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Services

Sunday 15th November 2020

11am Rev Reuben McCormick

Sunday 22nd November 2020

11am Rev Reuben McCormick

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

Forthcoming Events

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, 15th 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

Leadership Notices

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE Meeting on Tuesday 17th November at 8pm.

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



For the last few years, as a church, we have supported the Newtownabbey Foodbank based at Carnmoney Presbyterian Church.

821 People fed in April 2020
(3 times more than April 2019)

2,919 People fed in 2019.

2015 The year that our foodbank opened.

This year we have been asked to donate throughout November the following items:

Boxes of sweets. Tins of sweets. Tins of custard. Please leave any items you bring in the entrance hall. Thank you



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.

FWO, Missions, Property & Special Offering

Contributions: If you are contributing to FWO, Missions, Property or the Special Offering by cheque it would be much appreciated if you could write separate cheques for each fund you are contributing to. This will greatly help the counting teams as FWO contributions are counted weekly or fortnightly while Mission Fund and Property Fund contributions are only counted at the end of each month. The Special Offering will also be not be counted until the end of November.

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.



Coming to church

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.



Prayer Diary

As well as including PCI Let's Pray diary we have included Open Doors Prayer diary for the rest of November.

Let's Pray

Sunday 15 November

- Pray for the Moderator as he continues to visit congregations or prepare online content for them, for example, the service taking place at Donabate this Sunday, 15th November.
- Pray for those who will teach a lesson in Sunday school or children's church, asking that God would help them open up and apply his Word to young minds and hearts.

Monday 16 November

- PCM is a small, but active Church in Myanmar, a majority Buddhist country. Pray for the Church leadership and members as they serve God in this context.
- Pray for PCM's theological college at Tahan as they train men and women to serve in the Church. Pray for the provision of the right personnel and resources in the college.

Tuesday 17 November

- Owen Wilson is a community outreach worker in Crumlin. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with the community as the church begins socially distanced outreach programmes. Pray also for Owen as he builds relationships within the church and community.
- Pray for the church as they start congregational outreach training at the end of November, that they will be blessed and encouraged to share the Gospel where God has placed them.

Wednesday 18 November

- Naomi Keefe serves in the north-east of Brazil in church and Bible-based community development and outreach. Give thanks for the children who have been able to stay connected by coming and borrowing books from the Reading Room.
- Pray for families living in the favela. Many are missing social contact and haven't been out of the favela for several months. Pray for wisdom and creativity for the volunteers who are visiting them.

Thursday 19 November

- Give thanks for how God is continuing to use the International Meeting Point in both North and South Belfast. Pray for the recent arrivals from East Africa, who the staff have been meeting one-on-one to help them adjust to life in Belfast.
- Give thanks for every day opportunities to pray for people in the IMP OpShop, and the opportunities to share God's Word that have come out of this. Pray that the right people would be there at the right times.

Friday 20 November

- Pray for the ongoing safety and good health of all residents in our Homes and Units in Older People Services. Give thanks for dedicated staff who continue to work long hours in challenging circumstances.
- Pray for those in business, retail, haulage and other sectors who will be impacted by changes brought about as a result of leaving the EU. Pray for clarity and transparency in decision making by those in authority as the deadline approaches.

Saturday 21 November

- Pray for the Clerk of the General Assembly, Rev Trevor Gribben and the newly appointed Deputy Clerk, Rev Dr David Allen, as they carry out the work of the General Secretary's Department and as the various Councils meet during the week.
- Council for Training in Ministry | Four ministry students completed college studies in May, have now been licensed and are serving as assistant ministers. Pray for Philip Boyd (serving in Legacurry), Richard Hill (Newmills), John McCracken (Ravenhill) and James O'Neill (Maze and Ballinderry).

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

Open Doors

PRAYER DIARY | Nov/Dec 2020



Open Doors is an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.

Open Doors supplies Bibles, leadership training, literacy programmes, livelihood support and advocacy services. We also mobilise the church in the UK and Ireland to serve Christians living under religious persecution.

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Sunday 15 November – UK and Ireland

To mark this year's International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church, Open Doors is partnering with Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Release International and Evangelical Alliance to host an online prayer event (see p16). Pray that the event will reach new audiences and raise much prayer and support for our persecuted family.

*Names changed for security reasons

Persecuted Women

Monday 16 November – North Korea

Today is Mother's Day in North Korea. It is used to commemorate the love and sacrifice of North Korean mothers, but also to glorify the mothers of current and past leaders to strengthen the regime. Pray for Christian mothers who are too afraid to tell their children they are believers because of the risk the child may accidentally betray the family to the authorities. Ask God to help them find ways to pass on their faith to their children.

Tuesday 17 November – North Korea

Bok-hee* attends a Bible study run by Open Doors for trafficked North Korean women in China. She suffers from depression, and in a recent study she shared that her husband tore up all the Bible verses she had written down. Pray that her heart will be healed by the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday 18 November – Laos

Ketsana's husband divorced her when he discovered she couldn't have children. She adopted a boy and brought him up as her own. But when she became a Christian, her son beat her and kicked her out of their house. "Please pray for me," she says. "My shoulders, neck and head hurt. I was punched by my son over and over, but I love him still, and I love Jesus too."

Thursday 19 November – Vietnam

Women are often left to oversee house churches when their pastor husbands are imprisoned. The Priscilla training programme provides discipleship training for pastors' wives. Pray that those who attend will be equipped to strengthen those under their care.

Friday 20 November – East Africa

Farashu's husband divorced her and took away her eldest son when she became a Christian. After training and a business loan from Open Doors, she opened a tomato farm, which has been very successful. "I never cease to thank God for all the assistance I have received," she says. "Please pray that one day I will be able to reunite with my family and share the gospel with them."

Saturday 21 November – Horn of Africa

Secret believer Fatima* was disowned by her family, but has now been able to train as a midwife thanks to support from Open Doors. The maternal mortality rate in her country is one of the highest in the world. Pray that she will be a blessing to the women she helps during childbirth.

Sunday 22 November – Eritrea

Pray for the many women whose husbands are in prison for their faith. Ask the Lord

to meet all their practical and spiritual needs so they can provide for their families.

Monday 23 November – Gulf

Pray for 'Daughterhood', a project run by our local partners to provide care and protection for women who have been abused. Pray for healing for the women, and for wisdom for our teams as they fight for God's justice for these women.



North Africa

Tuesday 24 November – Tunisia

In recent months, many believers have been expelled from their homes because of their faith. Pray that these believers will find a new family in the church and ask God to work in the hearts of their families and show them His love.

Wednesday 25 November – Tunisia

Pray for church leaders who are looking for ways to stay connected with their congregations under Covid-19 restrictions. Pray for the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Thursday 26 November – Morocco

Pray for believers who were isolated during Covid-19 lockdown. Pray that they will find fellowship and be connected to other believers who can encourage and support them.

Friday 27 November – Libya

Pray for a young believer who is under pressure from his family to adhere to the local customs. It is very hard for him to practise his Christian faith. Pray that he will hold unswervingly to the hope he professes and ask God to provide other believers to spur him on in his faith (Hebrews 10:23).

Saturday 28 November – Libya

Ask God to build His church in Libya. Pray that many would hear the gospel through Arabic satellite and web broadcasts and would be guided to a Christian who can explain the way of faith to them.

Sunday 29 November – Algeria

Praise God that people have continued to come to faith during the Covid-19 pandemic! Please pray that they will find other believers with whom they can enjoy fellowship.

Monday 30 November – Algeria

Many Algerian believers have been hit hard by the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Ask the Lord to provide them with work so they can sustain their families.

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