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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/GlengormleyPresbyterianChurch>

lead by our minister Rev Reuben McCormick

Leadership Notices

ADVANCE NOTICE: KIRK SESSION MEETING on Tuesday 8th September at 7:30pm. Further details of the meeting will be circulated to elders at the beginning of next week.

Church Notices

CONGRATULATIONS: Two couples in the congregation have recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversaries – Frank and Nan Murray on 8th August, and Ernie and Nancy Flack on 10th August.

THANK YOU to all those who contributed to our e-envelope for Christian Aid back in May. £280 was donated



SHOEBOXES 2020—HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY

It is hard to believe that it was **21 years ago and 3413 shoeboxes** later that Glengormley Presbyterian Church began supporting Samaritans Purse by filling shoeboxes. Covid 19 has dealt a blow to the shoebox team in this our 21st year. Firstly lockdown and then shielding has prevented some of us from doing our usual shopping trips to purchase items to fill our shoeboxes. Samaritans Purse has informed us that the need for boxes is even greater this year because of the pandemic, and they are still hoping to deliver boxes (probably to the worst affected areas of Eastern Europe). As Shoebox Sunday will not be able to take place in its usual way this year, we recommend that all those who normally fill a box and bring it along on Shoebox Sunday continue to fill a box, **but do it on-line**. Please look up the 'Samaritan's Purse UK' website and click on 'Operation Christmas Child' and find 'Fill a Shoebox on line' to follow the easy instructions. It will cost £20, £5 of which will be the shipping fee. If you decide to **go on line** please remember to inform a member of the team, so that it can be included in our overall total number of boxes for 2020. We currently have enough items in the

store to fill 75 shoeboxes for this year. If any member of the congregation has already purchased, made or knit items to fill shoeboxes, **please do not bring them to the Church** but let us know on (028 90836340) and they will be collected. As a team we hope and pray that we will be able to return to a more normal situation next year. **Remember we have a 21st Birthday party to celebrate, with a special cake.**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Church Office has reopened and will be manned on Thursdays 12:30-3:30pm

Prayer Diary

A prayer for going back to school

God our heavenly teacher,
thank you for the gift of learning,
that enables us to grow in wisdom and stature,
in relationship with you and others.
We pray for school life as it resumes again,
after months of lockdown and the long summer break.
Be with governors, principals, drivers, cleaners and others,
who have responsibility in arrangements,
for the smooth running of the school day.
Be with teachers and classroom assistants,
as they help pupils settle again into learning.
Be with parents, grandparents and carers,
as they gently help loved ones readjust to the return of school.
Be with children and young people,
as they renew relationships with staff and peers,
embrace new rhythms and routines in familiar places,
pick up the threads of the curriculum again -
remembering what they have learned before,
and quickly making sense of new knowledge coming their way.
Be especially with those in crucial exam years,
taking away fear of months of learning lost,

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giving confidence in what can yet be gained.
Help whole school families grow in these days -
physically in their new environments for learning,
mentally as new thinking is required,
emotionally as strains and stresses have to be negotiated,
socially in community with one another,
spiritually as they recognise God at work among them.
Lord Jesus,
whose teaching amazed and astounded,
with its stamp of authority,
and left its lasting mark on many lives,
hear these our prayers for our schools this new term.
Amen

Sunday 23 August | *God's glory*

Give thanks for God's glory, asking that it might be evident in our worship today, humbling us and inspiring us to greater love and service.
Pray that we might reflect God's glory in our witness throughout the week, bringing honour to him in heart, word and action.

Monday 24 August | *Government*

Give thanks for the new coalition government formed in the Republic of Ireland, asking for God's guidance as it continues to lead the country out of lockdown.
Pray for good relationships between parties in government in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, asking God to bring stability in political leadership.

Tuesday 25 August | *Care homes*

Give thanks for the way in which God has enabled greater normality to return to life for those living and working in care homes, asking that he will continue to keep them infection free.
Pray for wisdom in improving the care sector and using extra finance allocated wisely so as to improve the support given to the elderly and most vulnerable in society.

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEETS: Office hours are Thursdays 12:30-3:30pm. Any announcements need to be with the office by 12 noon on Thursdays.

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS: If these should change, please notify the office so that we can keep our records up to date.

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visiting our website:

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Wednesday 26 August | *Community life*

Give thanks for the bonds of community in streets and towns that have been strengthened through response to the coronavirus and lockdown, asking God that life in closer relationship might be maintained.

Pray for daily opportunities to love our neighbour as we love ourselves, so showing God's love in visible and practical ways.

Thursday 27 August | *Global mission communication*

Give thanks for the ways in which PCI's global mission workers have been able to maintain communication with congregations at home during the coronavirus upheaval, enabling sharing together in the fellowship of the gospel and prayer.

Pray for ongoing work in developing digital communication between global mission workers and congregations at home to enable more effective sharing of news and deeper support for the work.

Friday 28 August | *Preparations for winter*


Give thanks for ongoing preparations in government and health provision to deal with the risk of increased infection from coronavirus during winter, asking that God would give greater readiness as the result of lessons already learned.

Pray that winter would not result in a second spike of coronavirus and that God would particularly protect the vulnerable and those with underlying health conditions.

Saturday 29 August | *Denominational life*

Give thanks for the ways in which God has drawn together the PCI family during the upheaval of coronavirus and lockdown through the many stories shared and collective wisdom gained.

Pray for those charged with enabling the collective life of the denomination, supporting ministry and mission in congregations, asking for agility and creativity in navigating many obstacles in these days.

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