

"We have one crystal clear reason apart from the blessed happiness of this way of life.

It is this: prayer is the core of our day.

Take prayer out, and the day would collapse, would be pithless, a straw blown in the wind.

But how can you pray - really pray, I mean - with one against whom you have a grudge or whom you have been discussing critically with another?

Try it. You will find it cannot be done."

Amy Carmichael

SATURDAY 28 May

Tea Party at the home of Mrs Louise Wilson – fundraising for trip to MWI World Federation 2016.

Speak to Sheona for further details

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Church Notices for Week Beginning

Sunday 22 May 2016

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



God is NOT a denomination, deity of the month club member, nor does He fit in any 'theological box' of man. **Is 55:8-9**

SUNDAY 22 MAY

10.30am WMC Worship Choir Sunday
12.00pm IMC Worship Mr Brian Connor
Christian Aid Lunch after IMC service – served in 1st Presbyterian

TUESDAY 24 MAY

Bible Study will resume in September – informal fellowship group will meet on Tuesday evenings until September

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY

10.30am Funeral for Mrs Barbara Gray Rev Gary Millar
In WMC – to Roselawn
7.30pm IMC Bible Study 2nd IPC Manse
7.00pm Victorian Craft Class Dobson Room

THURSDAY 26 MAY

10.00am Craft Class Dobson Room

SUNDAY 29 MAY

10.30am WMC Worship Mr Ken Stewart
12.00pm IMC Worship Mr Ken Stewart

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Just a quick personal word of thanks to the church family who remembered me in prayer this week. I was admitted to Antrim Area Hospital from the Emergency Department on Wednesday morning and discharged after scans and tests on my spine and legs for severe pain. I am awaiting results and appreciate your ongoing prayers.

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As you will see from Wednesday’s announcement, the death has occurred of Mrs Barbara Gray, widow of the late Rev Wesley Gray – well known on this part of our circuit. She died peacefully and with great dignity in Antrim Area Hospital after a sudden, unexpected illness. Please remember her children Peter, Jennifer and John as they prepare for her funeral from Whitehead MC on Wednesday.

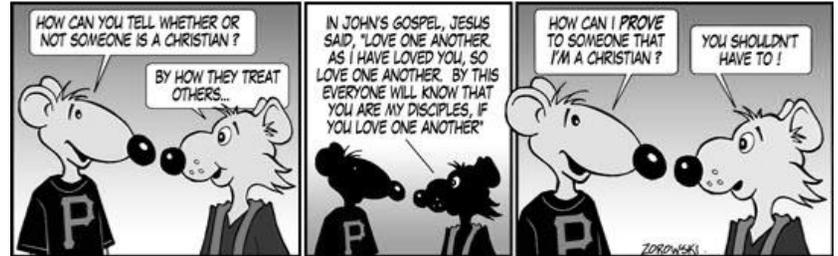
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*“What you are is God’s gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.”
Hans Urs von Balthasar, Prayer*

“The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.” Martin Luther

Church Mice

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A Milestone Event!

As we prepare to commence a new era in the life and witness of Whitehead Methodist Church with the opening of our new hall facilities; the leaders would like to let you know about the first event. Leaders would be grateful for any traybakes or cakes you might be able to supply for the Big Sale on Saturday 4th June.

Good quality, saleable items are also requested for the stalls. Our premises will be open on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd June from 7.00pm til 8.30pm for receipt of such items.

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“We have never preached violence, except the violence of love, which left Christ nailed to a cross, the violence that we must each do to ourselves to overcome our selfishness and such cruel inequalities among us. The violence we preach is not the violence of the sword, the violence of hatred. It is the violence of love, of brotherhood, the violence that wills to beat weapons into sickles for work. ... When we struggle for human rights, for freedom, for dignity, when we feel that it is a ministry of the church to concern itself for those who are hungry, for those who have no schools, for those who are deprived, we are not departing from God’s promise. He comes to free us from sin, and the church knows that sin’s consequences are all such injustices and abuses. The church knows it is saving the world when it undertakes to speak also of such things.”

Oscar A. Romero, The Violence of Love