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Services

*Please join us on **Sunday morning** as we stay at home and link in with our Moderator's Service at*

<https://www.presbyterianireland.org/>

This will be The Right Rev Dr William Henry's final Sunday Service as Moderator.

Vacancy Update

We are delighted to be able to inform you that the installation of the Rev. Reuben McCormick as the new minister of Glengormley Presbyterian Church will take place on the evening of Wednesday 17th June.

The service of installation will be held in Assembly Buildings and will be streamed online for members of the congregation to view. More details of the time and how to link to the service will follow but at this stage we hope that you will plan to join us online as Reuben is installed as our new minister.

At a suitable time in the future we will hold a proper service of welcome for Reuben, Glenda, Lily and Malachi but for now please continue to pray for them. Rev. Reuben McCormick's first (online) service will be Sunday 21st June and we will inform you of the details of how to access this closer to the time.

Church Notices

PRAYER MEETING: Sunday 31st May at **8pm** via Zoom.
Email: office@glengormley.org, message our Facebook page Glengormley Presbyterian Church or telephone 028 93352536 for Meeting ID.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY at 7:00pm on Monday evening 1st June 2020. This will take the form of a service of worship, which will be live-streamed so that others can be part of this important occasion in the life of our Church. The link will be active on PCI website (www.presbyterianireland.org) from 6:45pm on Monday 1st June 2020.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: A word of thanks to all those who are continuing to contribute to the church finances

throughout the lockdown via standing order or one off electronic bank payments. While running costs have significantly reduced some are ongoing and your continuing financial commitment to the congregation is extremely valuable. If anyone else would like advice on how to continue contributing to the work of the congregation at this time please contact the church office on office@glengormley.org or 028 9335 2536 and leave email or phone contact details. Mark, our treasurer, will get in contact with you to discuss options. We also ask that those who are not able to do this to keep a note of what their normal contributions would have been and bring them by way of thanksgiving and rejoicing when we return to normal Sunday services.

LIFE GROUPS: Some of our life groups are continuing to meet for bible study and prayer via Zoom. If you are interested in joining one, please contact us for details.

WHATSAPP: Another way of keeping in touch with other members of our church family is through the use of WhatsApp. We have set up a group chat for those who are interested in exchanging encouragements and ideas. If you would like to be part of this group, please email office@glengormley.org or telephone 028 93352536 with your contact details.

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.

PASTORAL CARE: Elders have been trying to keep in touch with families in their districts. If you or anyone you are aware of is in need at this time please contact your elder, email office@glengormley.org message our Facebook page or telephone 028 93352536.

Prayer Diary

A prayer for a church apart when it is usually assembled

Sole King and Head of the church,
in this our annual week of General Assembly,
we bow before you, a church strangely apart.
This year there will be no opening night,
sharing of bread and wine in silent communion,
rousing singing at the Wednesday night rally,
catching up with familiar faces in the coffee queue.
We are experiencing a twenty first century disruption to our
Presbyterian ways,
caused by threat to public health, rather than theological
principle.
And yet, this year,
we find ourselves curiously more drawn together than ever,
not in one place, for one week,
but as one people, to witness as one,
the Presbyterian Church in Ireland,
in shared circumstances across the whole island.
We look again to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for in you, and for you, all things were created,
even life in lockdown and vaccines for viruses.
You reign in heaven and earth,
unpanicked in the face of pandemic.
In these uncertain times,
still shaken governments north, south, east and west,
bow envious of the power of your kingdom,
which doesn't falter and cannot fail.
You hold all things together,
even when they feel like they might be falling apart.
And you are the head of this body, the church -
this church,
our church, as we like to call it,
even though we know it is really yours.
Yours to lead, guide, direct, correct in this moment,
because, glorious firstborn from among the dead,
in everything you have the supremacy.
Amen

Verse of the Week - Isaiah 26 : 3

*"You keep in perfect peace one whose mind is stayed on you,
because He trusts in you." (Tree of Life Version)*

Read this verse through as you begin and end your prayers
each day this week.

Perfect Peace

The Hebrew word for peace is Shalom. In this verse the
actual wording for "perfect peace" is "Shalom, Shalom". So
as we start this week of uncertainty, let us dwell on this
Shalom, Shalom which comes from the Lord of Hosts. May
the peace of God dwell in us by faith as we consider Him,
and what He has done for us in Jesus the Messiah.

Whose mind is stayed on you

How easy it is to allow the circumstances, upon which we
dwell, to overwhelm us. Pray for those for whom "Locked-
down" feels like "Locked-in". For some, the reason for
shielding is because of age, health or special circumstances,
etc. For others there is a feeling of loss of independence
and autonomy. Pray that all who feel this way, no matter
what the cause, may know the autonomy of the Lord and
dependence on Christ.

Stayed on you

Initially it might have seemed that this Coronavirus was
another illness that would affect others in foreign lands but
not us. As the reality dawned, so we saw many families
experience tragedy in their lives. Pray for those whose lives
have been impacted by bereavement that they would know
God's presence and love. Pray for the many who are still
suffering the effects of this terrible disease, whether in Care
Homes or Hospitals.

New Testament = Abiding in Christ

As the daily news invades our lives, rarely does it herald
good news. Yet we can thank God for those in the NHS and
Care Homes who have borne the brunt of this pandemic for
almost three months. Pray for them to know God's Peace /
Shalom, in their hearts as they have had to absorb
unimaginable pain and may continue to do so in the days,
months and years ahead.

He trusts in you

For many the closure of our Church, the restrictions of
Fellowship and the limitation of worship results in a lack of
opportunity for Service. Yet we must thank God for the
opportunities we have to tune in and watch the numerous
church services on Sundays and throughout the week. As
one person said "I have never been to church so many times
on a Sunday".

The Tree of Life Version of the Bible is used by Messianic
Jews all over the world. It may cause us to think of Jesus
who said

"I am the vine, you are the branches. The one who abides in
Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for apart from Me, you
can do nothing." John 15 : 5

Shalom, Shalom

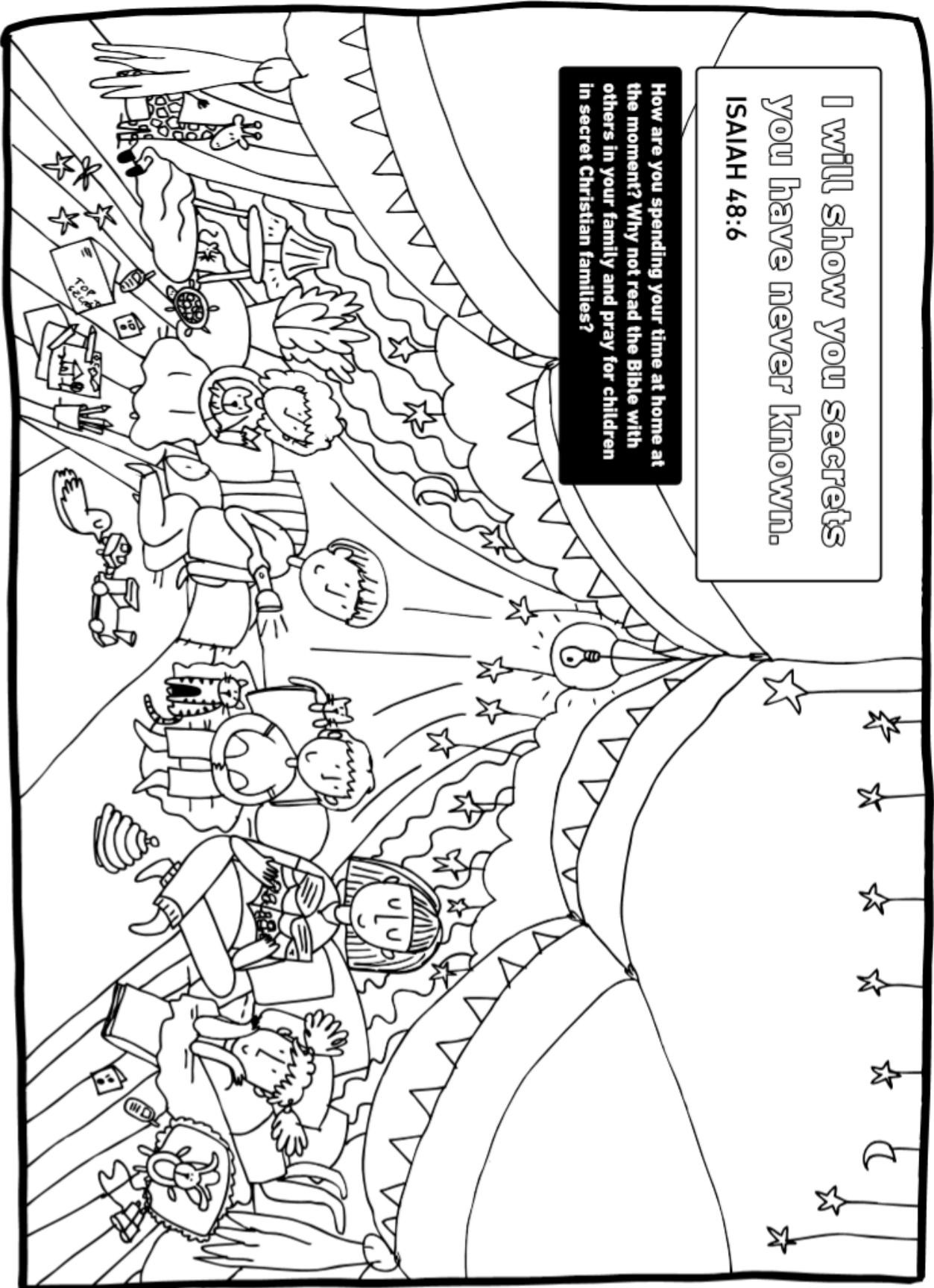
So many wonderful ideas flow from thinking of Jesus as the
Vine and us as His branches.

Pray for those who live in fear of catching this
disease. Protect all who are fearful that they may know the
Shalom, Shalom (perfect peace) which we can only find in
Christ.

Pray for the ministry of Alison Orr and others who are in the
forefront of evangelism. Zoom conferencing has opened up
many wonderful opportunities as she shares Christ with
people from Japan and in Japan.

I will show you secrets
you have never known.
ISAIAH 48:6

How are you spending your time at home at the moment? Why not read the Bible with others in your family and pray for children in secret Christian families?



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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.

