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Services

*Please join us on **Sunday morning** as we stay at home and link in with our Moderator's Service at <https://www.presbyterianireland.org/>*

FEBA RADIO: During this time of prolonged social isolation, on the first Wednesday of every month we are hosting an online prayer meeting. The next is on Wednesday 6th May at 7pm. We'll meet for up to 40 minutes which includes sung worship, a Bible reflection, Feba Radio ministry updates and prayer. All the information you will need to take part can be found at: www.feba.org.uk/prayermeeting.

With Regret

With regret we announce the death of Mr Derek Costley, on Saturday 18th April. We extend our sympathy to the family circle.

Church Notices

CLAP FOR CARERS: On Thursday evenings at 8pm, across the UK, we continue to show our appreciation for those who work in our health service, and for all who care for the community in various ways, by sharing in a round of applause. The Moderator encourages us, when you go back into your homes on Thursday evening, to join with us in offering a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all those whom we have acknowledged in our round of applause. Pray that they may know God's strength and courage, safety, and blessing in their work. Pray too for those for whom they are caring - the sick, vulnerable, dying and all in distress.

PRAYER MEETING: Sunday 26th April at 7pm via Zoom. Email: office@glengormley.org, message our Facebook page Glengormley Presbyterian Church or telephone 028 93352536 for Meeting ID.

WHATSAPP: Another way of keeping in touch with other members of our church family is through the use of WhatsApp. We have set up a group chat for those who are interested in exchanging encouragements and ideas. If you would like to be part of this group, please email office@glengormley.org or telephone 028 93352536 with your contact details.

PASTORAL CARE: Elders have been trying to keep in touch with families in their districts. If you or anyone you are aware of is in need at this time please contact your elder, email office@glengormley.org. message our Facebook page or telephone 028 93352536.

Facebook: Please follow us on Facebook or check back on our website for the most up to date information. Our Church Website www.glengormley.org also has links to online services each Sunday.

Prayer Diary

A prayer in these days of grief and loss

God of all comfort,
in these days of deathly statistics,
when for many of us,
numbers become names,
figures have familiar faces,
and we remain isolated from those most ill;
we look to Jesus,
who wept at Lazarus' grave,
who took Jairus' dead daughter by the hand,
who in his own body drew the sting of death on the cross.
In this moment when darkness closes in on many homes,
but we are only able to look on helplessly from a distance,
we thank you that you are not a God who stands afar off,
but who, in Jesus, draws right alongside,
taking up our infirmities,
carrying our sorrows,
sympathising with us in our weaknesses.
In the afterglow of Easter,
dispel the shadows with your resurrection light,
soothe our pain with the peace of your living presence,
heal with the hope that comes from your love poured into hurting hearts.
Consoling Spirit;
be gracious to a grieving world,
bind up a nation's wounds,

bring us gently through this season of loss,
to find again the light of life.

Compassionate God, hear our prayers.

For we ask them in Jesus Name,

Amen

“Listen to me, . . . you whom I have upheld since you
where conceived, and have carried you since your
birth. Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am
he who will sustain you. I have made you and will carry
you; I will sustain you and rescue you,” says the Lord.

Isaiah 46 v3-4

Monday 27 April

Pray to the Lord, giving thanks for his guidance and
love at this time of Covid-19. If you know of people
with this virus please pray for them. Give thanks for all
workers in the health care as they continually put their
own health at risk caring for others.

Sustainable ministry

- Pray for creativity, energy and biblical insight as
congregations move into a second month of seeking
to minister in the situation of being unable to gather
for worship or meet face to face with members.
- Pray for members as they continue to show and
share Christ’s compassion and speak an apt word for
him as they enter another week as key workers or
being good neighbours. Ask God to watch over them
and work out his purposes through their everyday
witness.

Tuesday 28 April

Continue to pray for the His church as it tries to find
new ways to communicate to members. Give thanks to
God for the phone calls in this time of isolation.

Vulnerable in society

- Pray for the most vulnerable in society who are
significantly impacted by the effects of the lockdown
- struggling to make ends meet, experiencing
cramped living conditions, under threat by the
economic downturn. Ask God to be their comfort and
strength and that the church will continue to find
ways to offer practical support through foodbanks
and other initiatives.
- Pray for the International Meeting Point. Although
the project’s doors are closed, migrant families are in
real need of support. Ask God to reveal creative ways
the church can support a network of migrant families
at a time of genuine need and that this will commend
Christ to them.

Wednesday 29 April

Pray for other nations as they suffer Covid-19. Pray
that a cure will be found. Pray for Africa as it faces a

plague of locusts and the destruction of most of their
crops.

PCI residential facilities

- Pray for residents and tenants, that they may find a
calmness in their new routine and be protected.
- Pray for staff as they come on shift, not knowing
what lies ahead, and that they will find a personal
reserve and resilience in all that they do, that they
may rest during time off, stay healthy and safe.
- Pray for families and friends who are separated from
their loved ones at a time when a visit and a hug
would make such a difference.

Thursday 30 April

Remember before God all those who grieve at this time
as they suffer in this unique and tragic time.

Wellbeing of society

- Pray for those who suffer from mental health
difficulties asking that God would enable them to
cope with the anxiety that arises from present
circumstances and that he would equip family and
friends to care in sensitive and constructive ways.
- Pray for society at large as the stresses and strains of
uncertainty, fear and restrictions on normal life take
an increasing toll on patience and relationships,
asking that God would bring calm, peace, patience
and hope.

Friday 1 May

Pray for good health and safety for those in our
congregation and the church at large who have to
break isolation to continue to work for the good of
others.

Ongoing ministry matters

- Pray for congregations which are vacant and have
leave to call a minister but which now cannot move
forward to fill the vacancy, asking that God would
enable them to wait with patience, trust and
dependence on him.
- Pray for applicants for the ordained ministry and
diaconate who were recently interviewed as they
learn of the outcome, that those who are to be
recommended, or who have been accepted, will be
guided and equipped by the Holy Spirit over the
coming years, and those who are not will be able to
discern the path God wants them to take.

Saturday 2 May

Pray for wisdom for our Kirk Session and Committee
members as matters arise and decisions have to be
made at this time.

Business and the economy

- Pray for those who lead in the business world,
whether large corporations or small concerns, asking

that God would give them peace, wisdom, a sense of his provision and the ability to balance financial responsibility with care for treatment of staff.

- Pray for those in government charged with taking difficult decisions balancing public health and economic concerns as they consider easing lockdown restrictions. Ask God that they would receive good advice, gain clarity of all the issues involved and make the right decisions at the right time.

Sunday 3 May

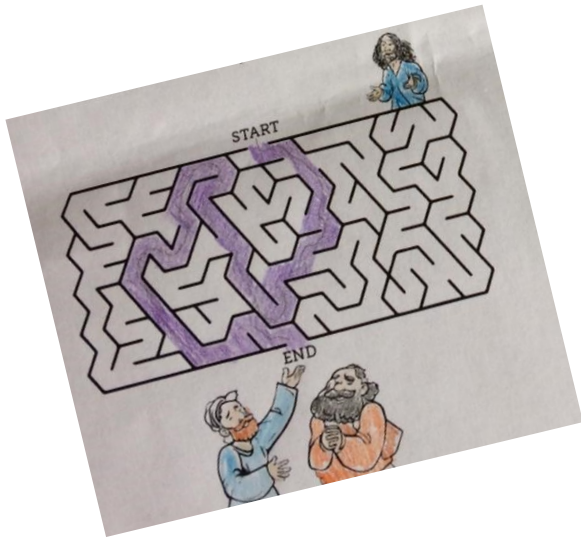
Pray for parts of the Christian Church who suffer persecution because of their faith. Pray that God will give them strength to sustain them. Pray for the

missionaries who are far from home at this time. Pray they would know God's peace in their hearts.

The suffering and bereaved

- Pray for those who are suffering the effects of the coronavirus, whether self-isolating at home or patients in hospital, asking that God would bring a sense of his presence, healing and strength.
- Pray for families who have been bereaved in recent days, whether through coronavirus or in other circumstances, asking that God would bring comfort, strength and peace in these days when the normal rite of passage offered by funeral services has been interrupted by wider events.

Puzzles for Everyone



This is the solution to last week's puzzle. The wordsearch was for the verse, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us." This is from Luke 24 v 32.

This week we have hidden a verse from Proverbs in this shape. To find it, you will need to start at the correct letter and then read every second letter, going in a clockwise direction.

Glengormley Presbyterian Church is currently in vacancy. In the event of a pastoral emergency where a minister is required, please contact the vacancy convenor, Rev. Colin Morrison on 028 90770301. For all other enquiries please contact the Clerk of Session, Mr Derek Kyle, on 028 9335 2536.

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The Lord
is with me,
I will not
be afraid.

Psalm 118:6