

# Announcements

1 June 2014

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE**

If you have any item for inclusion in this Announcements Sheet, or on the Website, the deadline is Wednesday before 7.00pm.

Please forward them to Gary by email if possible, or by telephone.

*KEY RINGS &  
FRIDGE MAGNETS  
Are on sale in the Dobson  
Room priced £2.00 each  
all money will go to our  
Building Fund.*

## **OPEN GARDEN OUTING**

St Patrick's Church of Ireland are travelling by coach to an Open Garden event at the Mill House, Glenwherry on June 14 & 15. If you would like to go along with them for the price of £5.00 please contact Mrs I Moore on 93379327.



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### Sunday 1 June

10.30 am WMC Worship Rev G Millar  
 12.00 pm IMC Worship Rev G Millar  
 2.00 pm The Big Lunch at WMC garden (in Community Hall if Wet!)  
 3.00 pm IMC - Islandmagee LOL 1962 Service with RBP 342 - Rev G Millar

### Tuesday 3 June

8.00 pm WMC Bible Study (following Lectionary in Methodist Newsletter)

### Wednesday 4 June

7.30 pm Carrickfergus Circuit Executive in WMC

### Thursday 5 June

10.00 am WMC Craft Class  
 7.30 pm WMC Choir Practice

### Sunday 8 June - Pentecost Sunday

10.30 am WMC Worship Choir Sunday Rev A Ferguson  
 12.00 pm IMC Worship Rev A Ferguson

### Tuesday 10 June

8.00 pm WMC Bible Study (following Lectionary in Methodist Newsletter)

### Thursday 12 June

10.00 am WMC Craft Class  
 7.30 pm WMC Choir Practice

### Sunday 15 June Conference Sunday

10.30 am WMC Worship Mr Brian Connor  
 12.00 pm IMC Worship Mr Brian Connor

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

The three Circuit Ministers will be in attendance at the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland to be held in Dublin from 11-15 June 2014, our new President will be Rev Peter Murray whose theme for the Connexional year from June 2014 will be "Moving Out Together".

#### The poet William Blake wrote a poem about Pentecost. Part of the poem says:

*Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.  
 Unless the ear catch fire, God will not be heard.  
 Unless the tongue catch fire, God will not be named.  
 Unless the Heart catch fire, God will not be loved.  
 Unless the mind catch fire, God will not be known.*

**"The Fundamental idea of Spirit in Hebrew and Greek is breath, air, wind, and storm – the intensity depending on the context. It may be a gentle breath (John 20:22), a gale-force wind (Ex 15:8), a cooling breeze (Gen 3:8). Most essentially Spirit is transcendent and divine, not mere flesh; it is the energy of life itself and is present in nature and in history. Most wonderfully, the Spirit is God's face turned toward us and God's presence abiding with us, the agency by which God reaches out and draws near, the power that creates and heals." Clark Pinnock "Flame of Love"**



"As I shut the door of the office after me, it seemed as if I met the Lord Jesus Christ face to face. It seemed to me that I saw Him as I would see any other man. He said nothing, but looked at me in such a manner as to break me right down at His feet. I fell down at His feet, wept aloud like a child, and made such confessions as I could with my choked utterance. It seemed to me that I bathed His feet in tears. I must have continued in this state for a good while. I returned to the front office, but as I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire, I received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. Without any recollection that I had ever heard the subject mentioned by any person in the world, the Holy Spirit descended upon me in a manner that seemed to come in waves of liquid love; it seemed like the very breath of God. I wept aloud with joy and love." **Charles Finney**

One Sunday morning an old cowboy entered a church just before services were to begin. Although the old man and his clothes were spotlessly clean, he wore jeans, a denim shirt and boots that were very worn and ragged. In his hand he carried a worn out old hat and an equally worn out bible. The church he entered was in a very upscale and exclusive part of the city. It was the largest and most beautiful church the old cowboy had ever seen. The people of the congregation were all dressed with expensive clothes and accessories. As the cowboy took a seat, the others settled down in areas away from him. No one greeted, spoke to, or welcomed him. They were all dismayed at his appearance and did not attempt to hide it.

The preacher gave a long sermon about Hellfire and brimstone and a stern lecture on how people ought to be finding more people to win to Jesus because baptisms were down. As the old cowboy was leaving the church, the preacher approached him and asked the cowboy to do him a favour. "Before you return next time, maybe have a talk with God and ask him what He thinks would be appropriate attire for worship. You might find that would help you fit in a little better and feel more at home with us." The old cowboy assured the preacher he would. The next Sunday, he showed back up for the services wearing the same ragged jeans, shirt, boots, and hat. Once again he was completely shunned and ignored. The preacher approached the man and said, "I thought I asked you to speak to God about your attire and get his input on the matter of appropriate dress for worship in His church." "Oh, I did that... I truly did," replied the old cowboy. "If you spoke to God, what did he tell you the proper dress should be for worshiping in here?" asked the preacher. "Well, sir, God told me that He didn't have a clue what I should wear here these days – He says He's not attended here in a long time."

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*"...for the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*