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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 is first time The Right Rev Dr David Bruce will lead this service.

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 7th June at **8pm** via Zoom. Email: office@glengormley.org, message our Facebook page Glengormley Presbyterian Church or telephone 028 93352536 for Meeting ID.

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.

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.

Prayer Diary

A prayer for patience in a time of waiting

Timeless God,
what we thought might be a short pause,
now seems like an eternity;
what we began describing as extraordinary times,
are beginning to feel pretty ordinary;
what we first experienced as an interruption to our lives,
has merged into an unwanted new normal.
We need you to stay our hearts,
giving staying power for the long haul,
but also helping us stay put for the moment with patience
and restraint.
Help us to learn the lesson that our times are in your hands,
and as we wait upon the Lord our strength will be renewed.
Help us to live in the in-between time;
like our father Abraham anticipating your blessing,
before the birth of God's promised son;
like Joseph captive as a prisoner in Egypt,
before his dreams came true;
like Moses tending his father-in-law's flock in the desert,
before encountering you in the burning bush;
like the Israelites wandering for forty years in the
wilderness,
before entering the promised land;
like David on the run from Saul,
before his anointing led to his ascending the throne;
like Jesus, tried and tempted for forty days and nights,
before emerging to his life's great purpose.
Our hearts cry, 'how long O Lord?'
And you reply,
'know that the testing of your faith,
produces perseverance,
let perseverance finish its work,
so that you may be mature and complete,
not lacking anything.'
As we continue to wait on you,
give strength and courage,
for these long days.
In Jesus' name.
Amen

Sunday 7 June - Digital ministry

- ⇒ Pray for those who are preparing and delivering messages, prayers and other material for week by week digital ministry, asking that God would continue to give a word in season, clarity and creativity in communication and energy for the task of recording.
- ⇒ Pray for those who edit and upload weekly digital ministry for congregations, asking that God would continue to use their gifts to bring blessing to others and smooth the processes of delivery.

Monday 8 June - Towards easing of the lockdown

- ⇒ Give thanks to God for the steady decrease in cases of coronavirus and pray that as lockdown measures are gradually eased there will not be an upsurge in the rate of infection.

- ⇒ Pray that a wise balance between continuing care in the area of public health and actions needed to restore other aspects of life and society impacted by the lockdown might be found and followed.

Tuesday 9 June - The bereaved and suffering

- ⇒ Pray for those who have been bereaved during the lockdown, asking that God would draw especially near to bring comfort and strength in this season when the normal support of family and friends remains limited due to ongoing social distancing.
- ⇒ Pray for those who suffer with serious and ongoing health conditions, asking that God would give extra strength, peace and perseverance in this period in which the usual care and treatment is restricted by lockdown and health service capacity.

Wednesday 10 June - Search for a vaccine

- ⇒ Pray for scientific researchers as they continue to work towards developing a vaccine for Covid-19, asking that God would enable the use of their gifts and experience to provide a solution that will save many lives.
- ⇒ Pray that increased knowledge and learning from the treatment of those who have had Covid-19 would enable a better understanding of the issues involved in combatting the virus.

Thursday 11 June - Family life

- ⇒ Give thanks for opportunities for families to keep in touch through technology and to begin to see each other face-to-face again as restrictions are relaxed. Ask God to give us a new appreciation for one another.
- ⇒ Pray for parents, children and young people all continuing to experience family life in a different way than usual, asking God for patience with one another and pleasure in closer relationships forged in lockdown.

Friday 12 June - Maintaining social distancing

- ⇒ Pray that as lockdown restrictions are gradually relaxed that the general public will continue to exercise necessary restraint in social distancing and behave with common sense and a genuine concern for others.
- ⇒ Pray for those who are working to develop social distancing in workplaces, shops, schools and other everyday settings, asking that God would help them to find viable ways of enabling a safe return to greater normality in coming days.

Saturday 13 June - The PCI family

- ⇒ Give thanks to God for the denominational family of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, praying that he would help us to find encouragement in one another's stories of faith, hope and love.
- ⇒ Pray for those who continue to provide support to congregations and their members through the various councils of the General Assembly, asking that God would give them the wisdom, strength and vision needed to work around present circumstances and find new ways of exercising their ministries.

Puzzles for Everyone

We hope you were able to solve the puzzles from last week.

This week we have a crossword based on John 6 v 24-35

ACROSS

1. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
4. To accept something as being true
6. The period between birth and death
9. The place where God and the angels live
10. To have a desire for water.

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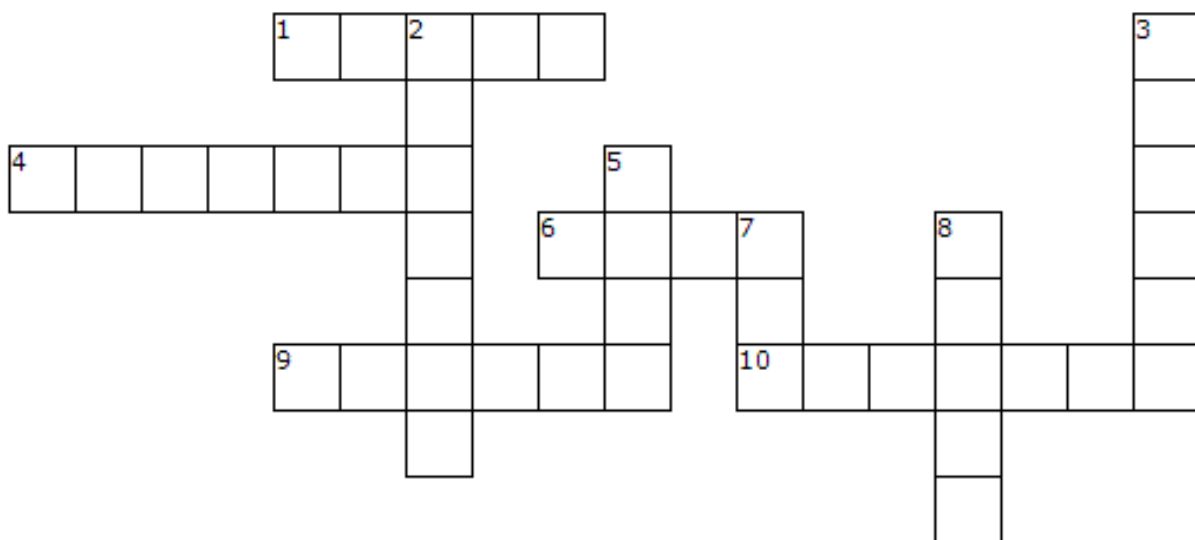
2. To last forever; to be without end
3. To have a desire for food
5. A signal that something exists or might happen in the future
7. To put food into your mouth, chew it, and swallow it
8. The earth with its inhabitants



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The Bread of Life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry

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