

# 14th February 2021

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## Services

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

**Sunday 14th February 2021**

**11am** Rev Reuben McCormick

*Series: Beatitudes*

*Scripture: Matthew 5 v 5-8*

**Sunday 21st February 2021**

**11am** Rev George Moore

*Guide Thinking Day*

## Forthcoming Events

**Monday 22nd March, 8pm** - Thrive Academy via Zoom Workshop for Parents of children ages 7 to 18. More details to follow.

## Church Online

In line with the public health advice that people stay at home, in-person church gatherings have ceased. Please join with us for worship online on our YouTube Channel for the next number of weeks as we live-stream our morning worship services. Links to the service can be found on our website - [www.glengormley.org](http://www.glengormley.org) or our Facebook page or church WhatsApp group.

## Discipleship Events

**Zoom Prayer Meeting** will continue online on Sunday 14th February 2021 at 8pm.

## Leadership Notices

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING** Tuesday 16th February at 8pm via Zoom.

## Organisation Notices

**GPC KIDS ONLINE** will be taking a break for half term this week. Please join with us again on Friday 26th February as we continue to look at the story of Joseph.

## Church Notices

Rev Reuben McCormick will be on leave this week. Please contact Rev George Moore or Pastoral Visitor, Jim Lyttle, in the case of a pastoral emergency.

**GIFT AID:** If anyone has moved home in this last year please give Davy Mullan or [office@glengormley.org](mailto:office@glengormley.org) your new address and postcode before the end of February.



**OMF NextGen Ireland event,**  
**Saturday 20 February, 10:00am - 12:30pm**  
<https://omf.org/uk/events/nextgen-ireland-2021/>

The main speaker for this online event will be the OMF International Director, Patrick Fung, who will join live from Singapore. Alison Orr will be taking part in the programme along with other OMF missionaries from Ireland. Please follow the above link for details of the programme and how to join on zoom or watch on Youtube.

### International Meeting Point

Throughout the pandemic and lockdown, the International Meeting Point has been distributing food and providing help to many refugees and asylum seekers whilst adhering to the restrictions we are under.

Some of you have helped us already and we greatly appreciate the many churches and individuals who responded to the recent appeal we made. Demand is now far outstripping supply so if you could help us with any of the following we would be very grateful.

**Food:** Cooking Oil, Rice, Pasta, Tinned Tuna, Tomato Paste, Tinned Tomatoes, Small jars of Coffee, Sugar, Tinned Fruit, Jars of Sauces, Biscuits, Bars, Diluting Juice, Washing Powder and any other store cupboard essentials



**Toiletries:** Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Deodorants, Toilet Tissue, Disposable Razors

**Bedding:** Duvets, Duvet Covers, Pillows, Towels, Sheets

**Prayer:** I also ask for your continued prayer for the team and all the volunteers who are doing this work, day after day in difficult circumstances. Pray also that our witness to Jesus is clear and strong in everything we do. Thank you for your partnership with us in this ministry. *Keith Preston*

### Newtownabbey Foodbank

A special thank you to the congregation of Glengormley Presbyterian Church for their amazing donation of 55.65 kgs of food to Newtownabbey Foodbank in the nine months to December. This equates to 28 meals for families struggling to feed their families. Thank you also to the volunteers who deliver the food to Carnmoney. Life at the Foodbank during December was extremely busy for our volunteers who packed and delivered 421 Christmas Hampers. That we were able to bring some Christmas joy and show God's love to those in need was due to the kindness of people like you and the generosity of the Newtownabbey community. We were overwhelmed by the monetary donations and food we received which enabled us to pack really generous hampers.

From April to December we have fed 4699 people, which included 2068 children. This exceeds the previous full year by 1333, which sadly reflects the need of families in our community. We expect that need to continue due to high unemployment as we live through this difficult time.

Thank you again for thinking about Newtownabbey Foodbank. *Carolyn Arnold, Secretary*





# PARENT WORKSHOP

**Monday 22nd March**  
**At 8pm**  
**Via Zoom**

Glengormley Presbyterian Church

**Thrive** academy  
Digitally Aware, Wise and Resilient

How is your child's digital wellbeing?

Are you concerned about the amount of time they spend on their devices?

**Don't worry, Thrive Academy is here to help!**

Our online workshops use the latest research to help parents and carers like you explore the relationship between social media and wellbeing. They equip you with the tools you need to help your children thrive by becoming digitally resilient!

This workshop will be practical, informal and non-judgemental. It will enable you to help your child enjoy the good things our connected world offers while learning to cope with the not so good.



**Freephone 24 Hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline**  
Open to all women and men affected by domestic & sexual violence

**PSNI** (In an emergency ring 999) 101

**The Rowan** (Regional Sexual Assault Centre for NI) 0800 389 4424

**Childline** 0800 11 11



**ANNOUNCEMENT SHEETS:** Any announcements need to be with the office by 12 noon on Thursdays. Email [office@glengormley.org](mailto:office@glengormley.org)

**YOUR CONTACT DETAILS:** If these should change, please notify the office so that we can keep our records up to date.

### E3 North Belfast and Newtownabbey Lent Prayer

During Lent, please join in praying for all of the schools in the E3 North Belfast and Newtownabbey District.

LENT PRAYER

**SCHOOLS OF THE DAY:**  
**NORTH BELFAST AND NEWTOWNABBEY**

**JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS DURING LENT**

BE JOYFUL BECAUSE YOU HAVE HOPE. BE PATIENT WHEN TROUBLE COMES.  
PRAY AT ALL TIMES - ROMANS 12 V 12

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

### Schools and Prayer Topics

Wednesday 17th	Abbey Community College Abbots Cross Primary School
Thursday 18th	Ashgrove Primary School Ballyhenry Primary School
Friday 19th	Ballysillan Primary School Belfast Boys' Model School Belfast High School
Saturday 20th	Pray for those leading our local schools: Headteachers and Senior Teachers, Boards of Governors and those in government

## Sunday 14 February

**Moderator** | *The Moderator's Appeal for help towards the support of some PCI mission partners will provide much needed help in situations of desperate emergency thanks to the generosity of individuals and congregations. Continue to pray for those people living in circumstances of great difficulty and need.*

**Engaging in worship** | *Today as we worship, ask God to help us to engage in meeting with him, freeing our minds from distraction and opening our lives to his presence that we might know his touch and power.*

## Monday 15 February

**Naomi Keefe (global mission worker, Brazil)** | *Pray for children of the Good News Club as they undertake devotional activities at home. Pray for wisdom regarding when to start physical meetings again with the families in the favela. Pray too for the grave Covid situation in Brazil and for the wise distribution of vaccines.*

**Malawi** | *Pray for the people of Malawi to be protected from Covid-19, especially the new South African variant, as healthcare provision is stretched. Pray for the work and witness of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.*

## Tuesday 16 February

**Margaret Robertson (deaconess, Elmwood, Lisburn)** | *Give thanks that even though we are physically apart we are connected by the power & the presence of the Holy Spirit. Pray for guidance & wisdom for Margaret in conversations with people on the phone, especially with those who are facing difficulties and heartache.*

**Cahir and Fermoy** | *Pray that phone calls and text messages will encourage church members. Give thanks that God's Word is reaching out through social media to some who would not normally attend services.*

## Wednesday 17 February

**Gary and Mary Reid (global mission workers, Kenya)** | *Pray for Gary and Mary as they continue their work remotely and record video messages for the church in Olkinyei each week. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest and for many more Massai people to come to faith in Christ.*

**India** | *Pray for staff & students at Gujarat United School of Theology as they teach / study online, sometimes with internet difficulties. Pray for Rev John Faris (PCI) as he prepares some online talks for the students.*

## Thursday 18 February

**Philip Whelton (Irish mission worker, Arklow)** | *Pray effective and creative ways will continue to be found to maintain contact with the children and families who attended weekly activities before Covid restrictions. Pray that if it is God's will, Arklow will be able to run a holiday Bible Club this summer in some format.*

**Carrigart & Dunfanaghy** | *Pray for these linked congregations in north Donegal which are vacant. Pray for the kirk sessions and members as they seek God's guidance and for Rev Brian Brown, vacancy convener.*

## Friday 19 February

**Social Witness** | *Pray for our new visiting arrangements, that they may go some way in meeting the needs of residents & families, who have now been separated for ten months and denied that all important hug. Give thanks that we can now accommodate visiting in many forms; virtual visiting, phone calls, window visiting and visiting behind screens - acknowledging how important they are to residents, family and friends.*

**Dying with Dignity Bill** | *Pray for the Oireachtas Committee on Justice as it considers the submissions it has received in relation to the Dying with Dignity Bill, and pray that the legislation would not proceed any further.*

## Saturday 20 February

**General Council** | *A meeting of the Standing Commission of the General Assembly is scheduled to take place this week. Pray that, in these challenging times, there will be unity of purpose and spirit and that wise decisions will result as the work of PCI moves forward into 2021.*

**Linkage Commission** | *The Commission considers how ministry can be provided in vacant congregations, meeting with representatives of congregations & presbyteries to talk about particular situations. It meets on 23 February. Pray for this meeting, and for the convener, James Livingstone, that God would give wisdom to all involved.*





## Dublin Japanese Christian Fellowship

Nine people joined the online reunion for those who attended Dublin JCF in 2014 and 2015. It was great to catch up with Machiko, Yumi and Risa in Japan, Saori in Finland and Seiko and Ellie in the US. They were joined by a number of others who are still in Ireland. This month we will have a reunion for those who were in Dublin in 2016 and 2017.

We continue to hold our monthly Dublin JCF meetings on zoom on the 4th Sunday of the month. I am very grateful to Pastor Motoe for his ongoing commitment to speak at our meetings from his home in Taiwan and for preparing questions for small group discussion in 'breakout rooms'. The seekers' Bible studies are also working well on zoom, with those attending enjoying the opportunity to chat with each other as well as study the Bible together.

I continue to be in touch with a number of Returnees in Japan. I was encouraged to hear recently from 'Kerry' in Tokyo that she is attending church regularly. She is hoping to do Bible study with the Pastor once she has settled into her new job. 'Yasmin', who is also based in Tokyo, continues to join online services at a local church.

## DRM UK

It was great to be able to welcome eight new people to our DRM UK team at our team meeting earlier this week. **Richard and Catherine** are focusing on making disciples amongst Japanese in London, especially students and those on working holiday visas. **Rachel** has taken on the new role of DRM UK Serve Asia co-ordinator (OMF's short-term mission programme). We are excited to have Rachel join us to develop more opportunities like the two below for short-term workers to serve with DRM in the UK.

[https://opportunities.omf.org/mission-asia/detail/Ministry-with-Japanese-People-in-Manchester-\(UK\)/50400825](https://opportunities.omf.org/mission-asia/detail/Ministry-with-Japanese-People-in-Manchester-(UK)/50400825).

[https://opportunities.omf.org/mission-asia/detail/Serving-East-Asians-in-Belfast-\(UK\)/50400858](https://opportunities.omf.org/mission-asia/detail/Serving-East-Asians-in-Belfast-(UK)/50400858).

Three of our new team members are currently in Asia and will remain there until the situation with Covid-19 in the UK improves. **Rick and Chiang** are taking the opportunity to connect with Returnees in Bangkok and to develop relationships with Thai churches to help them understand some of the issues those who become Christians overseas face on their return to Thailand. When they move to the UK, they will focus on ministry among Thai students and young professionals in London. **May** is taking up opportunities to share about DRM with churches in Malaysia and getting involved in some International

Student Ministry. She will join one of our teams focusing on ministry to Chinese students and academic visitors when she moves to the UK.

**Ian and Anne-Marie**, who have many years of experience in leadership in OMF internationally, are working part-time with Global connections as catalysts for Diaspora Ministries and part-time with DRM to co-ordinate the development of Vietnamese Returnee ministry.

We now have 34 OMF members and 22 volunteer co-workers serving with DRM in the UK. I would appreciate prayer for wisdom and for good time management as I lead what is now a much larger team than when I took on the role of DRM UK Country Leader four years ago.

## Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the 2014/15 Dublin JCF reunion; pray that some who attended will consider joining the monthly Dublin JCF zoom meetings.
- Pray for planning for the 2016/17 reunion and a good response to invitations to join.
- Continue to pray for M and K in Dublin and S in Galway as they meet with Emiri Orme and me for Bible study on Saturday mornings.
- Pray for 'Kerry' and 'Yasmin' to continue attending church in Tokyo and to grow in their understanding of the gospel.
- Pray for the eight new DRM UK members as they begin ministry in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Pray for wisdom for the DRM Europe council members as we meet together via zoom next week.

## OMF NextGen Ireland

On Saturday 20th February, I will be taking part in [NextGen Ireland: Mission without Borders - OMF UK](#). The main speaker for this online event will be the OMF International Director, Patrick Fung, who will join live from Singapore. Please click on the above link for details of the programme and how to join on zoom or watch on Youtube.

## Dates

**Sat 13th** 2016/17 Dublin JCF reunion

**Sun 14th** Seekers Bible Study

**15th-17th** DRM Europe council meetings

**Tues 16th** Heart4Japan prayer meeting

**Sat 20th** NextGen Ireland event

**Sun 28th** Dublin JCF

Thank you so much for your prayers, Alison