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Services

*Please join us on **Sunday morning** as we stay at home and link in with our service at 11am*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIEy7LE8ikrKGMWf2-ZQX8A>

*This is the first service lead by our new minister
Rev Reuben McCormick*

Church Notices

We are so pleased to be able to welcome Rev. Reuben McCormick, his wife Glenda and their children Lily and Malachi to Glengormley Presbyterian Church. We want to assure them of our love and our prayers as Reuben begins his ministry, as they settle into our church family and as they prepare for moving to the manse in early July.

PRAYER MEETING: Sunday 21st June at **8pm** via Zoom.
Email: office@glengormley.org, message our Facebook page Glengormley Presbyterian Church or telephone 028 93352536 for Meeting ID.

OUR DAILY BREAD BIBLE NOTES: As we are unable to distribute copies of the Bible notes in the usual way just now, members of the Congregation can access copies themselves in a number of ways. You can sign up to receive a copy at ourdailybread.org/subscription, or telephone their office on 015395 64149, or email at uk@odb.org. Also you can read a copy on their app, by email, or online at ourdailybread.org.

VOLUNTEERS TO READ: Following the installation of the Rev. Reuben McCormick we will be producing our own GPC online services. Reuben would like members of the congregation to be involved as many of you were when we were able to meet in person. If you have not previously read in church but could do a reading by video/audio on your phone/iPad please get in touch - Kerry Newman 02890842995. For those of you who were daunted by a sea of faces in church, this is a new opportunity to be involved. Many thanks.

MOMENTUM YES: OMF are planning to run a 6-week interactive small group course exploring the big story of what God has done, is doing and wills to do in his world...

and how our personal stories might fit into this. The first meeting will take place (via Zoom) on Monday 22nd June from 8pm to 9:30pm. The group will subsequently meet every Monday at 8pm for 90 minutes over the next 5 weeks (29 June, 6, 13, 20, 27 July). To find out more about the course check out www.momentumyes.com To make further enquiries or sign up contact nathaniel.jennings@omfmail.com

CEOP have produced a short video for parents and carers about encouraging online safety at home: <https://youtu.be/6S5cFxoTATs>

NEW HORIZON UPDATE : June 2020 Online Evening Celebrations 26 to 30 July. While we can't re-create the buzz of the big tent online, many of our regulars have expressed their hope that New Horizon can do something to encourage the body of Christ through the summer months. We have been listening and praying and we believe it is right to contribute something to feed God's people and, through them, to encourage their church fellowships. Coronavirus has changed much but God's Word is not changed and we are still called to be the Healthy, Serving Church in our time. Please spread the word that we will release scaled-down evening celebrations on the theme 'Healthy Church; Serving Church' from Sunday 26 July to Thursday 30 July at 8pm. There will also be something from Livewire, OnTheEdge and SU so make sure to watch out for more details.

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.

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.

Prayer Diary

A prayer for creativity as normal gives way to new

Creator God,
you have made all things out of nothing;
out of emptiness and darkness,
fashioned every form of life,
and birthed light for each new day.
In this moment –
the ways we have always done things
seem inadequate and redundant;
we know things have to be different,
but our well-worn routines shackle our thinking;
our range of vision for alternatives
is limited by our struggle to imagine other possibilities.
Help us in this twilight zone,
between what was and what is to come.
Give us a sense of your presence with us in the storm,
speaking to us above howling wind and tossing wave,
calling us to take courage,
not to fear,
inviting us to take those first faltering steps,
in answer to your call out of the familiar,
to exercise fresh faith in you.
Draw our eyes to Jesus,
and fix them there.
Reach out your hand and catch us,
in those times when our faith shrinks,
and our doubts grow.
Expand our thinking,
enlarge our courage,
enable wise choices,
extend your grace,
engage us heart, mind and soul,
equip us for what lies ahead.
For you are making all things new,

and we want to be renewed as your people,
after the image of Christ.

In whose name we pray.

Amen

Sunday 21 June - Ministers and members

Pray for ministers preparing to preach and communicate in the new world of digital communication, asking that God will give them a word from himself and the ability to deliver it effectively.

Pray for the many members of congregations using their gifts to provide digital ministry to all ages, asking that God would continue to give clarity and creativity in sharing his truth.

Monday 22 June - Local and global mission

Pray for congregations whose gates and doors may be shut for now, but whose witness continues through members contributing to their local communities, asking that God will make his love shown and ways known in the lives of many who have no church connection.

Pray for the people of Malawi as they re-run presidential elections tomorrow, asking God that the election process be conducted fairly and peacefully, with people being disciplined in social-distancing so as to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Tuesday 23 June - The vulnerable and those shielding

Pray for those who are particularly vulnerable in this season of turmoil - including the frail, elderly, isolated, homeless and poor – asking that God would protect them and bring comfort and strength.

Pray for those who are shielding because they are particularly vulnerable to infection from coronavirus due to underlying health conditions, asking God to give them perseverance as they endure ongoing lockdown restrictions and peace of heart in a still anxious moment.

Wednesday 24 June - Behind the scenes work to support congregations and church life

Pray for those continuing to work behind the scenes to support congregations and the wider church in practical areas such as finance, payroll, IT, creative production and property, asking God that he would give wisdom, energy and effectiveness in delivery of their ministry.

Pray for those writing devotionals, composing blogs, compiling material for prayer and contributing to podcasts as part of the These Three Remain initiative to encourage the church in this season of life, asking that God would minister in and through them to bless his people in their walk of faith.

Thursday 25 June - Furloughed workers

Pray for furloughed workers as they experience both the opportunity to rest from their labours but also the frustration of being unable to pursue their God given calling, asking for renewal and reassurance of God's perfect timing.

Pray for those who minister in congregations, PCI projects and through the councils of the church who have been furloughed, asking that God will still restlessness of heart in

this period of pause and inspire imagination with fresh creativity for return to work during this time of waiting.

Friday 26 June - Churches considering resumption of activities

Pray for leadership in congregations as they carefully consider what activities they might resume as lockdown restrictions gradually ease, asking that God will give wisdom in a moment which requires careful judgement.

Pray for increasing clarity from government and statutory bodies in the communication of good practice in bringing groups of people together, asking God that this might shed ever clearer light on possibilities and responsibilities as congregations consider the implications of gathering again.

Saturday 27 June - PCI care homes

Pray for the continuing ministry of PCI residential facilities, thanking God that they have remained relatively infection free during the coronavirus pandemic, and asking him to bless their ongoing witness among residents, families and the wider community.

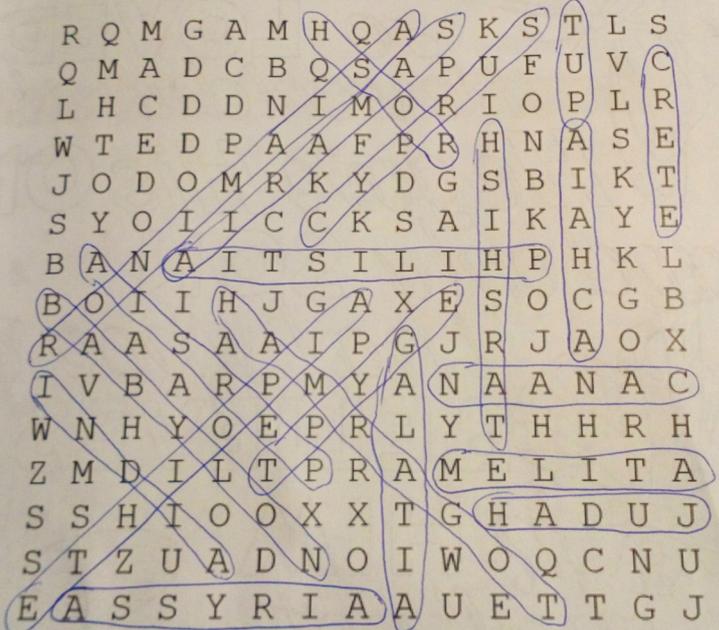
Pray for care home staff and those who oversee the work of social witness for PCI, asking that God would continue to give clarity of judgement and daily renewal of strength in what continues to be an intense period of ministry.

Puzzles for Everyone

Here are the answers to last weeks word search:

This week we have a riddle in the middle. Use the clues to complete the 5-letter answers, starting at the top and working your way down. When finished, read the letters in the squares with the thick boxes, from top to bottom, to reveal the answer to the riddle below.

Bible Word Search: COUNTRIES OF THE BIBLE



What kind of jokes did King Solomon like?

T R

1. _____ of Babel

E E

2. The Israelites' time in Egypt

F S

3. Goes without eating

D M

4. What Joseph interpreted for pharaoh

J B

5. Esau's twin brother

T H

6. Five books of Moses

W E

7. What swallowed Jonah, commonly

O R

8. Come to pass

M R

9. Creator

M C

10. Religious ritual frequently used by King David

The Lord is
my shepherd,
I have
everything
I need.
PSALM 23:1

In some countries it's very difficult
- and dangerous - to find out about
Jesus. But Jesus appears to them in
dreams. This man became a Christian
after meeting Jesus in a dream.

