Muckamore PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Prayer Diary
November 2026

This diary is designed to help you to pray for the life of our congregation. We would encourage you to take it and use it on a daily basis, asking God for His hand in all that we are and do.

Scripture Reflection

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John Ch 13 v33

Sunday 1st- Give thanks today, **All Saints' Day**, in the words of the hymn: "For all the saints who thee by faith before the world confessed". Give thanks for the Christians who by their lives have witnessed to each of us. Pray that we too will live our lives faithful to our Lord so that future generations will know and worship Jesus.

Monday 2nd – Pray for our friends in **Naas PC**. It is hoped to begin a group for teenage discipleship during November. Please pray for the young people and those who will lead. Please ask the Lord to use the weekly Bible Study in Newbridge, and also to call individuals to come along to the Christianity Explored course starting soon (DV). They would love to have musicians to lead the singing on Sundays. Please pray this might become possible.

Tuesday 3rd – **The Friendship Group** meets today. Thank God for the opportunity for church members and their friends to meet together informally. Today's special guest is Naomi Dudgeon who will talk about her work in West Belfast. Pray for God's blessing on Naomi as she shares her story. Pray for Kathleen, the team of helpers and the group members, asking God to bless their time together.

Wednesday 4th- Please continue to pray for the **Ten Words of Grace** series at our Midweek, that there would be a good attendance. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide and direct the thoughts of those who will present the studies on the Ten Commandments and for those who will hear; that the Lord would challenge and encourage us in our walk with Him.

Thursday 5th- Give thanks that following September's **PW/Woven** meeting, the ladies in our congregation were encouraged to take part in a **Scripture writing challenge** during the month of October. Those 31 bible verses focused on passing the Christian faith from one generation to another. Pray that those ladies who took part would have been encouraged as they wrote out each of these verses and challenged about the importance of sharing our faith, and how powerfully God has worked in our lives, with the next generation.

Friday 6th- Give thanks to God for Allen McCluggage who spoke to us at our recent Grow gathering regarding his work with Make Known/The **Word 1-2-1**. Give thanks for how user friendly this resource is. Please pray that as a congregation we would be bold in reaching out to others and that we would be challenged to use this resource, in order to share John's gospel with a non-Christian friend. Allen also shared with us about the development of a new tool called Look, which will allow us to share stories about Jesus through a link or QR code. Pray that Make Known would receive the resources required in order to achieve this goal.

Saturday 7th - Pray today for the work of **Tearfund** through the **Toilet Twinning project**. Everyone deserves dignity, privacy and safety when they go to the loo, especially women and girls! Pray as WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) projects are implemented. As the health of the world's poorest people is transformed, pray that they will be reached with the good news of the love and care of Jesus. Look in the toilets of MPC and see the photos of the toilets our church has already been twinned with!

Sunday 8th - This in **Communion Sunday**. Pray for Stephen, Matthew and the Elders as they preach God's word and lead us through the service and the sacrament of Communion. Pray that all who attend would feel God's presence and would be very aware of the sacrifice made for each of us through Christ's death. Pray that God would enable us to examine our own lives and give thanks to Him for what He has done for us. Pray that we would leave the church building ready to follow and serve Him more faithfully.

Monday 9th-**Violence, abuse and harm against women** and girls cuts across all generations, all communities, and all spheres of our society. It exists everywhere. Please pray for all women and girls who suffer from
violence, those whose bodies and spirits have been wounded, and those who live in fear, silence or shame. Pray for justice and compassion and that all will work together to build a world where every woman and girl can live in safety, dignity and peace.

Tuesday 10th -**SASRA**-Pray for increased opportunities for ASR Paul Somerville to share the gospel and encourage Christian personnel in N.I. during the Remembrance Sunday Week. Pray for good health and mental wellbeing for all Scripture Readers and their families. For those who are facing trials, ask that our God of grace will actively strengthen them and shape them through their season of suffering.

Wednesday 11th – Today we **remember the sacrifice of those in two World Wars** and other conflicts to defend freedom and protect others.
"We don't know them all but we owe them all". Pray for veterans, families, those injured or mentally scarred from conflict situations and that they may turn to God to heal those wounds. May this time of reflection enable many to recognize the sacrifice of the cross and respond to it.

Thursday 12th- Throughout November each BBNI company will hold a mission themed night partnering with Crown Jesus Ministries. Tonight our own **BB hope to hold their mission night**. Pray that all the boys will enjoy the videos and activities. Pray that through this mission many will hear the "One Big Message of Hope" and trust in Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Friday 13th-Continue to pray for anyone known to us who is **suffering from an addiction** of any kind. Pray that they may come to the point where they feel brave enough to reach out and accept help and support. Pray for all organisations and charities

which provide help and counselling. Remember PCI's Carlisle House and Gray's Court, praying that staff working there may be able to guide, support and counsel while sharing their love of Christ with the residents.

Saturday 14th – P7 pupils will sit the first of two **SEAG transfer** papers today (also on 21st November). Pray that they will remain calm, focused and give a good account of their knowledge and ability. Ask that God will be close to them and take away any anxiety and doubt. Pray also that they will be confident that He will guide their paths.

Sunday 15th – **Proverbs Ch16 v 9** "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Reflect on the truth that God's grace and mercy abounds- although as humans we struggle to yield completely to Him, God brings us the freedom to rely on His strength not ours.

Monday 16th - Early action on diabetes is the theme for **World Diabetes Day 2026.**The campaign focus for 14th November is early diagnosis and risk reduction. Early action accelerates access to care, reduces the risk of diabetes and leads to better health for all. Please pray for all 400,000 people in the UK who live with type 1 diabetes. Pray also for those who face their health challenges with courage and determination. Give thanks for the support of loved ones, for advances in medicine and all who work tirelessly to bring hope and healing

Tuesday 17th – Today on **International Students' Day** pray for student rights eg. through welfare, social and financial support and the fight for educational access. This day also celebrates multiculturalism among the student population. Think especially of those students who come from a culture of dictatorship, oppression and poverty where many have paid the price for speaking up against the regime eg. by imprisonment, violence and even death. Pray for students at MPC that they will have a blessed time of faith and fellowship at university.

Wednesday 18th – Pray for the **Moderator**, Right Reverend Richard Kerr and his wife Brenda. Pray for Richard as he visits churches to preach and to encourage congregations. Pray for stamina for him as he undergoes a busy schedule of church meetings. Pray for wisdom and guidance as he attends community functions and takes part in wider church life.

Thursday 19th - Please pray for all who **care for family members** at home. Please pray they will be blessed with patience, energy and peace as they carry out their responsibilities. Pray they will be given the physical strength needed for the demands of each day and that God will help them face the unknown with faith and courage knowing He is always with them.

Friday 20th –Please pray for our **Youth Club** that meets each Friday evening. Give thanks for the good number of people who attend, that they would be kept safe and enjoy each other's company. Pray for opportunities for the leaders to share their faith even through a busy evening. Pray for those who speak at the epilogue, that God would use this short time to challenge the young people.

Saturday 21st – The world is struggling with a host of pressing **environmental challenges** that demand immediate attention and action. These include global warming from fossil fuels, plastic pollution, air pollution, deforestation, food waste and fast fashion and textile waste. Pray that all will remember that God created a beautiful world. Please pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation and that all will work together for the good of a future generation.

Sunday 22nd –This evening we will meet to hear from **Dai Hankey** who serves as pastor of a church plant in Cardiff. Think also of **Tomas Henzel** who leads a church planting network in Bratislava who shared with us via video link on 8th November. We pray that the technology would run smoothly as they speak to us via video links. Pray that, as we listen to these two inspirational speakers, we would be encouraged, challenged and blessed by what we hear.

Monday 23rd- Thank the Lord for health and strength to play and enjoy sport and for the benefits of physical and mental wellbeing which it provides. Give thanks for the **Badminton Club** and for the opportunity to have exercise, fun and social interaction each week. Pray for the members, their health and safety and especially for Evelyn; for her leadership, service and commitment to the club over many years.

Tuesday 24th – Pray for our **GB company**, under the leadership of Sharon Allen and a dedicated team of officers and helpers. Pray for wisdom, stamina and direction for the leaders as this year's programme is followed through. Pray for the large number of girls who attend each week, that they may have good fun while at the same time learning life skills. Ultimately, may they endeavour to seek Christ, follow Him and willingly serve Him.

Wednesday 25th- **Open Doors**: Give thanks to God for the **Arise Africa Petition** which is to be handed into Westminster and Governments around the world from November 12th with about 1,000,000 signatures! Pray that it will do so much more than we could ever imagine, to end the suffering of our persecuted brothers and sisters in Africa.

Thursday 26th - Pray for wisdom, sensitivity and faithfulness for the group of people who are working to compile the new **RE syllabus**, which is to be implemented in schools from September 2027. While Christianity remains the core element of learning, other religions will be introduced from Primary School and continue in Secondary Education. Pray for Christian teachers to be sensitive to the needs and situations of their pupils and to faithfully bear witness to the truth claims of Jesus: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14 v.6)

Friday 27th – As we head into cooler days with dropping temperatures it is important that the **elderly are kept warm**. This is important because aging bodies lose muscle mass and circulate blood differently, making them much more vulnerable to hypothermia and cold related illnesses. Please pray for all who are elderly and worried about the cold this winter with rising fuel costs and also as they may be housebound. Pray also that family and friends will keep an eye on the elderly, making sure they are kept warm.

Saturday 28th- Pray for the **PW's Special Overseas Project for 2026/2027** and the work of the **Bible Society NI in Malawi**. Most rural households in Malawi cannot afford a Bible of their own and many congregations share a copy. Working in partnership with Scripture Union of Malawi, the project selects families in rural congregations to receive a pack containing a Bible, a Chichewa children's Bible, an SU daily reading guide and a family commitment form. Pray that as families read God's word together, they will know hope and lasting spiritual transformation.

Sunday 29th – Today is the **first Sunday of Advent**, when Christians all over the world focus on hope and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Pray for Stephen as he preaches today about Zechariah. Pray that our hearts and minds will not fear, but be open again to the joy and wonder of the birth of God's son, Jesus, our Saviour.

Monday 30th – All shops are busy encouraging people to spend money for Christmas. The cost of living keeps going up and there is constant pressure on people to spend money on Christmas presents. Sadly, many spend much more than they can afford and end up in a **large amount of debt**. It is a very worrying time for many- please pray that people will not spend beyond what they can afford and not feel pressurised to do so. Pray that we will remember the real meaning of Christmas is to celebrate the greatest gift of all, the Lord Jesus's birth.