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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



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://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-status/eyJlbnZlbG9wZSI6NDY4MywgImNoYW5uZWwiOiJzdGF0dXMifQ%3D%3D>

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.

GPC Family

Zoom Quiz

Friday 15th May

Sign in at 6pm

Start time 6.15pm

Contact us for the Meeting ID and password



PRAYER MEETING: Sunday 17th May at **8pm** via Zoom.

Email: office@glengormley.org, message our Facebook page Glengormley Presbyterian Church or telephone

028 93352536 for Meeting ID.

The Tearfund logo features the word 'tearfund' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font inside a yellow rectangular box with a dark blue border.

Following our soup lunch in March, £1,066.95 has been transferred to their account. This is from Tearfund Lunch mainly along with other donations. Thank you to all who contributed.

SCAM WARNING - There have been reports in Newtownabbey of people calling at doors stating they are collecting church envelopes. BEWARE - this is a scam! We would not send anyone to your door for money!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer Diary

A prayer for hope in all the hysteria

God of the future,
for such a long time we have lived without hope.
Who needed it,
when our busy, distracted lives,
kept us living only for the present,
and provided ready escape from reality?
Now we do,
because frightening times have unnerved us,
death has a new inescapability about it,
our deepest insecurities are surfacing,
and a silence we find hard to bear gives us no place to hide.
Yesterday's comfortable certainties,
have given way to today's paralysis and panic,
tomorrow's great unknowns darken our horizon.
We grasp for something solid,
to slow spinning minds,
soothe storm tossed hearts.
And we have this hope,
an anchor for our souls,
found in Jesus,
secured for us in heaven,
able to steady the ship,
sufficient to bear us to an eternal shore.
Help us to know and grow in it,
in our own lives.
May we show it and sow it,
as we move among others,
that the world may rediscover safety, security, serenity in you.
God of hope,
in this moment,
fill us with all joy and peace,
as we trust in you,
that we may overflow with hope,
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
In Jesus' name.
Amen

Sunday 17 May - Worshipping at home

- ◆ Pray for families as they continue to mark Sunday as God's special day of worship and rest without the normal routines of church and Sunday school, asking that God would help them find creative ways to centre their life together on him.
- ◆ Pray for those who watch the many digital aids to worship provided during lockdown, asking that God will continue to speak into their situations through his Word and encourage them through the sharing of items of praise and in prayer.

Monday 18 May - The farming and food industry

The cancellation of the Balmoral Show, usually held in the month of May and which showcases and celebrates the local

food industry across Ireland, highlights the interruption to rural life and livelihoods.

- ◆ Pray for the farming industry, asking God to protect and provide for farmers experiencing the financial strain of cash flow issues, diminishing returns and rising costs.
- ◆ Pray that those involved in the food supply chain from farm gate to supermarket shelves, asking that God would keep them safe and continue to smooth this vital aspect of keeping the country fed at this time.

Tuesday 19 May - Testing, tracking, tracing

- ◆ Pray for continued progress in expanding processes of testing, tracking and tracing the spread of coronavirus, asking that God would enable the development of systems that help combat pandemic and permit greater relaxation of lockdown restrictions.
- ◆ Pray for those involved in delivering these services, asking that God would help them quickly get to grips with what is required and deliver an efficient and reliable service.

Wednesday 20 May - Leadership in unprecedented times

- ◆ Pray for leaders in government charged with taking massive decisions while facing many unknowns, asking that God would lead, guide, reassure, rule and overrule for the good of those under their care.
- ◆ Pray for those offering leadership in church life, whether in congregations or at denominational level, asking that God would give clarity of mind, peace of heart and wisely chosen words.

Thursday 21 May - Gradual return to work

- ◆ Pray for those who are gradually returning to their workplaces, asking that God would give them confidence to step out again into their world of work and keep them safe.
- ◆ Pray for those who oversee workplace safety, asking that God would help them to find flexible and creative ways of ensuring staff are kept safe on return to their places of employment.

Friday 22 May - Exam grades and school leavers

- ◆ Pray for teachers providing grades for pupils who were due to sit GSCE, AS and A Level exams, asking God to equip them for this task and to help them be fair and objective.
- ◆ Pray for school-leavers facing uncertainty about the future, asking that they would continue to know God's guidance, direction and peace even in this uncertain season.

Saturday 23 May - Patience and perseverance

- ◆ Pray that as lockdown restrictions continue to curtail normal life, God would give patience and perseverance in family and church life, local communities and society at large.
- ◆ Pray especially for those who live alone in lockdown experiencing long days with little opportunity for contact with others, asking God to help them grapple with changeable mood and maintain good mental health.

Puzzles for Everyone

Hope you were able to solve all the puzzles from last week. If not, here are the answers.



Daniel in the Lions' Den (Dan 6)



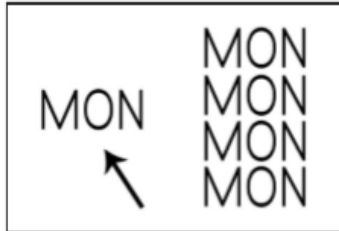
See Eye to Eye (Isa 52:8)



Coat of Many Colours (Gen 37)



Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5)



Solomon (2 Sam 12:24)



Noah's Ark (Gen 7)



Crystal Clear (Rev 21:11)



High Priest (Heb 5:1)



Ten Commandments (Exo 20)



Good News (Pro 25:25)



Eternal Life (John 3:16)



Fainthearted (Deut 20:8)



Heavy Heart (Pro 25:20)



Forbidden Fruit (Gen 2:16-17)



Wise Men (Matt 2:1)

This week we have hidden another 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.

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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.

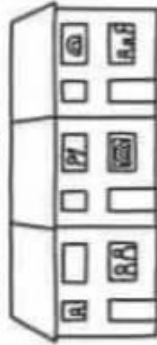


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BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



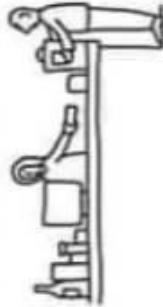
FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS, THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS, THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS.



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY- THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED. THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS: ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN