

Christmas 2020

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Services

Sunday 20th December 2020

11am Rev Reuben McCormick

6pm Carol Service

Sunday 27th December 2020

11am Rev Reuben McCormick

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

Forthcoming Events

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: Unfortunately we would be unable to accommodate everyone who would wish to attend a Christmas Day Service so we will be broadcasting a pre-recorded service which will go live at 10am on 25th December and will be followed by a Zoom Chat at 10:30am. Details of the meeting will be available on our WhatsApp group or can be requested from office@glengormley.org

COMMUNION: It is our hope to offer Communion at the end of morning worship services on each of the first four Sundays in January. We would invite all those who are in attendance on these Sundays who love the Lord Jesus Christ to join with us.

Discipleship Events

Zoom Prayer Meeting: will resume on Sunday 3rd January 2021 at 8pm.

Organisation Notices

PW ALLOCATIONS: A cheque for £500 has been forwarded to PCI towards our PW Missionary Fund. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Church Notices

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: As we cannot meet together for our Annual Church Quiz, Gareth Lenaghan has put together a set of questions to be enjoyed by family bubbles. Copies can be collected at sign in desk on 13th or 20th

December or a digital copy can be requested from office@glengormley.org

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.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL: By now you will have received a World Development Envelope. In response to the devastating effect of the Coronavirus pandemic on some of the poorest communities on the planet, Presbyterian Moderator, Rt Rev Dr David Bruce, has launched a special Christmas Appeal to provide support to people in fragile, vulnerable countries suffering due to Covid-19. Please donate generously.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Church office will close on Thursday 17th December and reopen on Thursday 7th January 2021. The next printed sheet will be available on Sunday 10th January 2021.

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->

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

HSC Health and Social Care DoH

GIVE BLOOD Save Lives
METHODIST CENTRE, GLENGORMLEY
THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER
10:00am – 3:00pm

Now by appointment only.
Please call 08085 534 653 to book.

www.nibts.org Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service

With Regret

It is with regret that we announce the death of of Mr Harold Glendinning, Harmin Park on Wednesday 16th December 2020.

Prayer Diary

Sunday

- * At home for Christmas - Continuing to think about the Moderator's theme for Advent, pray that the blogs written by guest writers reflecting on the impact the current crisis has had on our churches (and other themes) and the Tides Daily Bible reading guides, will be a rich source of material to enable all congregations to respond and reflect deeply on their response to the challenging situation presented by the Covid-19 crisis - both here at home and across the world.
- * Today as we worship with Christmas in sight, ask God to give us a sense of his presence with us found in ordinary ways which mirror the simplicity of Jesus' coming.

Monday

- * Pray for all PCI global mission workers this Christmas, whether they are overseas or in Ireland. Pray that each will be blessed and encouraged as they celebrate the birth of the One they are seeking to serve.
- * Middle East | This area of the world has suffered much in recent years, especially the people of Syria. Pray for peace, justice and stability throughout the region and for the growth of the local Church.

Tuesday

- * Pray for PCI Forces chaplains, members of the Forces and those who are serving overseas at present. Pray for their safety and health and remember them and their families, who are remaining at home over Christmas.
- * Pray for all involved in PCI's prison chaplaincy ministry. Pray that chaplains would have opportunities to share their faith and the good news of Christ's birth this Christmas.

Wednesday

- * Pray that the Moderator's Christmas Appeal – 'At home for Christmas?' which seeks to support people in fragile, vulnerable countries suffering due to Covid-19, will receive generous support.
- * Pray for all around the world who are refugees or internally displaced. Pray that they will receive humanitarian assistance to rebuild their lives and that they will have hope in Jesus Christ.

Thursday

- * Pray for people who have made their home in Ireland in recent times. Pray that they will come into contact with local congregations, find a warm welcome and hear the Good News.
- * Pray for the work and witness of the International Meeting Point in reaching out with the gospel to an increasingly multi-cultural Belfast. Pray especially for those who have been coming along to the Bible studies, that each will come to a deep faith in Christ.

Friday

- * Pray for residents & tenants of residential/nursing homes & Supported Living Units as they celebrate the birth of Jesus. Give thanks for the dedication of staff who are having to work on Christmas Day.
- * Pray that those feeling the pain of loss, or dealing with trauma, this Christmas would know and be assured of the hope and restoration that Jesus, Light of the World, can bring.

Saturday

- * General Council | Pray for the Council as it responds to changing government legislation and guidelines and as it encourages and guides congregations as they respond to varying levels of restrictions across the country. Pray that the balance may be found between ensuring the safety of congregations and enabling them to participate in worship in the run up to Christmas.
- * Ministry students are on Christmas break until 4 January. The last semester was testing, with some teaching moving online, and some students and staff isolating and testing positive for Covid-19. Pray that students and staff of Union would know the Lord's refreshing and be prepared for the next semester's study

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

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