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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

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 4th October - Harvest Service

Discipleship Events

PRAYER MEETING: Zoom Prayer Meeting will be held this Sunday, 13th September at 8pm. Contact David Johnston or email office@glengormley.org for further details. If you would like us to pray for you or a situation in your life, then please message our Facebook page.

Leadership Notices

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING on Tuesday 15th September at 8pm.

Kirk Session Update

Kirk Session have agreed to make preparations to resume public worship on 4th October, 2020. As current PCI guidelines will be adhered to, there will be a reduction in the numbers who can attend. We will issue further details over the next few weeks. The online service will continue to be available each Sunday.

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.

Prayer Diary

A prayer for discernment as life returns to a new normality

Lord of this season of stepping into the future, I'm beginning to think there might not be much new, in what is becoming normal again. It's so easy to slip back thoughtlessly into old ways, as the speed of having to get up and going again picks up pace. I'm in danger of missing what it is that you want to teach me through all I've experienced - the kind of change that you want to bring to my life. And what if what does become new has novelty value for now, but turns out to be shallow and worthless? It's so easy to have my head turned by the voices of the world, summoning me to a lifestyle that does not reflect the heart changing ways of your kingdom. I'm in danger of minimising those core things that you want to bring back into focus - calling me to prioritise them once again. It all feels like a bit of a muddle just now, my head and heart spinning in the messy middle of the road out of lockdown. So, please grant me a discerning heart, shaped by attentiveness to your Word, soaked in prayerfulness, watchful for what you are doing in and around me, not so taken up with all the nuts and bolts of what has to be done and how, that I miss the wood for the trees.

Prayer Diary

I know life has to return to a new normality,
but may it be one that is further fashioned by the
norms of your ways for me.
Help me to trust in you Lord with all my heart,
not to lean on my own understanding,
or be distracted by the ever-changing sound bites of
the world.
Enable me to see and acknowledge you in all my ways –
personal, home, family, social, working, church and
community life.
Straighten my steps on your path ahead for my life,
as I edge into your new normal.
For the glory of Jesus.
Amen.

Sunday 13 September | *Arrangements for worship*

Give thanks for those who are working hard to create
and sustain a safe environment for worship in our
buildings and provision for digital ministry to those who
cannot return to services.
Pray that would continue to make our church premises
Covid safe places in which we can encounter the life
changing power and presence of God.

Monday 14 September | *Workplaces*

Pray for those returning to workplaces for the first
time, asking that God would help them overcome fears
and uncertainties about their journey and working day
as well as navigate the many changes in buildings and
arrangements.

Give thanks for those working hard to enable return to
work through putting necessary health and safety
measures in place, ensuring cleanliness and providing
public transport.

Tuesday 15 September | *Leadership in congregations*

Give thanks for elders, ministers and other leaders in
congregations who have added responsibilities at this
time in enabling churches to wisely and creatively
respond to present circumstances for ministry.
Pray for kirk sessions as they meet either digitally or
with social distancing, asking that God's presence,
leading and guiding would remain a very present reality
in the strange circumstances in which they gather and
discuss together.



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Or our Facebook page
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Wednesday 16 September | *Beirut*

Pray for the city of Beirut and its population suffering
from the many devastating effects of the recent
explosion, asking that God would help them as they
respond and begin to try to recover some sort of
normality.

Give thanks for the many ways in which help is being
provided to the people of Beirut, asking God to bless
and use the efforts of all those organisations and
individuals involved.

Thursday 17 September | *Schools*

Give thanks to God for a return to school despite the
many obstacles and uncertainties that has involved.
Pray for all those involved in delivering education in our
schools, asking God that he would give patience,
creativity, resilience and safety as they continue to
grapple with necessary restrictions and unusual
patterns of teaching and supporting pupils.

Friday 18 September | *The food and hospitality industry*

Give thanks to God for the possibilities now open to
society to enjoy a simple cup of coffee, a meal or a
weekend away as the food and hospitality industry
finds ways of returning to business.

Pray for the safety of those working in the food and
hospitality industries, as they often serve in constricted
spaces and encounter many people in their working
day.

Saturday 19 September | *Prayer life*

Give thanks to God for answered prayer in recent
months, appreciating how he responds to our faltering
requests in ways beyond what we can imagine, ask or
think.

Pray that God would keep us increasingly reliant on
him, devoted to prayer, watchful and thankful for his
answers.

COVID-19

Simple steps save lives



Wash your hands regularly.
Keep your distance.
**Wear a face covering
where needed.**