy area and district.
- Give praise and thanks for the faithfulness of God's people who continue to attend and support Mountcollyer in these difficult days we live.
- Give thanks to God for the added numbers who now attend regularly and enjoy the warmth of fellowship and friendship at Mountcollyer.

## Shore Road

- Pray for the continuing outreach within the district, that as invitations and tracts are distributed the people would have a desire to attend and also see their need in Christ Jesus.
- Especially remember in prayer all the different services and activities that recommence again this season.
- Pray for the work amongst the young people through Sunday School, Youth Club, Boys Brigade and other special activities.
- For the Harvest weekend Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th September 2019 when our speaker will be Mr. Raymond Adams. Pray that many from the district will attend.
- Recently a number of our faithful who attended on a regular basis have been facing illness, with some now even in Nursing Care or confined to their homes. Remember these people in prayer as they face a change in their lives. Pray also as we in the Mission Hall adapt to the loss of their presence and that new people will come to fill the gap.
- Praise and thanks for the special Mission that was held in May 2019. For the 5 people who sought council during the week, one of these a lady from the district who now attends our services and also has helped recently with the outreach in the district.
- Give praise also for the two ladies Gary had the privilege of leading to faith over the summer period.
- The recent fun day that took place Saturday 7th September, for those who helped with the organising and for the people who came and enjoyed the day from the community.

## The Bridge, Kimberley Street

- Pray for the English classes, sewing classes and after schools clubs, that through these relationships we would have many opportunities to share the Gospel.
- Praise God that we continue to see people come to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that these new converts will grow much in the grace of God. Pray that our Monday Bible study, that this would help young Christians to grow much in their faith.
- We thank God for the many wonderful openings we have into the homes and lives of folks. Many of these people come from unreached parts of the world, where they would have little or no opportunity to

meet with Christians. Pray that in the freedom that we have in Belfast they would respond to the message of the Gospel. Pray indeed for an outpouring of the Spirit of God among these peoples, as we long to see them saved.

- Praise God for the children that came along to our summer 5 day club. Pray for the "Good News Club" that will run each Wednesday evening over the winter months. Pray that both children and parents would be effected by this witness.
- Praise God for the Sunday evening service. Pray for the preaching of God's word. Pray that we would see an urgency among the folks living in the district to come and hear God's word.
- Pray that William and Stanley and the other helpers would know much blessing as they reach out with the Gospel message. Pray that in all we do, that God would be glorified through the work in Kimberley Street.

## Bilston Road (Ballysillan)

- Pray for families we are working with who have particularly difficult issues going on.
- Remember in prayer our upcoming special Mission Sunday 6th – Thursday 10th October 2019, Speaker Mr Bobi Brown.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to move as we reach people with our Men's Work, Women's Work, Youth Work and our general witness in the district.
- Give praise and thanks for the summer outreach among the young people in the district; Football Camp (June), Bible Club (July) and the recent Canoeing Trip, all of which well attended.
- Give thanks for the new links with new families within the district.
- For the enthusiastic leaders who helped out with outreach of the district.
- Praise and thanks for the ongoing links that are continuing to be forged with the local churches and the combined outreach in the community.

## Jersey Street

- Continue to pray for the outreach of the district, that opportunities would be given to engage with people on spiritual matters.
- The ongoing difficult situations of life that families are experiencing on a daily basis throughout the area of the Shankhill.
- Various meetings and activities that will commence again during this season, that we will see some new faces attending.



- A real evident movement of the Holy Spirit upon the Shankhill, that the apathy and disregard for God will be changed.
- Give praise and thanks for the encouraging Bible Club that was held in June 2019. For the good attendance of young children and also for the faithful help of C.E.F. in running the Club.
- Praise for the faithfulness shown by the number of people who have attended the Mission throughout many years.

## Kilburn Street

- Remember in prayer the upcoming Harvest weekend Saturday 28th September @ 7.45pm – Praise service with “Word of Truth” Testimony Samuel Patterson; Sunday 28th September @ 7.00pm – Victor Hutchinson, Vivienne McCoy and Jim Lyons (Faith Mission). Pray that people from the district will have the desire to attend.
- Pray for the district as a whole, as there are many difficult problems existing with addictions evident among many, most especially with alcohol, drugs and gambling.
- Continuing outreach of the district, that opportunities would be given to engage with people and an openness would be apparent in those with whom we engage, to the Gospel message.
- Faithful people who attend the Mission on a regular basis and who give of their help with the meetings each week. Pray that they would know health and strength to continue doing so.
- The planned “Watchnight Service” Tuesday 31st December 2019 @ 10.15pm with speaker John Weir and special singing with refreshments provided. Pray that people from the district would come and hear the message as we enter a New Year.
- Give praise and thanks to God for His Hand of protection over the Mission Hall during the recent fire outside the building that potentially could have been a lot worse.

## Island Street

- Continue to remember Missionary Billy McCullagh. Ask that the Lord would continue to sustain him, particularly with his many health problems.
- Pray for a busy range of activities planned over the next number of months including our Harvest Services; Day trip to Hillsborough Castle; Half-Term fun activities for the children and our visit to the Irish War

Military Museum in November.

- Give praise and thanks for the great Holiday Bible Club during the summer.
- The encouraging contacts with parent and families within the district.

## Great Northern Street

- Pray for more people to attend the Sunday meeting to encourage those who faithfully come on a regular basis.
- Remember those in prayer with serious illness, that they would find encouragement and know rest and peace in God.
- The Harvest special events will bear fruit over the winter period.
- That new people coming to live in the area will be led to come to the Mission Hall.
- Praise for the positive feedback and conversations that have taken place during weekly visits to Nursing Homes.
- For conversations that have brought about positive change in people’s lives.
- The meaningful Bible studies held each Thursday evening.

## Rathcoole

- Pray for our youth work that commences again this season, BB, GB, Kidz “R” and Youth Club. Remember also our Parent & Toddlers, pray that it will remain as an opportunity in outreach within the community.
- The “Link-up Lunch Club”, that this will continue to be used as a source of fellowship and friendship among the elderly people of the district.
- That the outreach of the area at the end of August will bear fruit during the coming days and months.
- Remember in prayer the upcoming Harvest services that will take place 28th & 29th September 2019. Pray that the seed of the Gospel will be sown and will also bear fruit in many lives.
- Give praise for the camps that took place during the summer amongst the BB & GB. For the safety and also the fun and fellowship experienced in all the activities.
- For all the leaders and helpers who give of their time to serve within the Mission Hall.
- Give praise also for all that was accomplished for the Lord during the summer through our Holiday Bible Club and also for the association we had with “SPARK” and their work in the community again this year.

## EARLY RETIREMENT



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the early retirement of Billy McCullagh, Missionary in Island Street hall for the past 20 years due to failing health. Billy has been through so much

in recent days especially with the home call of his dear wife Elizabeth two and a half years ago on top of his worsening sight and diabetes conditions among other things. The people of the Hall will miss Billy so much as will the people of the Island Street district with whom he has made a tremendous impact and formed a powerful relationship. We would value your prayers for Billy in these difficult times for him and his faithful congregation.

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## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

In light of the above legislation now in force we the Belfast City Mission continue to keep your personal data on our current database. If you still give your consent for us to do this, you need do nothing. However, if you wish to be removed from our records you can telephone our office (028) 9032 0557. Or alternatively you can contact us by email [info@belfastcitymission.org.uk](mailto:info@belfastcitymission.org.uk). We do take the responsibility of handling your personal data seriously and as always we are indebted to your faithful support given to the work of the Belfast City Mission.

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**SUPERINTENDENTS BOARD**  
**VARIOUS COMMITTEES**  
**PRESIDENT MR RONNIE ARMOUR**  
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**MISSION STAFF WIDOWERS**  
**DISTRICT OUTREACH**  
**STAFF MEMBERS FAMILIES**  
**HELPERS AND VOLUNTEERS IN ALL OF OUR HALLS**  
**MISSION AUXILIARY SECRETARIES ACROSS THE PROVINCE**  
**FORTHCOMING GOSPEL MISSIONS**

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