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Services

Sunday 15th December

11:00am Morning Worship

Sermon: The Christmas Story according to Jesus

Scripture: Hebrews 10 v 5-7

Rev George Moore

7:00pm Evening Worship

Mr Nathaniel McQueen

Sunday 22nd December

11:00am Morning Worship

Sunday Club Christmas Service

6:00pm Evening Worship

Sing Christmas

If you are visiting here this morning:

- ◆ There is a crèche in the Minor Hall (ask for directions).
- ◆ Primary school aged children can join our Sunday Club; watch for children leaving during the service.
- ◆ If your child is staying during the sermon there are kids packs available at the library corner (back left of church). Please feel free to get them before or during the service.
- ◆ If your child needs a break during the service feel free to leave and go to the entrance area.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 20th December, 7pm - Mosaic Quiz

Sunday 22nd December, 11am - Children's Christmas Service

Sunday 22nd December, 6pm - Sing Christmas

Wednesday 25th December, 10am - Christmas Morning Service

Friday 27th December, 3-5pm - Soccer Shed

Saturday 28th December, 7:30pm - Christmas Table Quiz

Wednesday 1st January, 1:30pm - New Year's Day Walk

Church Notices

CATERING TEAM A are asked to meet in the Burney Room after this morning's service.

FWO CONTRIBUTIONS: The last day for receipt of contributions to be included in the 2019 financial statements is Sunday 29th December. Any contributions received after that date will be included in the 2020 financial statements.

Northern Ireland Office Consultation on a New Legal Framework for Abortion Services in Northern Ireland: Consultation on a new legal framework for abortion services in Northern Ireland ends at 11:45pm on Monday 16th December. There are three ways to respond:

- Complete an online survey which is available at <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk>. You will be asked to give your name and email address and can follow through the consultation questions. This will automatically be submitted once you click 'submit response' at the end.
- Download a copy of the consultation document and use the template at Annex D to type in your responses. This should then be saved as a pdf and sent as an attachment via email to abortionconsultation@nio.gov.uk or printed off and sent to Abortion Consultation, Northern Ireland Office, Stormont House, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SH.
- Download a copy of the consultation document, print it out and hand write your response. It can then be sent to Abortion Consultation, Northern Ireland Office, Stormont House, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SH.

Although this is very short notice, if you would like any clarification or further information on responding to the consultation please contact PCI's Public Affairs Officer at kjardine@presbyterianireland.org or by phone on 028 9041 7204.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL: Envelopes should be arriving soon if not already delivered. Please give generously to this scheme as we remember at this time of year those who are in greatest need. If possible, return your envelope next Sunday, 22nd December 2019.

2020 PCI CALENDAR: Cost £4. To order, please write your name, contact details and quantity required on the form on the sign up desk.

Discipleship Events

PRAYER MEETING: Sundays at 6:30pm in the Minor Hall.

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING Wednesday 18th December at 7:30pm in the Burney Room 'Carols and Prayer'. There will be Carols, readings, a visual presentation on Bethlehem followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Organisation Notices

CREW (YF): change to published date - Christmas Party will be held tonight at 6:45pm in the Minor Hall.

SUNDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS SERVICE: The children and leaders of the Sunday Club invite you to join with them on Sunday 22nd December at 11:00 am to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This will be an all-age service so everyone is welcome to come along and join in the Christmas celebrations.

PW (Presbyterian Women) next meet on Monday 16th December at 8:00pm. Come and join with us as we celebrate Christmas in Mosaic. **ALL LADIES WELCOME.** Just a reminder that our Winter Warmer Lunchtime Meal is on Monday 6th January 2020.

THURSDAY TOGETHER: We will be taking a brief holiday from our meetings and plan to resume on Thursday 9th January 2020.

At a recent Kirk Session Meeting it was agreed that collection boxes for Northern Ireland Children's Hospice would be placed in Mosaic during December to give everyone the opportunity to donate to their £37 Jingle Challenge. The Children's Hospice is within our parish and receives limited government funding. They depend on donations from the local community to maintain their services of care and support. This Christmas they are asking for help to raise funds to provide specialist palliative nursing care. £37 will pay for one hour of care. As you enjoy your tea or coffee after church each Sunday in December, please place a small donation in the boxes provided. In the new year we will let you know how many hours of care we have been enabled The Children's Hospice to provide.



As a church we have supported the Newtownabbey Foodbank for the past few years. As Christmas approaches there are groups of people who struggle to make ends meet. The ethos of the foodbank is: 'We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.' Please can we continue to give to this worthy organisation by leaving items in the vestibule over the coming weeks, these will then be delivered to the Newtownabbey Foodbank. The following items are urgently needed: tinned fruit (400 gms), tea bags (80's), dried pasta (500 gms), UHT milk (1 Litre) and breakfast cereals. At present the Foodbank have enough beans and sugar. Thanks, Jonathan.

WHY NOT TAKE OUT A HERALD SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2020?

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FWO, Missions & Property Counting Teams: Each week dedicated teams of people carry out the very important task of counting the Free Will Offering after morning worship. Unfortunately due to illness a number of our counters have had to resign their duties in recent months. As a result we are currently looking for volunteers to get involved in this very important sphere of service within the congregation. This is not an onerous commitment as each team is only timetabled on approximately 4 or 5 mornings per year. If you feel you could assist with this very important work within the congregation on a regular basis or even provide cover for team members in case of illness please speak to Kenneth McKinstry.

PRAYER BOX: Please leave any prayer requests in the box in the entrance area—beside the sign up desk.

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEETS: Office hours are Thursdays 12.30-3.30pm. Any announcements need to be with the office by 12 noon on Thursdays.

CHURCH CALENDAR: We maintain a church calendar of events on the **Church's website**. If you have a date for a Glengormley Presbyterian Church event that you want on the church calendar, please contact the church office.

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS: If these should change, please notify the office so that we can keep our records up to date.

RECORDINGS OF SUNDAY SERVICES are available from the sound team in the balcony.

UPDATE ROOF FUND: Hi folks, Remember some of the things over the past year? As we had a need to replace part of the roof over the toilets, we decided to hold on to the best slates as spares for any future repairs - but also ended up with some slates that weren't quite suitable. So we made use of them! If you remember, we had sets of slate coasters and slate table mats and even slate clocks for sale, which many people supported and bought! What started as a local venture, but became national, because some of these items migrated to other parts of the UK as gifts. This is just a note to say (a belated) thanks to all the people who purchased any of the items. And the best bit of all ----- Four hundred pounds was raised -----all of which went to the roofing fund for the main roof of the church! So, once again, thank you very much to all who supported the effort.

With Regret

With regret we announce the death of Mr Billy McCoy, Whiteabbey Care Home. Funeral took place on Friday 13th December in Glengormley Presbyterian Church. We extend our sympathy to his sons Gary, Gavin, Hal and Raymond and family circle.

Prayer Diary

Monday 16th December 2019: In this advent season let's take time to pray for the victims of violence. Remember especially Christian refugees fleeing from persecution in many parts of the world and facing an uncertain future.

Tuesday 17th December 2019: Pray for those in our congregation who have lost loved ones, as Christmas is a particularly difficult time of year. May all who grieve find comfort in our God who heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.

Wednesday 18th December 2019: As we make plans for family gatherings this Christmas let us remember our missionaries. They are far from friends and family. May they be conscious of our prayer support and not feel isolated in the work that they have been called to do.

Thursday 19th December 2019: If you walk through central Belfast you will pass beggars and the homeless sitting in doorways. Please pray for all who are homeless, poor and hungry. Let us also prayerfully support organisations like the Salvation Army who provide physical and spiritual support to those in need.

Friday 20th December 2019: Give thanks for all the outreach work undertaken during the Reverend Brice's time with us. Pray that the seeds of faith he planted will bring many to the Lord Jesus. Let us also look forward to the fresh opportunities that a new ministry will bring in the forthcoming year.

Saturday 21st December 2019: Remember the work of our Thompson House staff as they provide supported housing and rehabilitation for men after they leave prison. Pray especially for David Farrow and his staff as they seek to communicate the gospel message to residents this advent season.

Sunday 22nd December 2019: As a church family let us provide prayerful and practical support to the Newtownabbey Foodbank. We share their ethos that no one in our community should have to face going hungry.

If you don't wish to take your announcement sheet home please return it to the holder in the entrance.

Glengormley Presbyterian Church is currently in vacancy. In the event of a pastoral emergency where a minister is required, please contact the vacancy convenor, Rev. Colin Morrison on 028 90770301. For all other enquiries please contact the Clerk of Session, Mr Derek Kyle, on 028 9335 2536.

DATE	OPENING/CLOSING	CRECHE		LOCATION
15th December	Alan Thomson	Hannah McKinstry	Jane McClelland/Susan Law	Minor Hall
22nd December	Philip McKenna			
25th December	John Lindsay			
29th December	Sam Black			