

MALAWI & SOUTH AFRICA

The Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Norman Hamilton, his wife, Evelyn, and daughter, Julie arrived safely in South Africa last weekend, are visiting with church leaders and seeking to learn from their experience coming out of a divided society, as well as exploring the link between evangelism and reconciliation. They are due to travel to Malawi on 4th September, where they will visit CCAP church leaders and projects in the Blantyre, Nkhoma and Livingstonia Synods, and meet with PCI missionaries. They are due home again on 18th September.

- Pray for safety in all travel and for good health throughout their trip.
- Pray too that their visit will be an encouragement to all the church leaders, missionary personnel and others they meet.

Following the funeral of Prof Moses Chirambo, recently relieved of his post of Minister of Health in the Malawi government, Rev Levi Nyondo, General Secretary of CCAP Synod of Livingstonia, was arrested on Friday night, 21st August. He is charged with sedition because of remarks made at the funeral. Despite attempts to get bail on Saturday, he was held in prison over the weekend, but was granted bail on Monday. He has to report weekly to the police, but is free to travel within the Synod area as long as police are informed. The court proceedings are due to begin on 14th September.

- Peace for Rev Nyondo and his family under great stress at this time.
- Wisdom for Rev Nyondo, his deputy Rev Maurice Munthali and the Synod Moderator, Rev Maxwell Banda, as they deal with the media, etc.
- These three Synod officials and others making preparations for the Synod Assembly which meets from Saturday, 28th August to Thursday, 2nd September.
- The Holy Spirit to be powerfully at work in the Synod Assembly meetings so that all that is said and done will be wise, courageous and honouring to God in content, tone and method.
- The new Synod Moderator, Rev Clifford Baloyi, who will take over at the beginning of the Assembly.
- The staffing committee of the Synod which is responsible for moving ministers within the Synod.
- Good governance and the upholding of democratic principles by the President of Malawi, his ministers and administration.

Items for this sheet should e-mailed to Rev Curry or placed in the post box by 12noon Thur.
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Prayer focus

First Magherafelt
Presbyterian
CHURCH IN IRELAND



Seeking
to receive God's word,
to humbly proclaim it to all
and to promote a practical
Christian Fellowship

Morning Worship – 29th August 2010 @ 11am

Preparation for The Word

*“You then, my son, be strong
in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”
(2 Tim 2v1)*

Call to Worship

PRAISE

Lord of All Being

Hymn 24

Prayer

Proclamation Of The Word

Bible Reading

Children's Address

PRAISE

*Father we love you
(Junior Church Leaves)*

MP 142

Prayers of Intercession

Reading

Joshua 16-19

Sermon

“Tragic Rends”

Response to the Word

PRAISE

“Amazing Grace”

MP 31

Offering

Dedication

PRAISE

“I am Trusting You Lord Jesus”

MP 258

Benediction

*If you have any questions or need assistance please speak to the ushers at the door.
If we can be of any help please let us know (Communication cards are in the Pews)
Our Praise and Bible readings will normally be displayed on the screens.
Songs are from a variety of books and Bible readings from the NIV (available on the tables).*

Today@first

10:30 **Prayer Time** (Minister's room). Everyone Welcome.

11^{am} **Morning Worship** – Speaker – Rev Curry.
Crèche - pre school (Minor Hall), Junior Church -Primary children (Main Hall)

Tuesday 31st

7:30^{pm} Kirk Session including meeting of all 6 working groups.

Wednesday 1st

7:30^{pm} **Small Group Leaders** meet at manse (Discipleship Explored wk 1 and 2)

Thursday 2nd

8^{pm} Resumption of **Prayer Triplets / Prayer Time** in the minor hall. All welcome. Once again we encourage all prayer triplets to join with us for our congregational prayer time every four weeks beginning this Thursday.

9^{pm} **All Youth Leaders** are invited to meet in Graham Room.

Friday 3rd

7^{pm} **Church Barbeque & Fun Night** at The Manse (£2 each) All members of congregation & friends welcome. Please add your name to the sheets on the tables if you are planning to come along.

Saturday 4th

8-10^{pm} **Youth@First** from 8-10pm. (for young people - school year 8 and over)
Further details from Heather Palmer or Judith Evans.

Next Sunday 5th

10^{am} **Sunday School and Bible Class** (resumes)

10:30 **Prayer Time** (Minister's room). Everyone Welcome.

11^{am} **Morning worship** All age Service - Speaker – Rev Jonathan Curry
During this service we will commission our youth leaders and welcome Mr Keith Hibbert who will spend next winter with us as a student assistant.
(Crèche - pre school children (Minor Hall), No Junior Church).
(Everyone is invited to join us for a cup of tea after the service in the main hall)

6^{pm} **Evening Service** (Minor Hall) Pre-communion Speaker - Rev Ivor Smith.
Joshua 20 – Final Provisions (Followed by tea in Main Hall)

7.15^{pm} **MAD@First** (Making A Difference) at 7:15pm All young people year 8 to year 12 are welcome. *Invitations available & Further Details from Keith Hibbert*

Other Congregational Notices

1. The Monthly **Suggestions for Prayer** leaflet is being replaced with an encouragement to use the weekly notices for suggestions for prayer and this will be supplemented with prayer requests brought to our fortnightly congregational prayer meeting.
2. **Friendly hour** resumes on Tuesday 7th September at 2:30 in the minor hall. If you are free on Tuesday afternoon you are welcome to join us for a short service followed by a tome for tea and conversation in the Main hall.
3. **PW Committee meeting** Tuesday 7th September @ 8.30pm in the Manse.
4. **Parent and Toddlers** resumes on Wednesday 8th Sept, 10-12noon.
5. **Girls Brigade** resumes 8th Sept

6-7.15pm Explorers	Age 3-7
7-8.45pm Juniors	Age 8-10
7.45-9.30pm Seniors/Brigaders	Age 11+
6. **Small Group Bible Studies** resume on Thursday 9th Sept at 8pm. Details are in the invitation you will receive today. Books available from the tables. If you wish to be involved come along and find out more or speak to Rev Curry.
7. From Thursday 23rd September we will be running the **Christianity Explored Course** 9-10pm in Graham Room. This course covers the Gospel of Mark. It looks at who Jesus is, why He came and what He calls us to do. The format will be a cup of tea, discussion groups and a Talk. It is open to all who are interested in exploring what Christianity is really about. You can ask any questions you want or simply come and listen. Further information from <http://www.christianityexplored.org>. If you are interested in doing this course but this particular time does not suit please speak to Rev Curry. **Further details** from Rev Curry.
8. **“Student Packs”** are available at the transept table for those who are leaving school and heading off to college. We would encourage students to take one and leave us your name and contact details so that we can keep in touch with you and pray for you while you are at college..
9. **Talks from the Presbyterian Assembly** “Confident in Christ” are available for download at http://www.presbyterianireland.org/confident/cic_downloads.html I would particularly recommend the Talk by Rev John Woodside (Thursday am) which is also available from the church sound desk.