

8th December 2019

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Services

Sunday 8th December

11:00am Morning Worship

Mr Matthew Horner

7:00pm Evening Worship

Mr Trevor Long

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.

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

Forthcoming Events

Friday 13th December, 7pm - Book Club

Saturday 14th December - CREW Christmas Party

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

Discipleship Events

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

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING Wednesday 11th December at 7:30pm in the Burney Room led by Rev George Moore.

Leadership Notices

KIRK SESSION Meeting with Vacancy Convenor at **7:30pm** on Tuesday 10th December 2019 in Burney Room.

ELDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please collect bundles from back of church for distribution to districts before Christmas.

Organisation Notices

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.

PW RECYCLED CLOTHES: Thank you - Total amount raised to date £2770. As this project is finishing at end of December please bring any unwanted clothing and leave in library corner. Thanks

PW Mission boxes/donations are now due. Please give to Valerie Raphael ASAP. Thank you.

LEPROSY MISSION BOXES are now due. Please give to Rosemary Ruddy as soon as possible.

PARENT & TODDLERS are now closed for the holidays and will start again on Thursday 9th January 2020.

THURSDAY TOGETHER: CHANGE: (WEDNESDAY TOGETHER FOR ONE WEEK ONLY!) We will be meeting this week on **WEDNESDAY** for our Christmas Meal to be held in the McKinley Hall at 1:00pm. Once again the choir from Moss Grove Primary School will be entertaining us with their lovely Christmas music. We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year. This is our final meeting before the holidays and we will resume on 9th January 2020.

Church Notices

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.

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.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the retiring collection on Remembrance Sunday. A cheque for £439 has been forwarded to Royal British Legion Earl Haig Fund.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to United Appeal. A cheque for £12,711 has been forwarded to Assembly Buildings.



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.

The Glengormley Clergy Fellowship Bible Week has been confirmed for Sunday 26th to Thursday 30th January 2020 and will be held every evening at Mossley Primary School, each meeting beginning at 7:30pm. Bishop Ken Clarke will speak. There will be a joint worship band, testimonies given, news from Mission organisations, a bookstall and a prayer ministry team recruited who will be available to pray with people at the end of each evening. The event will be advertised after Christmas. We want to prepare for the week by covering and saturating it in prayer so have arranged 3 prayer meetings in the weeks leading up to the Bible Week. These will begin at 7:30pm and will be on:

- ◇ Wednesday 8th January in Newtownabbey Elim Church, Ballyearl Rise, Mossley
- ◇ Wednesday 15th January in Glenvana Christian Centre, 34A Ballynure Road, BT36 5SW
- ◇ Wednesday 22nd January in Holy Spirit Mossley Church of Ireland on Manse Road.

Please pray for this upcoming event and, if possible, plan to attend the prayer meetings prior to the event and the week itself.

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SCHOOLS' MINISTRY CONFERENCE: Scripture Union Northern Ireland are having a one day conference

on Saturday 1st February 2020 in Stranmillis University College for parents, teachers, governors, church leaders or anyone passionate about education. Cost £25 (£20 if booked by 31.12.19) For more details and booking www.suni.co.uk/schoolsconference



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.

Prayer Diary

Tearfund say that 'More than 911,000 people fled violence in Myanmar and are now living in refugee camps in Bangladesh surviving in extremely basic conditions. Of these an estimated 7,700 are orphans.' Pray that the refugee camps would provide a safe place for children to recover from the trauma that they have endured and to just be children.

Pray for those who are homeless in Belfast especially with the temperatures dropping that they would have shelter, clothing and food. Thank God for Christian organisations like Salvation Army and EBM who make sure these people have their physical, emotional and spiritual needs met.

On the 3rd December, we celebrated National Disability Day. Thank God that we are all unique and are fearfully and wonderfully made. Pray that people with disabilities would be celebrated, included and supported in our community.

Thank God that he is a comfort in our time of need. Pray for those people in our communities who are grieving and that they know God's presence and experience his comfort.

As Christmas approaches, we pray for people to encounter God over this period and that they would remember the true meaning of Christmas that Jesus was born to bring us hope.

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.

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
8th December	Samuel Gourley	Jane McClelland	May Horner	Dunlop Hall
15th December	Alan Thomson	Hannah McKinstry	Jane McClelland/Susan Law	Minor Hall
22nd December	Philip McKenna			