

# 25th April 2021



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## Services

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

**Sunday 25th April 2021**

**10:30am Rev Reuben McCormick**

- live streamed

**12noon Rev Reuben McCormick**

• in person only

**Sunday 2nd May 2021**

**10:30am Rev Reuben McCormick**

- live streamed

**12noon Rev Reuben McCormick**

- in person only

### Resumption of in-person Worship Services

**If you want to come to church** - Let your elder know. They will let you know when you can attend. If you don't have an elder - please email

[iwanttocometochurch@glengormley.org](mailto:iwanttocometochurch@glengormley.org) and let us know.

If you don't have email, call and leave a message at the church office 02890848774 - and we will get back to you.

### Discipleship Events

the **prayer** course **'An eight week journey through the Lord's Prayer'** <https://prayercourse.org>

The course started on **Sunday 18th April** but its not too late to join in. For more info and to sign-up for the course, please contact David Johnston (07816 018585, [discipleship@glengormley.org](mailto:discipleship@glengormley.org))

**Zoom Prayer Meeting** will run from 8 to 8:30pm on Sunday 25th April immediately after The Prayer Course.

### Organisation Notices

**GPC KIDS ONLINE** will continue on Fridays. Join with us as we learn more about the miracles of Jesus. The link to the videos can be found on our YouTube channel and Facebook page.

**PW ALLOCATIONS:** A cheque for £800 has been forwarded to PCI towards our PW Mission Fund. Thanks to all who contributed.

### Church Notices

**BINS:** If food / coffee is brought in, please **do not leave boxes or cups still containing liquid in any of the bins** and don't leave water bottles in the pews. Your co-operation is appreciated.

**GAMBLE LIBRARY (Union Theological College):** Annual electronic membership is available at a cost of £50. This gives access to 750+ eBooks and ATLA Databases. Contact [librarian@union.ac.uk](mailto:librarian@union.ac.uk) or 028 90205093 for details.

### With Regret

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mrs Mary Montgomery. We extend sympathy to the family circle.

### Prayer Diary

**Sunday 25 April:** Pray for the Moderator as opportunities to visit congregations may start to open up as Covid-19 regulations gradually relax. Pray for his ongoing ministry of encouragement and pastoral care to all ministers and their congregations.

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.' Psalm 116:1. Today as we worship in person, online or on our own, give thanks to God for answered prayer and

for how he has provided for us throughout our experience of the pandemic.

**Monday 26 April:** Pray for Gary and Mary Reid (global mission workers in Kenya) as they continue to work remotely from their home in N Ireland. Pray especially for their youngest son who has been studying online through his school in Kenya for over a year and is having to sit his school exams remotely.

Pray for the work and witness of the Church of North India as it seeks to be an effective witness. Pray too for the Covid-19 situation in India for those in need of medical assistance and for the vaccine roll-out.

**Tuesday 27 April:** Sonya Anderson (deaconess in Shore Street, Donaghadee) Pray for the congregation, leaders & staff whilst the congregation is vacant. Pray too for the various children, youth & adult groups which have met online over the past year. They are thankful for the online platform, but long to have in-person groups again. Howth & Malahide | Pray for this congregation and others in the Republic of Ireland who long to be allowed to hold public, corporate, weekly worship on the Lord's Day. Pray for a deepening grasp of why it is so important.

**Wednesday 28 April:** Steve & Rosie Kennedy (global mission workers in Romania) Give thanks for new people coming along to the Cluj Christian Fellowship services and pray for the wise nurturing of these new relationships. Pray also for the wider networks that Steve and Rosie have begun to establish and that these will prove fruitful.

Spain | Pray for Grupos Bíblicos Unidos as they continue to train and encourage Christian students and recent graduates to share their faith with their peers on a daily basis.

**Thursday 29 April:** David Boyd (Irish mission worker in Dublin) | Pray for the International Cafe team planning new online events to get to know, entertain & build relationships with students from overseas. Continue to pray for a woman who is doing Bible studies with David online. Give thanks she is getting a good understanding of the gospel. Inch (Co Donegal) | Pray for this small island church as they continue to witness for God to neighbours and friends. Pray for them as they discuss future plans with the Linkage Commission and other local congregations.

**Friday 30 April:** Social Witness | Pray for Department of Health, Health & Social Care Trust & Public Health Agency staff as they work to support & advise care providers during these challenging times. Give thanks for the individuals, agencies and organisations who have worked tirelessly over the past 14 months to provide appropriate information.

Schools | Give thanks for those who voluntarily serve on school boards of governors and management across the island of Ireland. Pray for great wisdom and discernment as they seek to support principals and staff in making the best decisions for pupils in the midst of Covid-19 restrictions and other stresses.

**Saturday 1 May:** Pray for the Clerk of the General Assembly as he responds to, and seeks to interpret, the changing regulations as they apply to church life going forward. Pray for wisdom, insight and a sense of unity of purpose as PCI's leadership works with the leaders of the other main denominations.

Council for Training in Ministry | Third year ministry students are due to have what is known as an "Exit Interview". The student, a member of college staff and a member of presbytery meet to review the student's training. When satisfactorily completed, the student is licensed by presbytery, usually in June. Give thanks for these students and pray for them as they reach the end of their college training.

**ANNOUNCEMENT SHEETS:** Any announcements need to be with the office by 12 noon on Thursdays. Email [office@glengormley.org](mailto: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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**SERMON**  
**NOTES**

**WHO'S SPEAKING:**

**I LEARNED:**

**My favorite song:**

**WHERE IN THE BIBLE?**

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHO IS IN THE PASSAGE?**

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\_\_\_\_\_

*draw something*

**I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND?**

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# Session 2: ADORATION



*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”  
- Matthew 6:9*

## Discussion Questions

20 minutes

- Q. What did you find most helpful or most challenging in the video?
- Q. Why do you think that we most often associate prayer with asking, rather than worship and adoration?

*“In commanding us to glorify him, God is inviting us to enjoy him” – C.S.Lewis*

- Q. Do you enjoy spending time with God? When are the times that prayer feels most enjoyable?
- Q. Pete says that prayer is primarily about relationship with God: **“It’s relational, not transactional”**. How does this change your perspective of coming to God in prayer?
- Q. In the Acts passage, the early church put their own crisis into perspective by worshipping. What are the practical things you could do this week to foster an attitude of worship in your daily routine?

## Do it

15 minutes

Practise thanksgiving and praise by reflecting on Psalm 8.

As a group, read Psalm 8 out loud together. You might like to delegate different verses to different people, or encourage just one person to read it out. Then, take time to **Pause and Rejoice:**

**Pause:** Take a moment in silence and invite the Holy Spirit to help you reflect on what you’ve just read.

**Rejoice:** Encourage group members to speak out prayers of adoration. Invite everyone to reflect and to thank God for one or two things in their lives. They might like to use the Psalm as inspiration, too.

**(Bible passage in video: Acts 4:24-31)**