

# 3rd May 2020



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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/>*

## 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 3rd May at 7pm via Zoom. Email: [office@glengormley.org](mailto:office@glengormley.org), message our Facebook page Glengormley Presbyterian Church or telephone 028 93352536 for Meeting ID.

**LIFE GROUPS:** Some of our life groups are continuing to meet for bible study and prayer via Zoom. If you are interested in joining one, please contact us for details.

**BRAEPARK:** Helen Duff and Katy Lenaghan have released their second song, 'Long Lost Friend'. It is available on Spotify, iTunes or Apple Music.

**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](mailto:office@glengormley.org) or telephone 028 93352536 with your contact details.

**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](http://www.glengormley.org) also has links to online services each Sunday.

**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](mailto:office@glengormley.org) message our Facebook page or telephone 028 93352536.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** 10th-16th May: Christian Aid Week gives us an opportunity to celebrate and share the life-saving work Christian Aid undertakes. Unfortunately this year we are unable to have our usual collection at a church service or distribute donation envelopes. Instead this year we are encouraging everyone to donate online using their JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/caid> For more updates check their Christian Aid Week webpage: [www.caweek.ie](http://www.caweek.ie)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Hollie (nee Metson) and Jonathan Blair on the birth of their baby boy on 21st April.



## Vacancy Update

### A WORD FROM OUR CONVENER.. AND OUR NEW MINISTER ELECT!

Had things gone according to our plans, your new minister the Rev Reuben McCormick, would have now begun his work in Glengormley. However, we have learned once again that our ways are not God's ways, so we must wait patiently and with faith, as things unfold in His timing.

In the meantime, please continue to support one another and pray for those who are struggling with bereavement, illness or other difficulties. Kirk Session are working hard to keep things together so please encourage them as they do that and please be assured that I am here to help when I can.

### But in the meantime, a word from Reuben...

*"I think it is safe to say that none of us saw this coming in our journey together! This past season of life has been unlike anything else preceding it. Glenda, the kids and I want you to know that we are looking forward to living and ministering alongside you. We, like you, are trusting God's timing and leading in the physical moving and beginning of this new chapter ahead.*

*In the past few weeks, Glenda and I have been reflecting on Romans 8 v 28: 'For in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him.' Even in this time of waiting and delay, we trust that God has all of this in His hands and He will work it for His, and our collective good. Be assured we continue to pray for you all and we can say with certainty that we have been blessed by your prayers for us."*

God bless you all in these uncertain days. Colin Morrison

## Mission Updates

### **PROJECT ROMANIA:** Hello dear friends

Just a quick update about Romania. Unfortunately our flight was cancelled before we got to Romania but we can see God's grace and goodness to us. We were told if we had come we would be isolated for 2 weeks and if we had any infection could be imprisoned and fined up to 4000 euros. We were able to provide food for a village and Hordu with some friends distributed it. Our ministry at the moment consists mainly in prayer and Preaching through messenger when opportunities arise. We are also in contact with Laslea Hospital which is totally locked down. In relation to summer work 3 of our teams have cancelled which is fully understandable so it looks like we will not be in Romania until potentially the autumn. The problem is there is little or no testing in Romania, borders are closed and the police and army are guarding the roads. There is no real idea of how many have died and if they have reached the peak yet. It is frustrating but totally out of our hands. God is in control and we bless Him for His protection to us and pray for His provision to all our dear friends in Romania. We daily pray for them and also for the many teams that have supported us over the years and their local churches. Keep well keep, safe. God loves you and so do we. With love Norman and Linda

**SLOVENIA:** We have received a video message from Glorija and Sebastian. It can be accessed via our website or Facebook page.

## With Regret

With regret we announce the death of Mr Walter Hutchinson, on Saturday 25th April. We extend our sympathy to the family circle.

## Prayer Diary

### ***A prayer for God's provision in uncertain days***

Faithful God,  
it isn't easy to trust you in these uncertain days.  
We have so many questions:  
Will I catch the virus?  
Do we have enough to get by?  
What about my job?  
Help us to know you as the God who provides;  
supplying manna in the wilderness,  
sustaining Elijah with food brought by ravens,  
feeding five thousand,  
giving us each day our daily bread.  
Help us not to worry about our life,  
about what we will eat or drink,  
what we will wear.  
Help us not to be anxious about tomorrow,  
or the impact of a pandemic that might last weeks or months.

Teach us not to waste these lingering hours of lockdown worrying.

Instead lift our eyes to the birds in flight,  
draw our gaze to the flowers in bloom,  
to see that our heavenly Father,  
will meet our everyday human concerns.  
Keep us focused on seeking your kingdom,  
watching for how all we need will also come our way,  
from your generous hand.

In Jesus name.

Amen.

### **Sunday 3 May - *Spiritual life***

Pray for one another as members of the family of God, that the challenges of not being able to gather for worship may also be a spur to greater hunger for reading God's Word individually and in family life. Pray that this season of uncertainty in society, in which so many of the idols we have worshipped and false gods that we have come to trust in have been exposed, may begin to lead towards a fresh moment of awakening to the true and living God.

### **Monday 4 May - *Working life***

Pray for staff furloughed from work, including those who serve in congregations and other ministry callings, that God would help them to overcome the frustration of this interruption to their roles and benefit from a season of unplanned Sabbath.

Pray for those experiencing the added pressures of working from home that they would be sustained through a period of unusual and limited working practices and be wise in drawing the line between work and personal time.

### **Tuesday 5 May - *Family life***

Pray for families with children or teenagers at home in lockdown, asking that God would help parents creatively balance schooling, home life and watching over the general wellbeing of those under their care. Pray for parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children, asking that God would help them find and sustain safe and creative solutions.

### **Wednesday 6 May - *Congregational finances***

Pray for congregations as the normal link between going to church and giving to its work is broken, asking that God will continue to provide what is needed to sustain necessary finances during the period of lockdown.

Pray for God's wisdom and strength for the Finance Department in Assembly Buildings as they continue to oversee the wider financial management of the denomination and attend to everyday matters of

payment of ministers and staff while operating with a skeleton staff.

**Thursday 7 May - Difficult decisions**

Pray for decision makers at all levels of government as they receive advice from specialists, interpret data and shape policy that they would be wise in their decision-making and clear in their communication to others. Pray particularly for governments on our own island and across the world as they navigate the fine lines of easing lockdown measures at the right pace, asking for God’s wisdom in judging the balances required.

**Friday 8 May - VE Day commemorations**

As we mark the ending of the war in Europe at this time 75 years ago, give thanks to God for the selfless and courageous service and sacrifice of those who brought peace to Europe, acknowledging the great cost to all nations in the conflict. Pray for nations still devastated by war, for their people and their leaders; for those who suffer the effects or memories of past wars; for veterans; for those who mourn; for all innocent victims whose lives have been shattered by the cruelty of others.

**Saturday 9 May - Volunteering and local ministry**

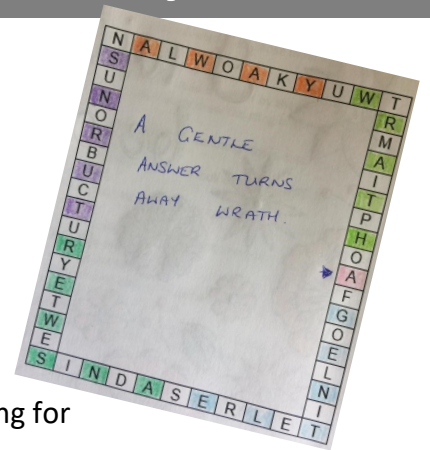
Give thanks for the many people who are using this time to volunteer in their local communities, asking that their simple acts of kindness would continue to make a big difference in the lives of the most vulnerable. Pray particularly for churches as they serve those around them, asking that the relationships built would provide opportunities to show and share the good news and hope that comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

**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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**Puzzles for Everyone**



This is the solution to last week’s puzzle. The Proverb was ‘A gentle answer turns away wrath’.

**This week we are looking for Books of the Bible**

Unscramble the name of each book of the Bible and write it correctly in the blank. Then write the letter from each numbered position in the corresponding blank at the bottom of the page. You’ll spell a phrase that’s used to describe the word of God. We’ve done the first one for you as an example.

- 1. UTRH                      RUTH   (3)
- 2. TWAMHET            \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- 3. BOPERRSV          \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- 4. SUBNEMR            \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
- 5. WRESHBE            \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 6. USAJHO              \_\_\_\_\_ (2)
- 7. MORASN              \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- 8. GEJDSU              \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- 9. STREEH              \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- 10. HMOLIPEN          \_\_\_\_\_ (2)
- 11. LINEDA              \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- 12. SEESING            \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- 13. SHEEPISAN          \_\_\_\_\_ (2)
- 14. CLAIMHA            \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
- 15. HARMEEJI            \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
- 16. AGHAIG             \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 17. SNAGILATA          \_\_\_\_\_ (5)

The Bible is also known as the

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