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Services

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

Sunday 9th May 2021

10:30am *Rev Reuben McCormick*

- live streamed

12noon *Rev Reuben McCormick*

- in person only

Sunday 16th May 2021

10:30am *Rev Reuben McCormick*

- live streamed

12noon *Rev Reuben McCormick*

- in person only

Resumption of in-person Worship Services

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.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 23rd May - Presbyterian Children's Society Service at 10:30am and 12noon.

Discipleship Events

 **the prayer course** <https://prayercourse.org>
We're almost halfway through the course now! Anyone requiring a DVD for Sessions 5-8 of the course, please contact David Johnston (07816 018585, discipleship@glengormley.org). Printouts of the Discussion Questions for Sessions 5-8 will be available in the pews over the next two Sundays.

Zoom Prayer Meeting will run from 8 to 8:30pm on Sunday 9th May immediately after The Prayer Course.

Leadership Notices

KIRK SESSION Meeting on Tuesday 11th May at 7:30pm in the church building.

ADVANCE NOTICE: CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE Meeting Tuesday 18th May at 8pm via Zoom.

Organisation Notices

GPC KIDS ONLINE: Join with us on Friday 16th May for our last video on the miracles of Jesus. The link to the videos can be found on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Church Notices

BINS: If food / coffee is brought in, please **do not leave boxes or cups still containing liquid in any of the bins** and don't leave water bottles in the pews. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Prayer Diary

Sunday 9 May As congregations in the Republic have been prevented from worshipping face to face for many months, pray for their encouragement as some restrictions are to be eased in coming weeks. 'As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.' Psalm 42:1. With such a long

period of being unable to gather to worship God, pray that our desire for him and to meet together as his people would be undimmed.

Monday 10 May Pray for all affected by Covid-19 around the world; those who have the virus, those recovering from the virus, and those who have lost loved ones. Pray for people around the world who are suffering due to pressures on healthcare systems and those suffering great hardship due to economic effects of the pandemic.

Pray especially for the people of India where the pandemic is devastating. Sadly, a number of ministers of our partner the Church of North India have died.

Pray for the church at this difficult time.

Tuesday 11 May Pray for all involved in PCI healthcare chaplaincy work. Pray that they will bring words of reassurance, comfort, strength and encouragement to patients, staff and family members.

Kilkenny | Give thanks that online Bible Study and Fellowship Groups are continuing during the challenges of vacancy and lockdown. Ask the Lord to guide and bless the congregation, and pray that very soon it would be possible to appoint a new minister. Pray too for Rev David Conkey (vacancy convener).

Wednesday 12 May Edwin & Anne Kibathi (global mission workers to East Africans in the UK) Give thanks that the congregation in London and fellowship groups in England are now starting to meet in-person and remember them in prayer.

Pray for the ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan as well as their peace-building and humanitarian work. The United Nations recently warned that the slow pace of reforms and political disputes risks the return of a large-scale conflict. Pray for wise political leadership, progress and peace.

Thursday 13 May There are currently 10 ministers serving full-time as chaplains to Forces across the three services in the UK. Most are based at home; some are deployed overseas. Often, they can be away from home & family for long periods of time. Pray for their safety, their families & their ongoing ministry to service personnel of all ranks.

Pray for Rev Stephen Hancock and the United Presbyterian and Methodist congregation of Limerick.

Friday 14 May Pray for all aspects of Older Peoples Services as they continue

to work in a stressful and challenging environment. Pray for our residents as they look forward to a more relaxed visiting regime. Give thanks to our Heavenly Father, that we are again Covid-19 free in our homes. A number of the Council for Public Affairs Panels are meeting around this time. Pray for them as they consider the Church's voice on different issues in the public square including education, peace and reconciliation, human identity, wellbeing and welfare.

Saturday 15 May Pray for the Clerk of the General Assembly, the Rev Trevor Gribben in his ongoing work, especially in terms of his liaison with other churches and governments in relation to Covid-19. Pray for the meeting of the four Clerks of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland taking place this week.

Refresher training for Accredited Preachers is provided annually so they can develop their thinking and practice of preaching. Andrew Faulkner is leading the training this year, which will be online. Give thanks for Accredited Preachers throughout Ireland, and pray that the Lord would bless them through this training, and use them as they lead worship and preach his word.



Session 4: INTERCESSION



"Your kingdom come" – Matthew 6:10

Discussion Questions

20 minutes

- Q. What did you find most helpful or most challenging in the video?
- Q. How do you feel about intercessory prayer – do you find it's something that comes naturally or is it more of a challenge?

"Our free wills are powerful; they can release or restrict the purposes of God."

- Q. How does this affect the way that we come to God in intercessory prayer?
- Q. Have you ever had a feeling that you needed to pray for something or someone? What happened?

"Prayer isn't about trying to get God to say amen to what I want; prayer is about me saying amen to God's will for my life"

- Q. What would it look like for you to pray this week with this perspective?

Do it

15 minutes

As a group, spend some time interceding for your community, town or nation. Follow the 4 steps Pete outlined:

1. **Get informed:** learn the facts by checking the news, or updates about the people you're praying for.
2. **Get inspired:** What is God saying about this? Invite the Holy Spirit to speak into the situations you're interceding for.
3. **Get indignant:** Engage your own heart and allow yourself to think and feel honestly as you pray.
4. **Get in synch:** engage together. You might like to all pray out loud at once, or pray in a circle so that everyone has a chance to pray and be heard.

(Bible passages in video: 2 Chron 7:13-14, Exodus 17:8-13, Genesis 18:22-33)