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Services

Sunday 1st November 2020

11am Rev George Moore

Sunday 8th November 2020

11am Rev Reuben McCormick

<https://www.youtube.com/GlengormleyPresbyterianChurch>

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 8th November, 11am - Remembrance Sunday

COMMUNION: Communion will be celebrated at the end of morning worship services on each of the first four Sundays in November. We have sourced self-contained communion cups with bread and non-alcoholic wine. We would invite all those who are in attendance on these Sundays who love the Lord Jesus Christ to join with us.

Discipleship Events

PRAYER MEETING: Zoom Prayer Meeting will be held this Sunday, 1st November at 8pm. Contact David Johnston or email office@glengormley.org. If you would like us to pray for you or a situation in your life, then please message our Facebook page.

LIFE GROUPS: Many of our Bible study groups are currently meeting online using Zoom. There is plenty of space for new members, so if you'd like to give one a try, you can be assured of a warm welcome! Please contact David Johnston for further information: jonty@post.com 02890 282251

Organisation Notices

GPC CHILDREN: As Sunday Club and Friday Club cannot meet in person they have gone online. Since Friday 9th October, a new video has been posted each week on the Glengormley Presbyterian Church YouTube and Facebook accounts. There have been Bible stories, songs and activities. Please join with our children each

Friday at home and share the details with any young people that you know.

PW Mission Boxes/Donations are now due. Please put your donation in an envelope with your name and amount and leave on collection plate on the Sunday you attend church. Alternatively contact Valerie Raphael or leave your contact details on the church office answerphone (028 9084 8774) or email office@glengormley.org and arrangements can be made for collection. PW Mission Fund is depending on generosity of our women as they do not receive any funding from United Appeal. "Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" 1 Thessalonians 5 v 11

LEPROSY MISSION: Donations for our Leprosy Mission are now due. Please put your donation in an envelope with your name and amount and leave on collection plate on the Sunday you attend Church. Alternatively contact Rosemary Ruddy or leave your contact details on the church office answerphone (028 9084 8774) or email office@glengormley.org and arrangements can be made for collection. Many thanks.

Church Notices

STREAMED SERVICES: We have had some feedback and suggestions for the Live Stream of our Sunday Services and hopefully over the next couple of weeks we will try to continue to develop and improve how we do things. One comment that has been mentioned quite a bit is that people would love to be able to see more of their Church Family! So we had an idea to try and make this happen. What we would like you to do is

to send us your ServiceSelfies. Basically, take a quick picture of you and anyone that watches the live stream service with you (with their permission of course!) just before the service begins and either WhatsApp to Andy McClelland or email it to video@glengormley.org. We will then take all the photos and add them to the intro announcements at the start of the following week.

SPECIAL OFFERING: It is good now to be back worshipping together in the church building on Sunday mornings. While we weren't able to do this we missed several opportunities to give to causes which we usually support. The committee has decided that we will have the opportunity to do this throughout the month of November. If you wish to contribute, please place your gift in any envelope and label it 'Special Offering'. Also please put your name and freewill offering number on the envelope especially if you have signed up for Gift Aid. Your gift will then be split as follows: **United Appeal 42%, Tear Fund 22%, Christian Aid 19% and Presbyterian Children's Society 17%**. This is proportionally the same as last years giving. Envelopes should be placed in the offering plate on any Sunday in November.

DISPOSAL OF FOODSTUFF: At the start of lockdown we disposed of any perishable items etc from our kitchens. However as it seems unlikely that even a cup of tea will be made on the premises for the foreseeable future, we will be clearing all foodstuffs from the premises - Mosaic, kitchen, minor hall. If your organisation owns such items and there is anything you feel needs to be retained, then please contact the office before Thursday 5th November 2020. **Please also arrange to dispose of any perishable items in organisation cupboards.**

FEBA: You are warmly invited to join with the Feba family to pray online on Wednesday 4th November at 7pm. You'll hear updates from our partner ministering in India and news from another radio project ministering to a Central Asian tribal group. Visit feba.org.uk/prayermeeting for details.

While we continue to operate under restrictions our services will continue to be streamed online.

[https://www.youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/GlengormleyPresbyterianChurch)

GlengormleyPresbyterianChurch

If you want to come to church - Let your elder know.

They will let you know when you can attend.

If you don't have an elder - please email

iwanttocometochurch@glengormley.org and let us know.

If you don't have email call and leave a message at the church office 02890848774 - and we will get back to you.

ON YOUR SUNDAY TO ATTEND:

1. **Ensure you have no symptoms of COVID.**
2. Face - Bring your facemask.
3. Fingers - you will sanitise your hands on your way in.
4. Feet - you will need to keep 2 metres social distancing at all times.
5. The Automatic door at the side of the church is the new main entrance.
6. Your attendance will be recorded.
7. You will be shown to the particular seat according to the pre-prepared seating plan, please follow the stewards guidance.
8. We will Praise, Pray, Participate in Hearing God's Word. There is no creche, children will stay with their parents - activity packs will be available.
9. At the end of the service, we will all leave, orderly and keeping social distancing - through the main church doors.

It will be wonderful for us to be able to gather for worship. It is important that we all keep the guidelines as a practical way to show our love for one another.

Community Notices

Stress Control online is a six-session cognitive-behavioural therapy class used extensively in community-settings by the NHS (UK) and HSE (Ireland) and across the world. You can find out more here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDVRme6oWZT2hsCYaSergGw>

Each session will play twice a day at 2pm and repeated at 8.30 pm (from Monday 2nd November). Each Session will remain available on the YouTube channel for 48 hours after the start time.

To take part:

Go to <https://ni.stresscontrol.org/> where you can learn more about the class and get the dates. Everything you need to successfully complete the class – the booklets, self-assessment, relaxation and mindfulness - can be found in the 'Free zone'. If you can, please read, and start working on, the booklets in the 'Preparing for the course' section before Session 1.

On the homepage, click on the 'Stress Control 2020' link to access our YouTube channel where the classes will be available to view at the scheduled times. If you click the 'Subscribe' button on our YouTube page (free), you will receive notifications when a new session is available. You can also follow this link: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_BKErJ_jISQHKFtHPCRmEctDtcNCCowB)

[list=PL_BKErJ_jISQHKFtHPCRmEctDtcNCCowB](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_BKErJ_jISQHKFtHPCRmEctDtcNCCowB)
The session will begin exactly on time, so make sure you are there from the start. Sessions run for about 90 minutes and there will be a 10-minute break in the middle.

Prayer Diary

As well as including PCI Let's Pray diary we have included Tearfund prayer guide. Through our special collections this month we will be supporting Tearfund.

Let's Pray

Sunday 1 November

- ◆ Please pray for the Moderator as he commences his presbytery tour of Armagh – which will be slightly restricted in scope. Pray for him and the congregations of First Lurgan and First Portadown as he leads their services on Sunday 1 November.
- ◆ Ask God to help us overcome the unnatural restrictions of social distancing as we join together to worship him with others and encourage one another in conversation.

Monday 2 November

- ◆ PCI partners with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Zambia Synod. Pray for Synod members as they meet together for the Synod meeting in mid-November, during which there will be leadership elections.
- ◆ Rev Sevat Kabaghe, General Secretary, asks us to pray for the ministers, that they would faithfully serve the Lord despite many challenges and that love and unity would continue in the Synod of Zambia.

Tuesday 3 November

- ◆ PCI has 54 chaplains in both large and small hospitals throughout Ireland. Pray for these chaplains as they minister to patients and their families at the current time of uncertainty and anxiety.
- ◆ • Healthcare chaplaincy | Pray for the chaplains as they also minister to healthcare staff. Pray for these staff as they work long hours in difficult situations.

Wednesday 4 November

- ◆ Diane Cusick works in Early Childhood Development (ECD) in Zambia. Give thanks that schools were allowed to open at the end of September. Pray for the teachers that Diane works with, particularly for their extra workload as they ensure their classrooms are clean and safe.

- ◆ Pray for Diane as she works from home, encouraging and supporting ECD teachers around Zambia. Give thanks for the ways that she can stay connected with community.

Thursday 5 November

- ◆ Pray for the work of the Belfast Conference, as the three Belfast presbyteries collaborate to make decisions and allocate resources for ministry in the Belfast area.
- ◆ Pray that, although many activities are on hold for now, that there would be continued and renewed passion and vision for the work of the Church in Belfast.

Friday 6 November

- ◆ Pray for Adelaide House – residents and staff as they continue to work through a Covid-19 outbreak in the home. Give thanks for the patience of residents, dedication of staff and the understanding of families and friends.
- ◆ Pray that a consultation on a plan developed in response to the challenges and risks facing children, young people and their families due to the Covid-19 pandemic would identify and support positive interventions.

Saturday 7 November

- ◆ The General Council Standing Committee met last Thursday. Pray for the outworking of the decisions made by ministers and elders as they deal with a number of challenging issues and seek to coordinate the overall work of the General Assembly's Councils.
- ◆ Pray for ministers and licentiates from Ireland, Scotland, Hungary, Romania and Cuba who are at various stages in a process of transferring to PCI that they may know God's guidance and blessing as they

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.



Keep in touch with us by visiting our website: www.glengormley.org

Or our Facebook page

Glengormley Presbyterian Church

We also have a WhatsApp group for church members to keep in touch with each other. Email office@glengormley.org for details

CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



FAMILIES

It's hard to think of those we love suffering in any way. Many of us are concerned about elderly relatives or people with health conditions that make them vulnerable to coronavirus. Some people in our communities will not have a family and may be feeling particularly alone at this time.

For many families in poorer countries, being in lockdown means no longer being able to earn enough that day to feed your children. In places where malnutrition is already a problem, even more people are going hungry and face the risk of starvation.

Pray:

Bring to mind your family and those you love, and thank God for them. Pray for their protection from coronavirus, especially those who may be particularly vulnerable.

Pray for God to comfort those around the world who are grieving the loss of loved ones, and for those who may be feeling isolated or lonely by being in lockdown.

Pray for Tearfund and other aid organisations to be able to get food, financial aid and emotional support to people whose already fragile circumstances have become desperate because of the pandemic.



HEALTHCARE

We are thankful to God that in the UK we have access to world-class healthcare, and can build new mega-hospitals in a matter of weeks. The NHS is facing unprecedented pressure and we want to lift our healthcare workers up before God.

Millions around the world who may get very ill from coronavirus will have no access to the healthcare they need. People in rural villages might have miles to walk just to get to the nearest clinic. Equipment like ventilators is scarce, even in the larger hospitals (in South Sudan, for example, there are only four ventilators for a population of 11 million people). Prevention is critical, but many people in poorer countries do not have access to soap and clean water to properly wash their hands.

Pray:

Pray for all NHS workers to be kept healthy and well, for availability of necessary protective equipment, and for courage to replace fear as they care for infected people.

Ask God to have mercy and to protect countries where there is a lack of basic healthcare, or where there is already devastation because of conflict and natural disasters. Pray for strength, wisdom and protection for the healthcare workers in these places.

Pray for Tearfund partners who are setting up hand-washing stations, distributing soap, providing hygiene training and raising awareness about coronavirus prevention. Continue to pray for them as you wash your hands throughout the day.



GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY

Governments around the world are having to make very difficult decisions about coronavirus, weighing up the need to protect lives and healthcare systems, while also trying to protect jobs and the economy.

Many governments in developing nations are not able to provide people with the extra financial support and protections we are receiving in the UK. In places where up to 80 per cent of the population may rely on daily wages to survive, lockdown decisions can be even harder to make. There are also places in the world where lockdown and social distancing is impractical or even impossible, such as for the millions living in refugee camps.

Pray:

Pray for wisdom for Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the Cabinet and senior civil servants as they decide how best to halt the spread of coronavirus in the UK while also protecting jobs.

Pray for wisdom and support for governments of developing nations who are not able to provide safety nets to their people because of lack of resources and fragile infrastructures.

Ask God to protect people living in refugee camps from coronavirus, such as the half a million Rohingya people in the world's biggest refugee camp in Bangladesh. Pray for wisdom for leaders of these camps as they prepare to respond.



THE CHURCH

Many UK churches are grappling with how to continue worship and support their congregations pastorally during lockdown. Yet amidst the challenges, Christians are being presented with new opportunities to care for our vulnerable neighbours. At Tearfund we are mobilising our church partners to support the coronavirus response in some of the world's poorest communities, where those already in great need now have a pandemic to contend with.

Pray:

Pray for God's blessing on your own church in this season, that community will be strengthened despite the inability to gather, and for wisdom for leaders as they adapt.

Pray for churches in your community and around the world to be the hands and feet of Jesus during this pandemic, in both prayer and action where possible.

Pray for protection, grace and courage for Tearfund's church partners as they seek to prevent the virus from spreading among poor communities, and respond to the increased needs people are experiencing.

Pray that Tearfund's many other vital projects that are bringing hope and help to so many will be able to adapt and continue despite coronavirus.