

# Christmas 2019



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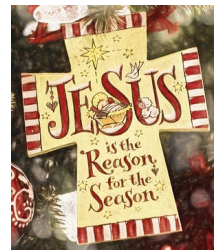
## Services

*Happy Christmas to all our members. Today is World Development Sunday when we particularly remember those in need. By now you will have received among other things a World Development Envelope. Please donate generously.*

### Sunday 22nd December

**11:00am Morning Worship** Sunday Club Christmas Service

**6:00pm Evening Worship** Sing Christmas



### Wednesday 25th December

**10:00am Christmas Morning Service** Rev George Moore

### Sunday 29th December

**11:00am Morning Worship** Sermon: In the Beginning - the Word

Scripture: John 1 v 1-18, Rev George Moore

**No Evening Worship**

### Sunday 5th January 2020

**11:00am Morning Worship** Communion Series: Studies in the life of

Abraham, Sermon: Faith in God, Scripture: Genesis 11 v 26 - 12 v 5

Rev George Moore

**7:00pm Evening Worship** Series: Studies in James, Sermon: The world's

smallest but largest troublemaker, Scripture: James 3 v 1-12

Rev George Moore

## Forthcoming Events

**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

**Sunday 5th January, 11am** - Communion

## Discipleship Events

**PRAYER MEETING:** Sunday 22nd December at 5:30pm in the Minor Hall.

**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING:** Sunday 5th January at 10:30am in the Minor Hall.

**MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETING** will not meet on Wednesday 25th December or 1st January 2020.

## Organisation Notices

**PW (Presbyterian Women)** next meet on Monday 6th January 2020 at 12:30pm at Trinity Restaurant for our Winter Warmer.

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

*If you are visiting here this morning:*

- ◆ There will be no crèche or Sunday Club. 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.

## 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.

**FLOWER LIST 2020:** The flower list for 2020 is now available on rota noticeboard in Mosaic. Anyone who would like to place flowers at the front of the church, for anniversaries, birthdays or just to help brighten the church building, should sign this sheet as soon as possible. Thank you. Elaine Hewitt.

**ANNOUNCEMENT SHEETS:** This is the last announcement sheet for 2019. The next printed sheet will be available on Sunday 5th January 2020. Please send announcements for the new year to [office@glengormley.org](mailto:office@glengormley.org)

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



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.

**NEWTOWNABBEY FOODBANK:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Foodbank appeal. No more donations are needed at present. Thanks, Jonathan.



### WHY NOT TAKE OUT A HERALD SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2020?

The Presbyterian Herald is the monthly magazine of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Containing news, reviews and resources, it also covers articles on Church issues, theological debates and current affairs. The Herald is a voice for Presbyterians in Ireland, giving readers the opportunity to engage with the wider Church family. To take out a yearly subscription (10 issues), priced at £15, contact our Herald agent Lesley Bell. Alternatively, to have an individual subscription delivered to your door, or to download pdf copies go to: <https://www.presbyterianireland.org/herald> To purchase an interactive digital version (£12 for a yearly subscription), go to: <https://issuu.com/presbyterianireland>

**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](http://www.suni.co.uk/schoolsconference)

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.

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

| DATE          | OPENING/CLOSING |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 22nd December | Philip McKenna  |
| 25th December | John Lindsay    |
| 29th December | Sam Black       |
| 5th January   | Noel Bell       |
| 12th January  | Jonathan Duff   |

## With Regret

With regret we announce the death of Mr Randall Small, Somerton Private Nursing Home, formerly 11 Dorchester Avenue. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Maud and family circle.

## Prayer Diary

### CHRISTMAS 2019 LOOK BACK

#### PRAY:

**IN REFLECTION** – As you look back over the last year, bring before God your concerns, regrets and unresolved issues which cause much anxiety. "Cast your cares on The Lord. He will sustain you." Ps.55:22 Claim His forgiveness and His Peace in your life.

**WITH ASSURANCE** – Through all the challenges both personally and globally, God has remained faithful. As we look back may we say with the same certainty as the prophet Samuel, "Thus far has the Lord helped us". He will not fail us for He is constant and true.

**WITH THANKS** – Thank God for answered prayer in your own life and also in national and world events. Thank Him for the Brices' ministry and how well our church family has been cared for in the months since David and Essie retired.

### LOOK AROUND

#### PRAY:

**WITH COMPASSION** – Many are struggling with ill health, uncertainty and bereavement. Pray that at Christmas, the message of God's love will come afresh to them.

**WITH ENCOURAGEMENT** – week by week there are many signs of faithful service and acts of loving-kindness shown. There are many opportunities for service of all kinds within our fellowship. Ask God to show you where you could play a part and be an encourager to those in Leadership.

**WITH THANKS** – Give thanks for the children and young people we are blessed with. Pray they will stand firm in the Lord's strength when the popular world view is at odds with their faith in Jesus. Give thanks for the 'seeds' of hope and growth they bring.

### LOOK FORWARD

#### PRAY:

**WITH HOPE** – Give thanks that God is guiding the search for a new minister. May all involved in this process be conscious of His wisdom at this time. In an uncertain world, give thanks for God's Sovereignty.

**FOR OPPORTUNITY** – Remember Edgar and Sandra as they go once more to the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem. Pray for safety and strength for them and many opportunities to share the Gospel news. Pray that we here, will make the most of every opportunity around us in the expanding neighbourhood we serve.

**WITH THANKS** – Take time to come in awe and wonder to see the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, God's precious gift to all mankind, our Saviour Jesus. Look forward in confidence, for He is Immanuel. He is with us in all things. Lift your heart in praise and worship and thank God for all His blessings.

**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.