



# PRAYER MONTH JANUARY 2015



At the MWI General Executive in October, it was decided that we would hold January 2015 as a time of prayer for Methodist Women in Ireland and World Federation. Please take time during January to pray either at home, in your Prayer meeting, House Group, MWI meeting, whilst driving, with prayer partners or friends and anywhere you feel you need to talk to God.

The following are prayer points for inclusion:

- Positions of responsibility
- God's vision for Women working together
- New thinking
- Relationships
- Encouraging all women
- Groups which are closing through lost interest or lack of leadership
- MWI Funding
- MWI President's Project - Jamaica National Children's Home
- World Federation Officers and names to fill posts
- Helen Kim Memorial Scholar
- Tree of Life
- WF Project - "Wings of Hope"

**"TO KNOW CHRIST & TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"**

You are not big enough to accuse the whole age effectively, but let us say you are in dissent. You are in no position to issue commands, but you can speak words of hope. Shall this be the substance of your message? Be human in this most inhuman of ages; guard the image of man for it is the image of God. --Thomas Merton

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## What's On This Week at Whitehead and Islandmagee Methodist Churches

# January 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2015



*For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13*

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am Whitehead worship with Rev Eric Lawson WMC  
12.00pm Islandmagee worship with Rev Eric Lawson IMC

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January

8.00pm Whitehead Bible Study Dobson Room

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January

9.45am M&M's Ladies Breakfast Dobson Room  
(Speaker Mrs Diane Holt Petherick - Contact Terry Nugent 07884032105)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am Whitehead worship with Rev Gary Millar WMC  
12.00pm Islandmagee worship with Rev Gary Millar IMC

**Global Vision 2015** (Craigavon):

This special annual Missionary event is scheduled for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February in Lismore Comprehensive School, Craigavon. Posters/leaflets will be on display throughout January and February.

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*Holiness is loving others.*

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

Romans 13.8-10

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Holiness--moral purity--is loving others. Galatians 5.14

To be clear, love is not synonymous with liberal tolerance. Kindness and gentleness, still Fruits of the Spirit, perhaps get closer to what might be described as "tolerance." But love, as the culmination and goal of the virtues, is the cruciform and sacrificial love exhibited by Jesus. Tolerance gets nowhere near the love of servant hood, self-expenditure, and self-donation. Especially when it comes to our enemies. Love is not liberalism. Holiness, then, in coming to love others as Jesus loved others, even your enemies, is the hardest and rarest thing in the moral, social, spiritual and political universe. But the pursuit of this love is the pursuit of holiness, sanctity, saintliness and purity. Love does no harm to a neighbour, therefore love is the fulfilment of the law. And that includes the holiness codes of the law. The entire law-including the holiness codes-is fulfilled in one command.

Love your neighbour as you love yourself.

Chuck Colson is quoted saying, "Without ultimate justice, people's sense of moral obligation dissolves; social bonds are broken. People who have no fear of God soon have no fear of man, and no respect for human laws and authority."

The second law of Thermodynamics, in basic lay-people terms says that, the most probable state for any natural system is one of disorder.

All natural systems degenerate when left to themselves. "Things fall apart." According to this law, the universe should fall apart - but it does not! What scripture says is that Jesus is the glue that holds it all together. Jesus did not create the world, and then exit, leaving us to our own devices to keep it together, no, he created the universe, and he sustains it!

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WMC will host the 2015 Women's World Day of Prayer on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm. An information evening will be held on the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Dobson Room at WMC. All ladies welcome.

**Container Ministry Celebration Service - Sunday 1st March, 7.00 pm in Lurgan High St. Methodist Church.** The Container Ministry is 25 years old this year. In celebration there will be a service with stories from Mr Alan Miller (surgeon) and Mr William Carson and involvement from friends from Haiti and Ghana.