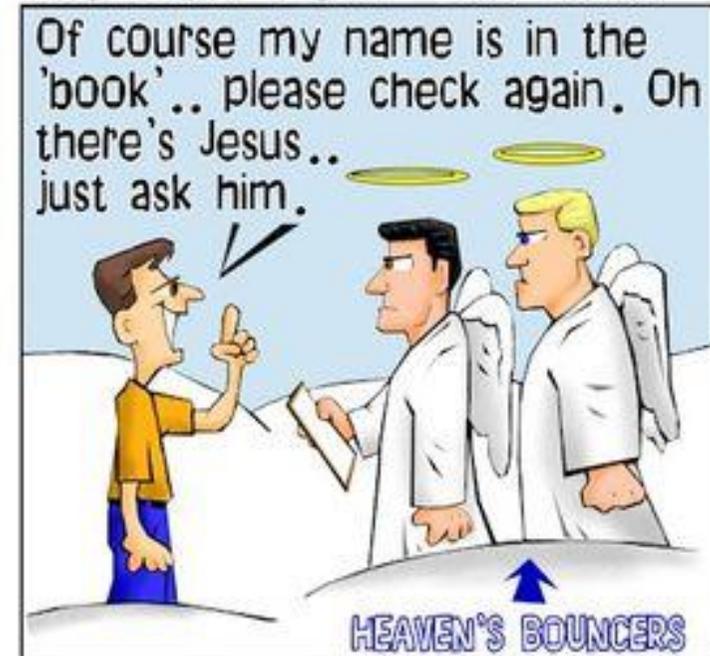


Announcements for week beginning

2nd October 2016

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



If you were ashamed of Jesus while on Earth, then why would you dream your name would someday be on Heaven's Roll Call? **Luke 9:26**

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Whitehead and Islandmagee Methodist Churches

Sunday 2 October – Holy Communion

10.30am	WMC Worship	Rev Gary Millar
12.00pm	IMC Worship	Rev Gary Millar
7.00pm	2 nd Islandmagee PC Harvest	Rev Peter Bovill

Monday 3 October

7.30pm	WMC MWI	Houston Room
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Tuesday 4 October

8.00pm	WMC Bible Study fellowship	Houston Room
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Wednesday 5 October

7.00pm	Victorian Fair Craft Group	Houston Room
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Thursday 6 October

10.00am	Craft Class	Houston Room
7.30pm	WMC Choir Practice	Dobson Room

Sunday 9 October

10.30am	WMC Worship	Mr Ken Stewart
12.00pm	IMC Harvest Worship	Rev Gary Millar
7.00pm	IMC Harvest Worship	Rev Wesley Campbell

A Little Pointer on Keeping a Balance

“Here’s a little bonus tip that I’ve found helpful to keep my wits about me as I live next to these wild Vikings we call sinners, pagans, and wacko unbelievers while keeping my vertical relationship with God strong. It’s called “whimsical holiness,” which is the ability to hold on to personal values of Christlikeness while being deeply in relationship with people who do not hold your same convictions. In other words, it’s about keeping a sense of humour while keeping a sense of holiness.

Looking again to Jesus, I think we can agree that He was holy. But whimsical? Sure. When Jesus made more wine than an elephant could suck down, for people who were already hammered drunk, it was a whimsical decision. When Jesus sneaked up behind the two men walking to Emmaus, He must have had a smirk on His face. When He held a dinner for every despicable tax collector in town, He must have had to crack a few opening jokes to help them relax. When He was talking about spiritual truth with the confused woman at the well, He responded with gracious statements instead of belittling her or straightening out her poor theology. When He purposefully neglected to remind His disciples to wash their hands correctly before eating, He was also being whimsically holy. Heck, eating and drinking were His pastime. My favourite scripture, Luke 7:34, says it this way: “The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’”

Halter, H. (2015). *Brimstone: the art and act of holy nonjudgment*. Colorado

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER AT 7.30PM IN ST PATRICK’S CHURCH HALL, WHITEHEAD. FASHION SHOW & LIGHT SUPPER. ADMISSION £10.00

Sunday 16th October at 3.00pm Harvest Worship,
St John’s Parish Church, Islandmagee

A message from Terry Nugent following the delivery of our WMC Harvest Goods

We delivered all the Harvest gifts to Willie Carson in Lurgan today. We had four mountain bikes donated and there was a fifth bike in our car park which had been liberated from its abandoned and forgotten resting place in the Avenue. When Willie saw the bikes in Foster’s van he said, “Wonderful, the Church in Ghana had asked me if I could source five bikes, and you have delivered.” That bike in the Avenue will now be pedalled by a Pastor in Ghana, he is going to be very happy. Willie’s team are more than happy to sort out the tyres and service it before they send it. Willie was delighted with all the gifts and he was fulsome in praise of the generosity of our congregation. The gifts will be going to Ghana and Latvia.

Sister Martina Purdy will be the special speaker at the Healing Service in St Anne’s Cathedral, Belfast on **Monday 17th October 2016 at 8pm**. Martina was well known throughout Northern Ireland in her work as a BBC news journalist. A popular broadcaster she would say now that she felt she was ‘living the dream’. Then God came calling, asking her to join the Adoration Sisters and live under vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. It was quite an inner struggle to yield to God’s will. Some of her work colleagues thought she had gone off her head. Nonetheless, the call was so clear that Martina entered the convent on the Falls Road. Even though joining a religious community in many ways involved great sacrifice she has found her new lifestyle to be immensely fulfilling. Martina says that she now has a spirit of joy and contrary to her past experience is really ‘living the dream’. An excellent speaker Martina will be well worth hearing on 17th October. Why not come and join us? Personal prayer and the anointing with oil will be available at the service.

Church Mice

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The Gossamer Albatross was a human powered aircraft which on Jun 12th 1979 completed a successful crossing of the English Channel. The aircraft was powered using pedals to drive a large two-bladed propeller. Piloted by amateur cyclist Bryan Allen, it completed the 22.2 mile crossing in 2 hours and 49 minutes, achieving a top speed of 18 mph and an average altitude of 1.5 metres (5 feet). He landed exhausted after 22 miles on French Coast. Q? Why hasn't man-powered flight caught on? Never maintain energy! Jesus Christ calls us to be His disciples. He knew we could never keep it up by pedalling our own way through life. He knew how necessary it was for Him to return to his Father to send His Spirit. Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit Comes on you!"