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Worship Services

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

Sunday 5th February 2023

10:30am Rev Reuben McCormick - live streamed

6:30pm Alpha or Prayer

Sunday 12th February 2023

10:30am Rev Reuben McCormick - live streamed

6:30pm Alpha or Prayer

If you wish to maintain social distancing please use pews 13 to 17.

Tea and coffee will be served after the service but please wait to allow those who wish to, to leave.

Please do not attend if you are displaying any Covid symptoms.

Leadership Notices

ADVANCE NOTICE: KIRK SESSION meeting has been moved to Tuesday 21st February at 7:30pm. Committee will only meet if necessary - the plan is not to - hopefully!

Discipleship Notices

ALPHA is a series that explores the basics of the Christian faith in a welcoming, open and friendly environment. Each session you'll be hosted in a group where you'll hear different topics on Christianity, and have time to chat through any thoughts. You can say anything you like or nothing at all. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. Continuing tonight at 6:30pm in Mosaic. Invite a friend to come along.

MIDWEEK MEETING: Wednesday 8th February at 7:30pm in the Burney Room. All welcome.

NEWTOWNABBEY BIBLE WEEK: Talks from each night of Newtownabbey Bible Week are available on their website www.newtownabbeybibleweek.org/talks

If you are visiting here this morning:

- We hope that you feel welcome. Please stay after the service for a cup of tea or coffee and introduce yourself.
- Primary school aged children can join our GLOW Club; watch for children leaving during the service.
- If your child is staying during the sermon there are some toys available in the entrance area under the stairs. Please feel free to get them before or during the service.
- If your child needs a break during the service feel free to leave and go to the entrance area, you will still be able to hear the service.

Organisation Notices

GLOW is for primary school aged children and runs during the morning service. Watch out for children and leaders leaving during the service.

PW (Presbyterian Women) next meet on Monday 6th February 2023 at 2pm in Mosaic. Special guest is Rev Reuben McCormick. All Ladies Welcome.

CHILL-OUT TUESDAYS: Mosaic will be open for all between 10:00am and noon every Tuesday throughout the remainder of January and all of February. It will be a warm space for conversation and a hot drink. All members of the congregation and community at large will be very welcome.

Church Notices

ELECTION OF CONGREGATION COMMITTEE: Voting papers will be available today in Mosaic. Please place completed papers in the box provided. Voting will close this evening. Please vote for up to 20 names from the list of voters but do not include elders or emeriti marked in bold.

MINOR HALL AND MCKINLEY HALL are closed for maintenance. No access is permitted. Minor Hall, McKinley Hall and Dunlop Halls will be out of use from 13th February until Easter.

AUTOMATED DEFIBRILLATOR, AED: The Church Committee have recently approved and acquired an external automated defibrillator, AED. This is a very useful piece of medical equipment, designed to be used by medical and non medical people alike. If you suspect that someone is having a cardiac arrest then the AED will be available, but please call for an ambulance as a priority. The AED will be housed initially in the church office, during church hours and then, after work is complete on the halls, in the corridor connecting the halls. This simple YouTube video will give guidance of how to use this device. www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtN56rbzEgw

ANNOUNCEMENT SHEETS: Any announcements need to be with the office by 12 noon on Thursdays. Email 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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www.glengormley.org

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 for details

Prayer Diary

World Watch List 2023

The World Watch List is Open Doors' annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. You can explore the country profiles to find information, stories and prayers for each of the countries, along with ways that you can stand with your persecuted church family in prayer and action on their website www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/

World Watch ranking: 1 North Korea

Open Doors estimates there to be some 400,000 Christians in North Korea, which is less than two per cent of the country's total population of 26 million people. North Korea is once more the hardest place in the world to follow Jesus, and a brutally hostile place for Christians to live. If discovered by the authorities, believers are either sent to labour camps as political prisoners where the conditions are atrocious, or killed on the spot – and their families will share their fate as well. Christians have absolutely no freedom. It is almost impossible for believers to gather or meet to worship. Those who dare to meet must do so in utmost secrecy – and at enormous risk. Even owning a Bible is a serious crime and will be severely punished.

World Watch ranking: 2 Somalia

It is estimated that there are only a few hundred Christians. It's very hard to know how many people in Somalia are Christian, from the population of 16.8 million, because of the extreme secrecy they are forced to live in. Society expects all Somalis to be Muslim. Imams in mosques and madrassas state publicly that there is no room for Christianity, Christians or churches. Christians from Muslim backgrounds are regarded as high-value targets and may be killed on the spot if discovered. Believers continue to face an extreme level of violence, which has worsened in recent years. Islamic militants have intensified their hunt for people who are Christian. Their goal, as they have stated on many occasions, is to rid Somalia of any Christians.

Father God, we thank You for the remarkable bravery of our brothers and sisters in North Korea and Somalia. Continue to encourage, equip and empower them as they follow You amid such extreme persecution. Protect secret gatherings of believers – may their meetings be places of divine encounter. Give wisdom, boldness and discernment to Your children to know how to express their faith in society without drawing the attention of the authorities. Amen.