the summer youth and children's outreach in Donabate and Balbriggan, and pray that fruit would result from it. Pray for the youth ministry in Donabate. Pray that the young people would grow in their faith, reach their friends and develop into good leaders. Pray for the church's witness to the wider community and that they would be known as a community who love people and point them to Jesus.

Karen Burns and Rhonda Glass serving in the 'Good News 4 You' Book Shop / Calvary Mission, Westport— Pray for the ladies' Bible study starting again next week; that the Lord will speak to all who attend through His Word. Praise God for a weekly children's club starting in October in a local town. Give thanks for the new Mayo CEF worker Lynda McAuley. Karen and Rhonda write, "We have the free Bible offer on again in the shop. Many people have asked for one." Pray that these Bibles will be read and that the Lord will speak through His Word.

Carndonagh, Malin, Moville and Greenbank Presbyterian Churches - Rev Stewart Glendinning—Pray for the congregation of Carndonagh, electing new elders at present. Moville are running a church shop in the town for six weeks, beginning on 25 September. Pray that this shop will be a blessing to the community as church members seek to witness to the grace of God by their words and practical help.

Overseas: (Full version: www.presbyterianireland.org/Prayer/Prayer-Line.aspx)
Junior BP project – 'Revamp the Camp – Romania'—The Presbyterian Boys' Brigade World Mission Committee recently launched this year’s PCI Junior Boys' Brigade (BB) project, 'Revamp the Camp – Romania' which aims to raise £8,000 to pay for the much-needed refurbishment of the bedrooms in the Algyogy campsite in north west Romania, which is owned by the Reformed Church in Romania. Pray that this project will be well-supported.

SOUTH SUDAN—The civil war in South Sudan continues. Since the conflict began in December 2013, tens of thousands of people have been killed and around 3.5 million people have fled their homes. Pray for an immediate end to all the violence and wrong-doing, and pray for successful peace talks. Pray for those suffering displacement from their homes and who are in need of humanitarian relief, especially those facing food shortages. Pray that people will receive the assistance they need. Pray for the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS) led by Rt Rev Peter Gai (Moderator), Rev. John Yor (General Secretary) and Rev James Makuei in charge of relief work.

KENYA—The country of Kenya awaits the rerun of the presidential election arranged for 17 October 2017, however tensions are rising between people on either side of the political divide. Pray for wise utterances by political and church leaders.

INDONESIA—Rev Prof James Haire and Mary Haire, former PCI missionaries to Halmahera, Indonesia, are currently visiting the Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera (Gereja Masehi Injili di Halmahera – GMIH). Give thanks for a very inspiring five-yearly General Synod of our partner church, the Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera. The Synod is being held this week in Buli, in eastern Halmahera, and at the opening service of the Synod, the new Buli Central Church was dedicated. It is the largest church building in Halmahera, and some 3,000 members attended the opening service of the Synod. Rev Prof James Haire presented Bible Studies for the Synod. Give thanks for the efforts of the church to bring a small group of disaffected congregations back into the church’s fold. The major difficulty has been the strident liberalism of these congregations, tending towards syncretism, and the church has been seeking to return them to orthodoxy in faith. Pray for continued good and peaceful relations between Christians and Muslims in Halmahera.

VANUATU (Pacific Islands)—Ian and Pat Hart have arrived at Talua (the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu’s theological college), where they are covering for two teachers who are on leave this term. Ian is teaching mainly Old Testament and Pat is teaching English. English is the students’ third language and despite passing the English entrance examination, many have great difficulty coping with lectures and assignments and theological books in English. Give thanks that Ian and Pat have arrived safely and are settling into life and work in Vanuatu. Pray that God will help them in their teaching, mentoring, and numerous other involvements.

Announcements for inclusion in the bulletin must be with:
Paul Ferguson (paulferguson@firstcookstown.co.uk or 028 8644 8601) no later than 12 noon on Friday of this week.
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 105651)
Tuesday
10.15 am  Tuesday morning Prayer Meeting in the Minister’s Room. Everyone welcome.

7.45 pm  Bowling Club in the main hall. New members will be very welcome. Come along and try bowling. No experience necessary.

Wednesday
10.30 am  Midweek Morning Bible Study continues in The Loft. We are studying the book of Jonah and everybody is very welcome to join us for a cup of tea and fellowship.

6.30 pm  Rainbows, Brownies and Guides until 8 pm. All girls aged 4-14. New members welcome.

Thursday
6.30 pm  Ranger Guides Senior Section. Any girls from 15 years up to 25 years most welcome. No need to have been a member of guides previously.

8.00 pm  Thursday evening Prayer Meeting in the Minister’s Room. Everyone welcome.

8.00 pm  Scouts meet in the hall until 9.30 pm.

Friday
10.00 am  Macmillan Cancer (World's biggest Coffee Morning) - Let’s change lives with every slice on Friday 29th September at Desertcreat Church Hall. From 10am to 12-30pm you can enjoy a nibble and a natter while listening to performances from Ballytree Primary School. Remember every slice of cake and Cup of Coffee make a huge difference to those people facing cancer.

Saturday
9.00 am  Gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables may be left at the side entrance of the church for the decoration of the church for Harvest Thanksgiving.

9.30 am  Men’s Fellowship Fishing Trip. This is an 'ALL AGE BLOKE EVENT' for absolute beginners to seasoned pros. All equipment can be supplied on the day if required (many thanks to Alastair Robinson and Ryan McGeown). 9.30am Meet in church car park; 10.00am Fishing Rectory Lodge stocked trout fishery (just past Drum Manor); 12.30pm Epilogue and Light Lunch in The Loft. Maybe you can’t make all of the morning - just come when you can - you’ll be made very welcome - so hope to see you there!! And of course there may be a prize or two!!

Next Sunday
10.15 am  Sunday School and Bible Class

10.15 am  Choir practice prior to Harvest morning service. Full turn-out, please!

11.30 am  Harvest service—Rev’d Alistair Kennedy

12.30 pm  Sunday lunch after morning service. (Proceeds to Smiles Foundation, Romania—further details on page 3)

7.00 pm  Harvest service—Rev’d Ivor Smith

8.00 pm  Distribution of harvest gifts to the housebound: please make sure you do your part in helping with this. If you know of anyone in your area in this category, then please make sure the District Elder/Committee helper knows and/or you may offer to help them.

Food Hygiene Certificates
Current food hygiene certificates are now out of date and must be renewed. A minimum of two persons from each church organisation are requested to attend a refresher course (date to be confirmed). Sheets for registering your intention to attend training are available on both vestibule tables. Closing date for registration is Saturday 30 September. Further info from Anne McGuffin: 8676.2965 or 07510.854715

The Smiles Foundation, Romania
You are invited to a LUNCH on Sunday, 1st October at 12.30 pm in the Church Hall following the Harvest Service. Proceeds in aid of Smiles Foundation Romania. Please return your completed form, with numbers attending and menu choice, via the collection plate by today (Sunday 24th September). Forms will be available in the bulletins or on the vestibule tables. Contact Anne Rea on 07548.036145 or Lynne Dripps on 07901.691093 for further information. Check out the upcoming fundraising events in the dates for your diary section of the bulletin.

PRAYER FOCUS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND PRAYER FOCUS / PRAYERLINE: (edited)
Home: (Full version: www.presbyterianireland.org/Prayer/Prayer‐Focus.aspx)
Heather McCracken – Deaconess serving in the Royal Group of Hospitals, Belfast City Hospital and Musgrave Park Hospital—Give thanks for all who work in our hospitals and clinics so that they may help others who are ill. Pray especially for the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children; for all doctors, nursing staff, teachers, play nurses and all those that help children when in hospital. Pray too for children who are ill and for parents and family members. Give thanks for the work of Chaplaincy. Pray for chaplains to have opportunities to be relevant, that their faith would be apparent, and for witnessing opportunities to come about naturally.

Josh McCance – Community Outreach Worker serving in Donabate Presbyterian Church—Praise God for...