

# 6th December 2020

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## Services

### ***Sunday 6th December 2020***

***11am Rev Reuben McCormick***

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

### ***Sunday 13th December 2020***

***11am Rev Reuben McCormick***

***6pm Carol Service (will not be  
streamed online)***

## Forthcoming Events

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** In line with current Government restrictions services on Sunday 6th December will be streamed online only. Links can be found on our webpage, Facebook page and YouTube channel. We hope that these restrictions will be lifted so that our services can resume in person on Sunday 13th December.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Your elder should soon be in touch with those who have expressed interest in attending church services in person. They will give you 2 dates - one is a Sunday Morning service either in December or early January; the other is for a Christmas Service on either 13th or 20th December. As seats are very limited, please let your elder know if you cannot attend any of these services.

## Discipleship Events

**Zoom Prayer Meeting:** Sunday Zoom Prayer Meeting at 8pm on Sunday 6th December. Access can be gained with usual meeting ID. This week we are delighted that Norman and Linda Patterson will be joining to update us on Project Romania.

## Leadership Notices

**KIRK SESSION** Meeting on Tuesday 8th December at 7:30pm via Zoom.

## Church Notices

**CHURCH ACCOUNTS:** The final day for receiving contributions to be included in this year's accounts is

**Sunday 27th December 2020.** Any contributions received after this date will be included in the 2021 accounts.

**PRESBYTERIAN HERALD:** What a strange year this has been - we're looking forward to Christmas and those who subscribe to the Herald will just have received / are soon to receive their Easter issue which couldn't be delivered before lockdown. Publication of The Herald will resume in January 2021 and only four seasonal issues of the magazine will be produced through the year, instead of the usual 10. There will be no subscription charges in 2021 for those who subscribed this year as there have been no publications since the Easter one. If you would be interested in receiving The Herald for the first time please, make contact with Lesley Bell or access it online <https://www.presbyterianireland.org/Resources/Presbyterian-Herald/Downloads/2020-Presbyterian-Herald-Downloads.aspx>



**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to the appeal from Newtownabbey Foodbank. The contributions have been forwarded and are greatly

received. Hopefully these items will help those in need during this Christmas period.

**SAFE CHURCH:** As you know GPC has been signed up as a Safe Church for anyone experiencing Domestic Abuse. It was revealed last month that :

- ♦ the number of domestic abuse crimes rose to 18,885, an increase of 1,569 (9.1%) on the previous 12 months
- ♦ the largest volume increase in domestic abuse crimes was seen in offences of harassment (including malicious communications) which increased by 1,270 (49.8 per cent).
- ♦ there was a higher level of incidents recorded during the height of lockdown with 291 more incidents in April and 258 more in May than in the same months in 2019

We would like to draw your attention to Domestic Abuse Awareness Webinars hosted by our council and are open to anyone in the congregation. Most sessions are morning or afternoon, which won't suit many, but please check the link and speak to Lesley Bell, Davy Mullan or Hazel Kyle if you're interested and want more information:

Northern Ireland: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/onus-safe-place-webinar-northern-ireland-tickets-126831886587> (funded by Communities Fund for Northern Ireland)

Antrim & Newtownabbey: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/onus-safe-place-webinar-antrim-newtownabbey-borough-council-tickets-114929274554> (funded by Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP)

Thanks also to Soroptimist International who provided the bookmarks opposite.



*Loves Me ...*

### Signs of a loving relationship

- Makes me feel safe
- Makes me feel comfortable
- Listens to me
- Values my opinions
- Supports what I want to do in life
- Is truthful with me
- Always tries to understand how I feel
- Likes that I have other friends
- Makes me laugh
- Trusts me
- Treats me as an equal
- Respects my family
- Understands my need for time alone or with family
- Accepts me as I am



*Loves Me Not...*

- Tries to control me
- Gets violent, loses temper quickly
- Always blames me
- Is sexually demanding
- Keeps me from seeing my friends and family
- Makes all the decisions
- Embarrasses me in front of others
- Hits me
- Makes me cry
- Makes me feel afraid
- Is always 'checking up' on me
- Takes my money and other things
- Threatens to leave me if I do not do as I am told
- Teases, bullies and puts me down

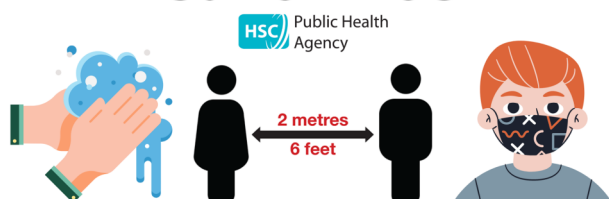
If you recognise any of these signs you may be a victim of abuse.

**You DO NOT have to suffer alone.**



## COVID-19

**Simple steps  
save lives**



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

**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](http://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](mailto:office@glengormley.org) for details

## Community Notices

# PHONE FIRST-24/7

Make sure you PHONE FIRST before going to Antrim or Causeway Hospital Emergency Departments, or Mid Ulster Hospital Minor Injuries Unit.

## 0300 123 1 123

TEXT RELAY NUMBER: 18001 0300 123 1 123  
or Interpreter Now app

Get directed to  
the right care  
Avoid busy  
waiting rooms  
Stay safe  
Save time



**FOR EMERGENCIES - 999**

Including: stroke, heart attack, loss of consciousness, breathing difficulties, severe bleeding or major trauma

**ALWAYS CALL 999 IMMEDIATELY**



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[www.health-ni.gov.uk](http://www.health-ni.gov.uk)

## Prayer Diary

### Sunday 6 December

- ◇ At home for Christmas - Following on from the weekend of prayer, pray for the Moderator's Christmas initiative, that there might be a good response to the financial appeal as we look outwards to our partner churches in South Sudan, Malawi, Indonesia, Nepal, Lebanon, Syria and Romania.
- ◇ Today as we worship with Christmas in sight, ask God that a simpler festive season this year will help us better focus on his love for us in Jesus.

### Monday 7 December

- ◇ Pray for the Moderator's Christmas Appeal – 'At home for Christmas?' which will provide support to people in fragile, vulnerable countries suffering due to Covid-19.
- ◇ The country of South Sudan has been hit by conflict, a plague of locusts, severe flooding and Covid-19. Pray for the people of South Sudan, especially those in need of food aid. Pray too for the PCOSS as they try to minister and help people in practical needs.

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### Tuesday 8 December

- ◇ Over the last three months, three women have been commissioned as deaconesses: Heidi England (Railway Street, Lisburn), Louise Davidson (West Church, Bangor) and Paula Burrows (Ballygrainey).
- ◇ Pray for Heidi, Louise and Paula, as they each settle into their new roles, for wisdom and guidance in all they do and that the Lord will bless them as they minister and reach out to others.

### Wednesday 9 December

- ◇ James and Heather Cochrane, global mission workers in Portugal | Give thanks for the three small discipleship groups which have continued to meet (virtually during lockdown). Pray for the opportunity to begin more groups in early 2021.
- ◇ Pray for the Christian Presbyterian Church of Portugal and especially for the Comunidade Pedras Vivas church plant in Senhora da Hora, where the Cochranes and Humphries serve. Pray that it will be a church that makes disciples who will make disciples.

### Thursday 10 December

- ◇ Tim Vaughan is an outreach worker in Garnerville. Pray for him as he builds on the work started by an Alpha course, discipling those involved who came to faith or have continued to seek.
- ◇ Pray for the online events and networks that Tim is setting up. Pray that this digital content would reach many people around the church and community.

### Friday 11 December

- ◇ Pray for all health and care workers as they continue to work tirelessly during the Covid-19 crisis. Give thanks for their dedication over eight months of meeting the daily challenges of their work.
- ◇ A recent online conference considered the impact of the book 'Considering Grace' on PCI and wider society. Pray that those who continue to be impacted by the Troubles might know the comfort of the Prince of Peace.

### Saturday 12 December

- ◇ Pray for the Secretary of the General Council, Rev Trevor Gribben and its Convener, Very Rev Dr Noble McNeely as the General Council's Standing Committee meets this week. Please also pray for the meeting of the Church Leaders scheduled for the incoming week as the leaders try to co-ordinate a response to the continually changing legislation as it affects churches.
- ◇ An advertisement about recruiting student deaconesses has recently gone to ministers, and has been posted on the PCI website and PW Facebook page. Pray that the Lord would prompt suitably gifted women to explore serving him in this capacity.





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# PRAYER POINTS

*"Be joyful because you have hope. Be patient when trouble comes. Pray at all times."*

**ROMANS 12:12**



## GIVE THANKS

- Give thanks for the opportunity to **speak and share** about the work of E3 with Alexandra Presbyterian in November and for the relationship they have with their local schools.
- Give thanks for the **Preparing for Advent Online Event** which was hosted by one of my DST members and raised money for E3 North Belfast and Newtownabbey.
- November has been a busy time with lots of new connections being made with local schools and churches. Give thanks for the **passion and enthusiasm of school staff and church workers** to tell children and young people the Good News about Jesus!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the first **Zoom Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 8th December at 7.45pm** for E3 North Belfast and Newtownabbey. Pray that people would feel excited to pray for the work happening in their local schools (email [ruth@suninfo.co.uk](mailto:ruth@suninfo.co.uk) for the link to the prayer meeting).
- Please pray for my **Commissioning Service on Sunday 13th December at 7.30pm** in Whitehouse Presbyterian which will be streamed online. Check out the Facebook page for information about watching the service.
- **School staff** are under enormous pressure at the moment as they continue to care for pupils under challenging circumstances. Please pray for schools as the run up to Christmas looks different to other years, without nativity plays, carol services and other activities which usually happen at this time of year.
- SUNI have produced **Christmas RE Lesson resources (Christmas Presents)** for KS1, KS2 and SEN pupils. Please pray for the teachers and pupils who will use these resources and learn about the true Christmas Story we read in the Bible.



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