

# 13th December 2020

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## Services

**Sunday 13th December 2020**

**11am Rev Reuben McCormick**

**6pm Carol Service (will not be streamed online)**

**Sunday 20th December 2020**

**11am Rev Reuben McCormick**

**6pm Carol Service**

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

### Forthcoming Events

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:** Unfortunately we would be unable to accommodate everyone who would wish to attend a Christmas Day Service so we will be broadcasting a pre-recorded service which will go live at 10am on 25th December and will be followed by a Zoom Chat at 10:30am. Details of the meeting will be available on our WhatsApp group or can be requested from office@glengormley.org

**COMMUNION:** It is our hope to offer Communion at the end of morning worship services on each of the first four Sundays in January. We would invite all those who are in attendance on these Sundays who love the Lord Jesus Christ to join with us.

### Discipleship Events

**Zoom Prayer Meeting:** will resume on Sunday 3rd January 2021 at 8pm.

### Church Notices

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ:** As we cannot meet together for our Annual Church Quiz, Gareth Lenaghan has put together a set of questions to be enjoyed by family bubbles. Copies can be collected at sign in desk on 13th or 20th December or a digital copy can be requested from office@glengormley.org

**CHURCH ACCOUNTS:** The final day for receiving contributions to be included in this year's accounts is **Sunday 27th December 2020**. Any contributions received after this date will be included in the 2021 accounts.

**WORLD DEVELOPMENT APPEAL:** By now you will have received a World Development Envelope. In response to the devastating effect of the Coronavirus pandemic on some of the poorest communities on the planet, Presbyterian Moderator, Rt Rev Dr David Bruce, has launched a special Christmas Appeal to provide support to people in fragile, vulnerable countries suffering due to Covid-19. Please donate generously.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:** Church office will close on Thursday 17th December and reopen on Thursday 7th January 2021. Next week's announcement sheet will be the last for 2020. Please send announcements by 12noon on Thursday 17th December to office@glengormley.org The next printed sheet will be available on Sunday 10th January 2021.

**PRESBYTERIAN HERALD:** What a strange year this has been - we're looking forward to Christmas and those who subscribe to the Herald will just have received / are soon to receive their Easter issue which couldn't be delivered before lockdown. Publication of The Herald will resume in January 2021 and only four seasonal issues of the magazine will be produced through the year, instead of the usual 10. There will be no subscription charges in 2021 for those who subscribed this year as there have been no publications since

the Easter one. If you would be interested in receiving The Herald for the first time please, make contact with Lesley Bell or access it online <https://www.presbyterianireland.org/Resources/Presbyterian-Herald/Downloads/2020-Presbyterian-Herald-Downloads.aspx>

## Community Notices

# PHONE FIRST-24/7

Make sure you PHONE FIRST before going to Antrim or Causeway Hospital Emergency Departments, or Mid Ulster Hospital Minor Injuries Unit.

## 0300 123 1 123

TEXT RELAY NUMBER: 18001 0300 123 1 123  
or Interpreter Now app

**Get directed to the right care**

**Avoid busy waiting rooms**

**Stay safe**

**Save time**



**FOR EMERGENCIES - 999**  
Including: stroke, heart attack, loss of consciousness, breathing difficulties, severe bleeding or major trauma  
**ALWAYS CALL 999 IMMEDIATELY**



**GIVE  BLOOD**  
**Save Lives**

**METHODIST CENTRE,  
GLENGORMLEY**

**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER**

**10:00am – 3:00pm**

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**Now by appointment only.  
Please call 08085 534 653 to book.**

## Prayer Diary

### Sunday 13 December

- \* Considering the Moderator's theme for Advent, pray that the suite of teaching materials, specifically designed for use at home or in church & which includes a series of four animations with accompanying children's teaching materials, will help families to engage and respond in the absence of more traditional ways of celebrating Advent.
- \* Today as we worship with Christmas in sight, ask God that in the disruption to this festive season we will gain a better sense of the impact of the brokenness of sin and greater appreciation of our Saviour Jesus who came to restore our world.

### Monday 14 December

- \* Give thanks for the relatively low numbers of Covid-19 cases in Malawi so far. Pray for the ongoing work and witness of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in the country.
- \* Pray for Volker (PCI global mission worker in Malawi) as he works off campus as a programme developer for Theological Education by Extension College in Jo'burg, South Africa and revises the College's HIV & AIDs course, strengthening the theological reflection within the course.

### Tuesday 15 December

- \* Pray for Rev Dave Gray at Queen's University Belfast and Derryvolgie Halls and Revs Cheryl Meban, John Coulter and Graeme Orr at the various campuses of Ulster University as they continue to support students during Covid-19 restrictions.
- \* Pray for students as they prepare for exams and enjoy Christmas. Pray for opportunities for Christian students and chaplains to share their faith with other students in 2021.

### Wednesday 16 December

- \* Pray for the stability of United Mission to Nepal's (UMN) continuing hospital and programme work and for the successful renewal of all the necessary agreements with the authorities.
- \* Pray for Peter and Valerie Lockwood (global mission workers) as they serve with the United Mission to Nepal, and their three children as they continue in partial lockdown and online schooling. Pray that God would continue to guide the family and give them a good rest this Advent season.

### Thursday 17 December

- \* Give thanks for the ongoing work and witness of the 74 PCI home mission congregations throughout Ireland. Pray that each congregation will be able to meet physically together this Christmas and that this will be a time of blessing.

## Prayer Diary continued

- \* Pray for the ministers who lead these congregations, who often have more than one charge. Pray for wisdom and encouragement and as they minister, often in isolated areas.

### Friday 18 December

- \* Give thanks for the approval of vaccines to fight Coronavirus & for all who assisted in the development. Pray for the vaccine programme as it is launched & used in residential, nursing & hospital settings.
- \* Give thanks for those who use their skills and abilities to provide end of life care. Ask God to fill them with grace and compassion as they affirm the value and dignity of human life.

### Saturday 19 December

- \* Pray for the ongoing contact Church leaders, including the Clerk & Moderator, have with both the NI Executive & the Irish Government. Pray that, in their decision making, both officials & Ministers take account of the representations of the churches, especially with regard to balancing the importance of Christians being able to gather for public worship with necessary restrictions related to Covid-19.
- \* The nine current Auxiliary Ministry trainees have been assigned to congregations to receive mentoring in preaching over the next four months. Pray for the trainees, that God would develop their ability to preach his Word and lead his people in worship, even during these testing and disruptive times.

**As well as including PCI Let's Pray diary we have included some prayer points that Norman and Linda Patterson shared at our Zoom Prayer Meeting last Sunday night.**

- 1) Pray for Dr Opream in Laslea hospital. He is type1 diabetic and has had a positive test for Covid 19. He is in day six but we will not know until next week how his body is reacting to it. Also pray for his wife Anca who is a GP in Sighisoara and runs a Hospice. One of her elderly ladies in the practice had covid and they think that is how they got infected.
- 2) Pray for Laslea hospital itself for both staff and patients. They did have some infections but at present all is good in the hospital.
- 3) Thank God for they family in Secueni who have now moved into their new home. Their one roomed home is to be used as a church. Last year we put a new roof on it
- 4) Praise God at present 3 other homes are nearly complete and will be furnished hopefully this

week for 3 other families to move into. We sent out nearly £10,000 for the building of these homes and also £2000 for food parcels. The clothing and materials in our store at Laslea have been given to different Christian leaders to distribute among their people. The mayor has given us wood so each week the poorer families are getting wood and food parcels.

- 5) Thank God for the response to the Just Giving Campaign. The campaign is still open and at present there is £2140 raised. This will be used in January and February when the winter is the hardest for many of the families.
- 6) Please pray that the door would open up for us so that we can return to Romania and share the wonderful message of God's love and salvation.

Thank you one and all for your prayers and support  
May God bless you all in these days

Love in Jesus

Norman and Linda



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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](mailto:office@glengormley.org) for details

**Coronavirus**  
STAY SAFE SAVE LIVES

Keep your distance

Cough or sneeze into your elbow, or a tissue and dispose in a bin

Don't touch your face

Download the StopCOVID NI app

Wash your hands well and often

You must use face coverings in enclosed spaces like shops, healthcare settings and on public transport

If you have coronavirus symptoms, even if mild, go home, self-isolate and book a test.

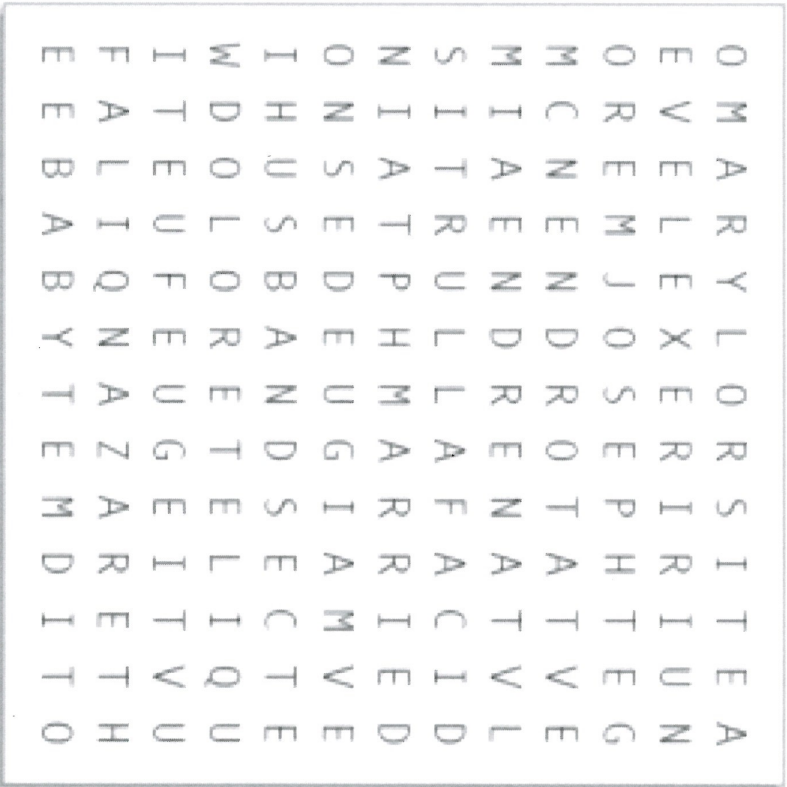
For more information go to [www.pha.site/coronavirus](http://www.pha.site/coronavirus)



# Joseph Told About Jesus Word Search



Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



- ANGEL
- BABY
- CARPENTER
- HUSBAND
- JOSEPH
- MARRIED
- MARY
- NAZARETH
- SON
- WIFE

## ADVENT ACTIVITY: JOIN-THE-DOTS

