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Services

This Easter we will celebrate in unusual ways with empty church buildings. On that first Easter morning, “They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.” Luke 24 v 3-4

HE IS RISEN



*Good Friday Message available on our Facebook Page and website
Please join us on **Sunday morning** as we stay at home and link in
with our*

*Moderator's Service at
<https://www.presbyterianireland.org/>*

Church Notices

WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL: Following our recent collection for World Development Appeal, a cheque for £1,122 has been forwarded to Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Assembly Buildings as GPC's contribution. Thank you to all who contributed.

Facebook: Please follow us on Facebook or check back on our website for the most up to date information. Our Church Website www.glengormley.org also has links to online services each Sunday.

With Regret

With regret we announce the death of Mrs Sarah Pinkerton, on Saturday 4th April. We extend our sympathy to the family circle.

With regret we announce the death of Mrs Norma Reid, on Monday 6th April. We extend our sympathy to the family circle.

Vacancy Update

Due to the Coronavirus Restrictions now in place in Northern Ireland, the planned installation of the Rev. Reuben McCormick on Friday 24th April has been postponed until a date to be arranged. It is likely the postponement will be for a number of months. As soon as legal restrictions ease there will be an opportunity to discuss appropriate timings and arrangements for installation.

I know that this is disappointing news for both Reuben and ourselves but we need to thank God for how good and gracious He has been to us as He has led us this far through the vacancy and to remember that He remains sovereign in all things.

Please continue to pray for Reuben, Glenda, Lily and Malachi, the folks in Ballysillan and our own church family in Glengormley.

Derek Kyle
Clerk of Session

Prayer Diary

THESE THREE REMAIN... *A prayer for an extraordinary Easter*

Faith, Hope & Love

Lord of cross, grave and empty tomb,
I can't ever remember an Easter quite like this one.
Encircled with darkness and overshadowed by death.
Eerily quiet and filled with inactivity.
Expectant of your living presence,
but not in the usual recognisable rhythms and readings
of worship.

And yet, when I stop to think of it,
how like that first Easter,
of cross, grave and empty tomb.
This extraordinary Easter:
in the enveloping gloom,
turn our gaze again to that first Good Friday,
to see Jesus, suffering and dying for this sinful and
broken world;
in the jarring silence,
tune our ears to the silence of that first Easter
Saturday,
to hear the Father's silent lament for his only begotten
son;
in the unfamiliarity of days like none of us have ever
experienced before,
tether our hearts to the hope of that first Easter
Sunday morning,
to know the shining glory of the resurrection of Christ.

Lord of cross, grave and empty tomb,
thank you for the reminder of another Easter so much
like this one,
and for how it resonates with reality in our situation
today.

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord is living, death has lost its sting:
Thine be the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death has won.

Amen.

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.

Monday 13 April

Those being treated for Coronavirus and those whose treatment has been postponed

- Pray for those receiving treatment for Coronavirus as the anticipated peak in cases occurs, that they will know God's comfort, strength and healing touch. Particularly remember NHS and HSE staff who have contracted the virus and the UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnston.
- Pray for those in need of regular therapy and treatments that must now be postponed, that God would help them stay patient and positive and that their conditions would not deteriorate.

Tuesday 14 April

Business owners and the self employed

- Pray for leaders and owners of businesses having to make difficult decisions that affect the lives of their employees, that God would give them wisdom and grace.
- Pray for the self-employed who have been hit particularly hard by loss of business and often have fewer reserves to fall back upon, that God would give them peace and supply their needs.

Wednesday 15 April

PCI Global Mission Workers

- Pray for PCI's global mission workers that they will be able to model and adopt appropriate social distancing techniques that will increase protection for them and for those in the particular culture in which they are ministering.
- Pray for the Council for Global Mission staff that they will be given wisdom and energy to support and encourage every global mission worker in their variety of situations in this fast-moving pandemic.

Thursday 16 April

Chaplaincy

- Pray for units of the UK Army's Covid Support Force who have been redeployed to the construction of several Nightingale Hospitals across the UK and for chaplains to these units, who may be deployed in support.
- Pray for Rev Graeme Stockdale, lead chaplain in Maghaberry Prison, as he seeks to respond to concerns and anxieties among staff and the prison population. The prison cannot close – so pray for wisdom for the Prison Service as they manage the challenges of the situation.

Friday 17 April

Media and Society

- Pray for those who determine and filter media content, that they would provide an effective balance of up-to-date information without unnecessarily increasing anxiety.
- Pray for society as a whole, that it might respond in a way that is measured and wise, rather than react to unfolding events with fear, panic or carelessness.

Saturday 18 April

For weak and strong; older and younger

- Pray for those who are especially vulnerable in these days – the elderly, those with underlying health issues, the isolated, poor and homeless – that God would be their peace and provider.
- Pray for the young, active and strong who feel especially restricted by the lockdown, that God would give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading the virus and envision and inspire them with ways to serve and help others.

Sunday 19 April

Marking Sunday

- Pray that Christians all over the world this Sunday would know the presence of the risen Christ in a very real and meaningful way as they are unable to meet together in strange, unusual and varied circumstances arising from the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Pray for those who cannot access a service of worship this Sunday, asking God that they would find comfort and strength in the foundations of personal faith built up over previous years and through reading the Word and prayer.



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Glengormley
Presbyterian Church

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.

Puzzle for Everyone

Thank you to those who sent in their colouring pages from last week. Looking forward to seeing your completed maze from this week.



Easter Maze

Help Jesus find his way out of the tomb so he can tell the disciples He's Alive!

