

### **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.

## **Church Mice**

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A man flew into Belfast and hired a taxi to take him downtown. As he was riding along they came to a red light but the driver went right on through the red light. The man said, "Hey, the light was red. You're supposed to stop." The driver said, "Yeah, I know, but my brother does it all the time."

Soon they came to a second red light and again he went right straight through. The passenger said, "You're going to get us killed. That light was red. Why didn't you stop?" The driver said, "Don't worry about it. My brother does it all the time."

Then they came to a green light - this time he stopped. The man said, "The light is green. Now is the time to go. Why don't you go on through?" The driver answered, "I know it's green. But you never know when my brother may be coming through."

Sometimes it seems as if all the world is going through on red & stopping on green. We're constantly trying things that don't work. But the Gospel works.

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# Announcements

## August 2014

Faith  
Is Not Believing that  
God Can  
It is Knowing That  
God Will

Sunday 3 August  
HOLY COMMUNION

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

Sunday 10 August

10.30 am WMC Worship Rev J Lemon  
12.00 pm IMC Worship Rev J Lemon

Sunday 17 August

10.30 am WMC Worship Mr J Brown  
12.00 pm IMC Worship Mr J Brown

Sunday 24 August

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

Sunday 31 August

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

Tuesdays in August

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

Thursdays in August

10.00 am WMC Craft Class

## WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION SERVICE

*Monday 4 August*

*7.30pm Parade by Royal British Legion from Scotch Quarter, to Carrickfergus War Memorial at Joymount for wreath laying.  
9.00 pm Service of Remembrance Lower Castle Green  
10.00 pm - 11.00 pm Knockagh War Memorial illuminated*

*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.*

## SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

*At 7.00 pm in Whitehead MC - United Circuit Service. The second of what will be regular Circuit meetings will be held in Whitehead.*

*give god what's right.  
not just what's left!*

## FAITHFUL FOR A PROMISE

*A promise from God is a statement we can depend on with absolute confidence.  
Here are 12 promises for the Christian to claim.*

God's presence -- "I will never leave thee" (Heb. 13:5)

God's protection -- "I am thy shield" (Gen. 15:1)

God's power -- "I will strengthen thee" (Isa. 41:10)

God's provision -- "I will help thee" (Isa. 41:10)

God's leading -- "And when He puts forth His own sheep, He goes before them" (John 10:4)

God's purposes -- "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil" (Jer. 20:11)

God's rest -- "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28)

God's cleansing -- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9)

God's goodness -- "No good thing will He withhold from them that work uprightly" (Psalm 84:11)

God's faithfulness -- "The Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake" (1 Sam. 12:22)

God's guidance -- "The meek will He guide" (Psalm 25:9)

God's wise plan -- "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28)

## THE REFINER'S FIRE

The story is told of a group of women that met for Bible study. While studying in the book of Malachi, chapter three, they came across verse three which says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." This verse puzzled the women and they wondered how this statement applied to the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out more about the process of refining silver, and to get back to the group at their next Bible study.

The following week, the woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him while at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest, beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith work, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire, where the flames were the hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot, then she thought again about the verse, that "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the entire time the silver was being refined. The man answered yes, that not only did he have to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on it the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "But how do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy-when I see my image in it."