

12th December 2021

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Services

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

Sunday 12th December 2021

10:30am Rev Reuben McCormick

- live streamed

12noon Rev Reuben McCormick

- in person only

6:30pm Rev George Moore

- in person only

Sunday 19th December 2021

4:30pm Carol Service - in person only

6:30pm Carol Service - live streamed

Saturday 25th December 2021

10am Rev Reuben McCormick

- live streamed

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.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES: There is no need to book a seat at evening services. Please come into the church via the main church door where you will be asked to give your name and contact details before being seated.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR SERVICES update:

19th November Carol Services 4:30pm and 6:30pm

[those who normally attend at 10:30am are invited to 4:30pm service and those who normally attend at 12noon are invited to attend at 6.30pm]

25th December 10am

26th December Service available on Youtube from 10:30am

2nd January 10:30am [Single Service time] Rev George Moore

Session have decided that on Christmas Day morning and from the New Year we will move to one service on Sunday mornings. Distancing will remain at 1metre. You will be seated by stewards as you arrive, we will fill the church first then have an overflow to the hall, where the service will be live streamed. While this not perfect it does mean that we all can be in

worship together in person at the same time. Wearing face-masks for the whole service and using sanitiser will continue along with social distancing. Thank you for your support and patience as we make changes to enable us to be together as much as possible. Church is better when we are together.

Organisation Notices

PARENT & TODDLERS GROUP: An online Registration Form is now available on the Church's website and on Facebook. We would love to welcome as many as possible to our Group but unfortunately our numbers will be greatly reduced due to COVID restrictions. Also all who wish to attend must complete and forward this form to the email address given.

The start date is Thursday, 13 January 2022 from 10:30 to 12 noon and we will be in touch with all those who complete and forward the form. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Church Notices

FWO: The Committee have agreed that the **last day for offerings** to be received and **included in the 2021 financial accounts** will be **Sunday 19th December**. Any monies received after this date will be included in the 2022 financial accounts.

UNITED APPEAL: Glengormley has again achieved its United Appeal target of honour which this year is £11,054. This money has now been forwarded to PCI. Many thanks to all who contributed.



A further £103.50 has been forwarded to Tear Fund following the recent football match in spite of the embarrassing defeat suffered by GPC! This brings the total contributed to over £700. Thank you to all who supported the team financially.

EARL HAIG COLLECTION: The Remembrance Sunday collection raised a total of £190 which has now been forwarded to the Earl Haig Fund. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL: We kick off our post Christmas fitness regime at Seaview Football Ground with football on 28th December 2021 at 6:30pm, followed by food for all afterwards. All welcome Costs: £10 per person (Football and Food) or £5 per person for Food only. See Peter Shepherd for more details.



As you know our church has faithfully supported the work of the Newtownabbey Foodbank for a number of years. This year those running the Foodbank are attempting to move away from simply giving those in need non perishable food items coming up to the Christmas period. There will always be foodstuffs available for genuine emergencies and indeed there will be Christmas treats given to those who are Foodbank service users. The intention this year is to give those in need pre paid cash cards to be used in local Spars. Those who have these cards will not be able to spend them on alcohol, cigarettes, lottery cards or petrol. As a church we can support the Newtownabbey Foodbank by placing cash into the collection plate in an envelope marked 'Newtownabbey Foodbank', by placing a cheque in the collection plate also marked 'Newtownabbey Foodbank' or by going onto the Newtownabbey Foodbank web page, Newtownabbey Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis and simply following the Donate link. Thank you for your ongoing support of this worthy cause.

CHURCH OFFICE: Last announcement sheet for 2021 will be printed on Friday 17th December 2021. Any announcements need to be with the office by 12 noon on Thursday 16th. Email office@glengormley.org. The office will reopen on Friday 7th January and the first announcement sheet of 2022 will be available on Sunday 10th January.

With Regret

It is with regret that we announce the death of Dr Jennifer McCaughan, Wesleydale on 7th December 2021. We extend sympathy to her mum and dad, Alison and Jim, sister Christine, brother John and the family circle.

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEETS: Any announcements need to be with the office by 12 noon on Thursdays. Email 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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Prayer Diary

Sunday 12 December

'On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, & they bowed down & worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh'. Matthew 2:11. Pray that our worship this Christmas season will be marked by awe and self-sacrificial giving to Christ. all that we are, offering our lives afresh in faith and love to God. confidence in his power as we worship today.

Monday 13 December

Russia | Pray for the staff and students at the St Petersburg Christian University as they come to the end of the semester. Give thanks for all that has been achieved over the past semester and for good feedback on the courses. Pray too for the completion of a book on Practical Theology for Russia and for its translation.

Tuesday 14 December

Pray for wisdom and guidance for Rev Colin Megaw in his role as chaplain at Woodlands Juvenile Justice Centre. Pray for opportunities to share the good news and hope of the gospel with the young people, and that many will put their trust in Christ as their Saviour.

Wednesday 15 December

Pray for Diane Cusick (global mission worker in Zambia) as she leads teacher training for Early Childhood Development teachers. Guide her and the teachers as they participate, particularly in this recent increase of the omicron variant in the community. Give thanks for the rains and pray as people plant their crops.

Thursday 16 December

The Covid pandemic has negatively affected the mental health of many. Pray that as the message of Christmas hope is celebrated in our churches, this good news would be a means of encouragement for God's people.

Friday 17 December

Caring for a person with a learning disability can be a demanding task, especially at busy times of the year. Respite care enables the carer to look after their own wellbeing. Give thanks for Aaron House and Lawnfield House which offer this vital service, allowing families a much-needed break from their responsibilities.

Saturday 18 December

Pray for all who work in the public square, and especially those within our congregation who carry great responsibilities – for example those who work in the emergency services, healthcare workers, teachers and civil servants.

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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