

# 5th September 2021

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## Services

**[https://www.youtube.com/c/  
GlengormleyPresbyterian-  
Church](https://www.youtube.com/c/GlengormleyPresbyterian-Church)**

**Sunday 5th September 2021**

**10:30am Back to School with God**

**Rev Reuben McCormick**

- live streamed

**12noon Back to School with God**

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- in person only

**Sunday 12th September 2021**

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## Kirk Session Update

Thank you for your prayers for Session and church leaders in this season. For this next period ahead social distancing has been reduced to 1 metre - this means that over the two morning services 10:30 & 12 we are able to assign seating for everyone to come every week! This has been a long time coming for us and it will take time for us to become reacquainted with the regular rhythm of Sunday worship. But I want to encourage you to come each week. We are unable to change the service assigned at this point so I would ask for your gracious understanding as we continue to work to enable services to happen. The services will continue to be available online for those who are unable to join with us in person. The guideline for masks remains and I understand that this is quite frustrating for many. We again ask for your grace and patience.

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Session met this week and have agreed to continue to meet for Zoom prayer twice a month. 1st and 3rd weeks. On the 2nd Sunday evening of the month we will gather with the theme and intention to 'Go Deeper' taking a bit of time to discuss the Sunday morning teaching and how it applies to our lives. On the 4th Sunday we will gather for Song Cafe where the band will lead us in praise.

## Worship Services

Current restrictions outline that when you are attending church services you need to:

- ♦ Wear a face covering unless you are exempt
- ♦ Keep 1 metre distance from anyone not in your bubble
- ♦ Provide contact details for track and trace purposes.

**Please do not attend if you are displaying any Covid symptoms.**

**SEPTEMBER SERVICES:** If you have not been attending church services but would like to, please get in touch with your elder or email [iwanttocometochurch@glengormley.org](mailto:iwanttocometochurch@glengormley.org) If you don't have email, call and leave a message at the church office 02890848774 - and we will get back to you.

## Leadership Notices

**ADVANCE NOTICE: KIRK SESSION** Meeting Tuesday 14th September at 7:30pm in the church.

## Discipleship Events

**GPC ZOOM PRAYER** will resume this Sunday evening at 8pm. It will run on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month and each meeting lasts for approximately an hour. If you require the Meeting ID or further information, please contact David Johnston on 07816 018585.

**LIFE GROUPS** will be resuming shortly - these are a great way to 'go deeper' in your faith, whilst getting to

know folk better in the congregation! Please speak to David Johnston for further details (07816 018585)

## Organisation Notices

Please pray for all those called to our children and youth ministries. If you would be interested in becoming involved with any of the groups please speak to Reuben or any of the Ministry Committee (Gail Hutchinson, Andy McClelland, Bekah McKinstry, Kenneth McKinstry, Kenny McLaughlin or Lesley Bell).

## Church Notices

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN PCI:** Mr Lindsay Conway, Secretary of the Council for Social Witness & Director of Social Care Services, is due to retire this autumn. This past 18 months has been a very busy time for this department. In order to find a suitable replacement for Lindsay, we are asked to share the details of the job and the application process. Details of this role and many others within PCI can be found at <https://www.presbyterianireland.org/Utility/About-Us/Opportunities/PCI-Jobs.aspx>

## Community Notices

**NORTH BELFAST HARRIERS** are offering Couch to 5k programs for those who have not been involved in exercise in recent times. The program is open to all at 3 different locations: Girls Model School, Edmund Rice College and Waterworks Park. Each program lasts 10 weeks between 13th Sep 2021 - 20th Nov 2021. Contact can be made on Facebook pages: North Belfast Harriers C25K and ERC C25K

**NORTHERN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE TRUST STRESS CONTROL ONLINE:** 'Stress Control' is a six-session cognitive-behavioural therapy class used extensively in community-settings by the NHS (UK) and HSE (Ireland) and across the world. You can find out more here: <https://ni.stresscontrol.org> The next set of sessions with start on Monday 6th September.

#WhereIsYourSafePlace  
**Who would believe me?**  
It's never too late... It's never too late... It's never too late  
**Older But No Safer**  
It's Never Too Late To Leave An Abusive Relationship  
24 Hour Domestic & Sexual Abuse Helpline  
**0808 802 1414**  
Open to all women and men affected by domestic and sexual abuse  
[www.dsaahelpline.org](http://www.dsaahelpline.org) [help@dsaahelpline.org](mailto:help@dsaahelpline.org)

## Prayer Diary

Reminding the Church of Jesus' promise in Matthew 16:18 "...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it", the Moderator and Dr Hughes, the convener of the Council for Global Mission, encouraged the church to pray for Afghanistan:

- ◆ That the hand of the Taliban would be stayed from killing, violence, and oppression, and that religious tolerance would prevail
- ◆ For well-coordinated and effective international emergency relief initiatives that will provide food, water, clothing, shelter and medical supplies for the fleeing and displaced
- ◆ For the protection of human rights, of social, religious and ethnic minorities being singled out and targeted, especially for women and children
- ◆ For our brothers and sisters in Christ in Afghanistan to be salt and light; for the church to be strengthened in the face of persecution.

They also encouraged church members to consider responding to the emergency relief effort through the work of PCI's development partners, Christian Aid Ireland ([www.christianaid.ie](http://www.christianaid.ie)) and Tearfund ([www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org))

Opportunities to pray for and advocate on behalf of the Afghan people can also be found on their websites. For more detailed news and prayer updates focusing on the church and other persecuted minorities in Afghanistan, information can be found on the website of SAT 7 who deliver Christian satellite television for the Middle East and North Africa ([www.sat7.org](http://www.sat7.org))

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[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

**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.

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# Let's Pray

Sun 5 Sept - Sat 11 Sept 2021

## Sunday 5 September

- **Moderator** | *In Sept a conference for ministers contemplating retirement will be held. Pray for ministers who are reaching this time of transition, & for the those who are commencing training for the ministry at Union College.*
- **Regrouping and regathering for worship** | *Thank God for the way in which congregations have been able to regroup and regather for worship despite ongoing challenges. Pray for continued momentum as the summer draws to a close.*

## Monday 6 September

- **Volker and Jinhyeog Glissmann (global mission workers in Malawi)** | *Give thanks for the overwhelming response in a local church where 36 members signed up to take the "Knowing God" course. This is the highest number from one congregation ever to join the training.*
- **Leaders-in Training** | *Pray for students from overseas partner churches whose studies are supported by PCI, that as many courses resume for the autumn season there will be little disruption from Covid-19 restrictions.*

## Tuesday 7 September

- **Michelle Purdy (deaconess in Ballyclare)** | *Give thanks that Michelle has been able to return to work part-time after surgery in April. Please pray for her as work life begins to return to normal. Pray for her role in the collective work of the local churches as they address the results of poverty, mental health issues and debt.*
- **Dundalk** | *Pray for God's blessing as the congregation continues to meet together for Sunday worship and for vision on how to open more church activities as the restrictions ease. Pray for all those who are suffering loss at this time, that they may know God's strength, healing and peace.*

## Wednesday 8 September

- **Edwin and Anne Kibathi (mission to East Africans in the UK)** | *Thank God for the success of the recent Kenya and Friends In The Park event, pray that the spirit of God will continue ministering to those who were reached. Pray that more people will have the confidence to come back to church. Pray also for the Lord's guidance for the future.*
- **Nepal** | *Pray for Nepal as it continues to recover from a second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray that the hospitals there would have adequate staffing and resources to meet the needs of the people.*

## Thursday 9 September

- **Dave Gray (chaplain in Derryvolgie, Q.U.B. & U.T.C.)** | *Praise God for the summer mission team in Aug, that many kids were blessed with Bible camp & 2 young men came to faith in Jesus. Pray for students at Derryvolgie & the wider campus; for health, friendships, community and for the new Assistant Chaplain, Lyndsey Watterson.*
- **Drogheda** | *Pray for the members, that they will know God's leading as they plan the autumn season, for growth in godliness and for opportunities to share the gospel with the local community.*

## Friday 10 September

- **Social Witness** | *Pray for Specialist Services as they work with individuals with addictions or discharged from prison – that they will invest in the programmes offered to them and respond appropriately. Give thanks for dedicated staff teams who dedicate themselves to this work.*
- **Further and Higher Education** | *Pray for young people moving into higher or further education and especially for those who might be leaving home for the first time. Give thanks for Christian Unions and local churches who are preparing to welcome students and pray that they would have many opportunities to share the love of Jesus.*

## Saturday 11 September

- **General Council** | *Pray for the meeting of the Irish Inter Church Committee taking place next week and especially for Very Rev Dr Ivan Patterson in his role of Co-chair of the IICC and President of the Irish Council of Churches.*
- **Training in Ministry** | *The Conciliation Service is holding training for ministers next Thursday entitled, 'Facilitating Difficult Conversations.' This is a new training course, hoping to give further training to ministers in chairing meetings, and in pastoral situations. Pray for those who will lead the course, and for the ministers who attend, that the Lord would equip them in this challenging area of their work.*