

December 2017

**FRI 1 DEC**

Anita and intern Jonny will take an assembly and then tell the Christmas Bible story to several classes in Kilronan School, Magherafelt. Please pray for blessing as pupils are encouraged to celebrate Christmas in real ways. Rachel S is taking her final '150th Giveaway' assembly today. Give thanks and pray for the continued impact of the books that have been given to pupils in 25 Ballymena primary schools.

**SAT 2 DEC**

Leadership Development Training is taking place today - it's a joint Schools and Camps & Missions initiative seeking to invest in future leaders.

**SUN 3 DEC**

Joel will open God's Word and share about E3 in Ballinderry & Maze Presbyterian Churches this morning. Also pray for Leanne in Woodvale Methodist Church, North Belfast as she shares about the work of the E3 Schools' Project and the potential of this within the area.

**MON 4 DEC**

Pray for Christian teachers and others who have opportunities to share the Christmas story in assemblies, lessons, SU groups and carol services this month. Pray that children will see beyond the trappings of the season and discover the truth about Jesus' birth and its significance for them.

**TUES 5 DEC**

Please pray for Paul Jardine, joining the staff team as Camps & Missions Administrator - pray that he settles in well and helps us to continue to grow this amazing ministry.

**WED 6 DEC**

During December we will deliver the 'Amazing Journey to Bethlehem' in a number of schools. Please pray that God will use this RE lesson to bring home the reality of the Christmas story. Also pray for tonight's post primary cluster group in the North West as they share resources & ideas and encourage each other.

**THUR 7 DEC**

Pray that as Jeff shares the Christmas story in Willowbridge School this morning, God's love will be evident to all. Also remember intern Reuben taking his first full assembly in Dunseverick Primary School today and intern Jonny going back in to his old school (The Rainey Endowed) for two SU sessions this month.

**FRI 8 DEC**

The Camps & Missions team are busy preparing the publicity for summer 2018, so pray for them and the Team Leaders as they finalise plans for next summer.

**SAT 9 DEC**

Pray for Post-Primary Unite Support Teams as they make plans for their joint school SU

events. The theme this year is 'digging deep' into God's Word. Also pray for Phil as he delivers training on schools ministry to the Youth for Christ interns.

**SUN 10 DEC**

Lyndsey is taking some time this month to think about ways we can support schools through the KS1 Primary RE curriculum. Pray that schools will continue to make space for RE in the classroom.

**MON 11 DEC**

Camps & Missions Committee meet this evening to plan and prepare for summer 2018 and beyond! Pray for them as they grapple with longer term strategy and 'big picture' thinking for this great work.

**TUES 12 DEC**

Rachel S is speaking at Camphill PS's carol service tonight and the pupils will tell the nativity story to their family and friends. Pray that through the words spoken and songs sung everyone will be reminded of the significance of Jesus' birth for the world today.

**WED 13 DEC**

Pray for fresh inspiration for Paul this month as he writes the remaining Bible Timeline Assemblies for next term. Pray that these will be used to convey Bible truth to boys and girls in a way that captures their interest and speaks into their lives.

**THUR 14 DEC**

Remember Lyndsey and intern Amy taking Christmas lessons with P4 classes in Elmgrove Primary School today.

**FRI 15 DEC**

Give thanks for opportunities to give out Mark's Gospels as part of 'Amazing Jesus' lessons this past term. Pray for the impact of these as children and families open God's word together.

**SAT 16 DEC**

Caroline & Joel are running a Joint SU Christmas Event tonight with pupils from schools in East & South Antrim to dig deeper into the Christmas story.

**SUN 17 DEC**

Pray for Rachel T as she leads a Kids Carol Service in Hamilton Road Baptist Church today.

**MON 18 DEC**

The creation of 'Back To School With God' 2018 resources begins in earnest as Anita and Mark Moorhead join with the team from SU Scotland. Please pray for the new team members, both childrens' workers, that their input will strengthen and enrich the resource.

**TUES 19 DEC**

Lyndsey has enjoyed meeting up with new principals in the East Belfast area. Give thanks for connections made and for strengthened relationships in these schools.

**WED 20 DEC**

New Camps & Missions Team Leaders are being interviewed and put in place for some of next summer's teams - please pray for wisdom and guidance for those on both sides of that interview process!

**THUR 21 DEC**

Give thanks for a great staff team at SUNI and for all God's good blessings this year.

**FRI 22 DEC**

Post-primary pupils across Carrickfergus attended a 'One Way' event at the end of November. Pray that they will have been impacted by the event and want to know more about God as a result.

**SAT 23 DEC**

Give thanks for a meeting Paul had with teachers from Dromore Central PS whose vision is to work with volunteers from local churches to run a Christian group for 400 children from P4-P7 on Friday afternoons starting next term. Pray for a team to come together, their dream to be realised and for a huge impact in the school and the community.

**SUN 24 DEC**

Pray for Rhyan McCoy, East Antrim DST, as he recovers from surgery.

**MON 25 DEC**

Praise God that the Word did indeed become flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood. (John 1:14) As we celebrate the joy of knowing Immanuel, God with us, today, pray for children, young people and families who don't yet have that joy in their lives.

**TUES 26 DEC**

It's exactly one month until our Camps and Missions Leaders' Weekend! Please lift up these amazing volunteers and pray for God to be filling them in preparation for all they will give out this year.

**WED 27 DEC**

Pray for Ian, Ashleigh, Jill and Joanne as they carry out their administrative and financial work on a daily basis. Thank God for giving them the gift of administration.

**THUR 28 DEC**

Give thanks for the Ballymena DST and all that they input into schools ministry in Ballymena each year.

**FRI 29 DEC**

Please pray that people who attended the Leadership Development Training with Drew and Phil will take what they learned and use that in whatever context God places them.

**SAT 30 DEC**

Give thanks for the ongoing development of E3 in new areas. Last month new District Support Teams got off the ground in Omagh/Castlederg, North Belfast and the North West. Pray for the necessary financial support from these areas to come in and give thanks for those who have already agreed to get behind E3.

**SUN 31 DEC**

SU groups - voluntary groups where Christian pupils build community and grow in faith together and where pupils can encounter God through the Bible - meet in 247 schools; Primary, Post-Primary and Special across Northern Ireland. Pray for God's blessing on each person who belongs to SU in school in the new year ahead.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!**