

Christmas 2021

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Services

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

Sunday 19th December 2021

4:30pm Carol Service - in person only

6:30pm Carol Service - live streamed

Saturday 25th December 2021

10am Christmas Morning Service
- live streamed

Sunday 26th December 2021

10:30am Rev Reuben McCormick
- online only

Sunday 2nd January 2022

10:30am Rev George Moore
- live streamed

Sunday 9th January 2022

10:30am Rev Reuben McCormick
Communion - live streamed

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.

Leadership Notices

ADVANCE NOTICE: KIRK SESSION meeting Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7:30pm.

Organisation Notices

PW ALLOCATIONS: A Cheque for £800 has been forwarded to PCI towards our PW Missionary Fund Thank you to everyone who contribute.

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.

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: It had been hoped that circumstances would allow us to hold our annual **Christmas Quiz** in church and in person on the 27th of December; however, the current trajectory of omicron and PCI reinstituting mask wearing throughout the service seems to imply caution is needed. With regret, it is felt that this year's quiz event ought to be postponed again. A possible alternative for the congregation is to try a virtual quiz provided by Macmillan Cancer: <https://gamesnight.macmillan.org.uk/quiznight.html>. This would allow the dedicated church quizzers to access an online resource remotely as well as creating funding for a charity which is close to all our hearts at this time. There are also opportunities to go to a virtual escape room or take part in a role play whodunnit. All of these activities may be completed from the safety of the home and with an awareness of raising funds for an immensely worthwhile charity.

New Years Day Walk: Our annual New Years Day walk will take place at Ballyclare Park where we will walk a couple of laps - more if you are keen! Please meet at the Mill Road car park, Ballyclare at 13.30pm on Saturday 1 January 2022. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome but please bring your own tea or coffee.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Newtownabbey Foodbank Appeal for this Christmas period. As always the generosity of our church family continues to amaze. A gift of £800 has been given to the staff at the Newtownabbey Foodbank who greatly appreciate all our efforts. Thank you on behalf of those who struggle to make ends meet at this time of year. If anyone needs the service of the Newtownabbey Foodbank then please contact Jonathan Duff on 07767 662529.

CHURCH OFFICE: This is the last announcement sheet for 2021. The office will reopen on Friday 7th January 2022 and the first announcement sheet of 2022 will be available on Sunday 10th January. Email office@glengormley.org.

Keep in touch with us by visiting our website:

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 for details

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

'When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.' Luke 2:17-18. Pray that our Christmas worship will be a means of spreading the word as a witness to those who only attend at this time of year.

Monday

This year's World Development Appeal – 'Weathering the Storm', seeks to support Christian Aid and Tearfund projects in Ethiopia, Haiti and other countries helping vulnerable communities suffering from both climate change and Covid-19. Pray that the Appeal will be well supported.

Tuesday

Pray for the work and witness of the International Meeting Point in reaching out with the gospel to an increasingly multi-cultural Belfast. Give thanks for all the staff, volunteers and all who support the work in various ways. Pray for people who have made their home in Ireland in recent times. Pray that they will come into contact with local congregations and find a warm welcome and hear the good news.

Wednesday

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 Christ.

Give thanks for the work and witness of PCI's global mission partners over the past year. Pray that the leadership team of each partner will know God's wisdom, guidance and encouragement as they continue to serve him and engage in mission in the coming year.

Thursday

Pray for PCI forces chaplains and members of the armed forces 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.

Friday

Pray that those feeling the pain of loss, or dealing with trauma, whether recent or from a long time ago, would know and be assured of the hope and restoration that Jesus, Light of the World, can bring this Christmas.

Saturday

Pray for protection, strength, stamina and encouragement for hospital staff and PCI healthcare chaplains who have been working tirelessly throughout the pandemic. For those in hospital pray for healing, and pray for patients and their families to seek strength, comfort and peace in Christ.



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

0808 802 1414

PSNI (In an emergency ring 999)

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The Rowan
(Regional Sexual Assault Centre for NI)

0800 389 4424

Childline

0800 11 11

