

ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

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Methodist Church in Ireland – Whitehead & Islandmagee

Announcements

27 July 2014

They were of **F** ended by him.
But Jesus s**A**id to them,
"A prophet is not w**I**thout honor,
except **T** in his own country,
and in **H**is own house."
— Matthew 13:57 WEB
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Sunday 27 July

10.30 am WMC Worship Rev G Millar
12.00 pm IMC Worship Rev G Millar

Tuesday 29 July

7.00 pm WMC Victorian Fair Sewing Group (Dobson Room)
8.00 pm WMC Fellowship Hour *(Come when you can, go when you must)*

Thursday 31 July

10.00 am WMC Craft Class

Sunday 3 August
HOLY COMMUNION

10.30 am WMC Worship Rev G Millar
12.00 pm IMC Worship Rev G Millar



a heart-felt thank you to all in whitehead who made the tribe of judah members and guests so welcome on sunday last - your kindness and openness were much appreciated by all - including our swedish and english guests!

WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On Monday 4 August at 7.30pm a parade organised by The Royal British Legion will leave from Scotch Quarter, Carrickfergus. The parade will stop at the Carrickfergus War Memorial at Joymount to lay a number of wreaths before continuing to Quay Lane.

At the conclusion of the parade a Service of Remembrance and Reflection will be held on the Lower Castle Green at 9.00pm. At the conclusion of the service, and in conjunction with the UK wide "Lights Out" initiative, the Knockagh War Memorial will be illuminated from 10.00pm to 11.00pm as the Borough's single light in a symbolic act of reflection and hope. During the evening there will be a display on Castle Green of WW1 equipment with living history personnel in period uniform. Everyone is invited, all welcome.

BEING STILL

Before refrigerators, people used icehouses to preserve their food. Icehouses had thick walls, no windows, and a tightly fitted door. In winter, when streams and lakes were frozen, large blocks of ice were cut, hauled to the icehouses, and covered with sawdust. Often the ice would last well into the summer. One man lost a valuable watch while working in an icehouse. He searched diligently for it, carefully raking through the sawdust, but didn't find it. His fellow workers also looked, but their efforts, too, proved futile. A small boy who heard about the fruitless search slipped into the icehouse during the noon hour and soon emerged with the watch. Amazed, the men asked him how he found it. "I closed the door," the boy replied, "lay down in the sawdust, and kept very still. Soon I heard the watch ticking."

Often the question is not whether God is speaking, but whether we are being still enough, and quiet enough, to hear.

SOURCE: Phillip Gunter in Fresh Illustrations for Preaching & Teaching (Baker), from the editors of Leadership.

Church Mice

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*You are responsible for being faithful
God is responsible for outcomes!*

THE PURPOSE OF THE LIGHT

"There is an old story about a lighthouse keeper who worked on a rocky stretch of coastline. Once a month he would receive a new supply of oil to keep the light burning so that ships could safely sail near the rocky coast. One night, though, a woman from a nearby village came and begged him for some oil to keep her family warm. Another time a father asked for some to use in his lamp. Another man needed to lubricate a wheel. Since all the requests seemed legitimate, the lighthouse keeper tried to please everyone and grant the requests of all.

Toward the end of the month, he noticed his supply of oil was dangerously low. Soon it was gone, and one night on the light on the lighthouse went out. As a result, that evening several ships were wrecked and countless lives were lost. When the authorities investigated, the man was very apologetic. He told them he was just trying to be helpful with the oil. Their reply to his excuses, however, was simple and to the point: "You were given oil for one purpose, and one purpose only - to keep that light burning!"

The church faces a similar commission. There is no end to the demands placed on a church's time and resources. As a result, the foundational purposes of a church must remain supreme."

SOURCE: James Emory White, Rethinking the Church (Baker Books, 1997), 27-28.