

Please contact me if you have anything you would like to have included in this announcement sheet.
Submission deadline is Wednesday evening.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Larne, Carrickfergus and Newtownabbey residents are being urged to open up their home and help a vulnerable young person. Action for Children Northern Ireland is calling for members of the local community to offer supported lodgings for 16-21 year olds who are leaving foster care or residential care, or are at risk of homelessness. The leading charity is holding an information evening for local residents who want to find out more about its supported lodgings service at Belfast Loughshore Hotel (formerly Clarion Hotel, Carrickfergus), on Tuesday 24th February 2015 between 7-9pm.

"The young people who use the supported lodging service may not have had the best start in life, so providing them with emotional support and helping them to prepare to live independently can be a very rewarding experience. All you need is a spare room and a little free time. I would encourage local residents to come along to our information evening to find out more."

Supported lodgings providers need to have a spare room. Funding is provided to cover rent and utility bills, and Action for Children Northern Ireland offers regular advice and information, pre-placement visits and on-call support. The service is commissioned by the Western and Northern Health and Social Care Trusts and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's Supporting People team. To find out more about becoming a supported lodgings provider please call 028 94 467 345.

Society Stewards

Islandmagee Methodist Church Mr Brian Connor 93353041
Whitehead Methodist Church Mr Ken Stewart 93378812

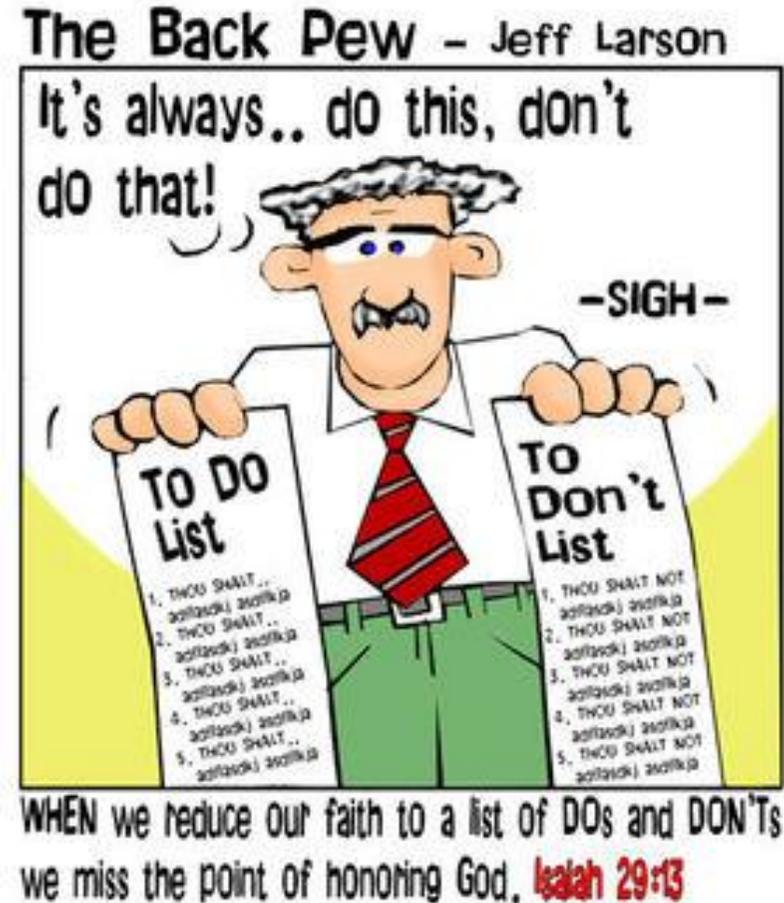
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What's On This Week at
Whitehead and Islandmagee Methodist Churches

February 15th - 22nd 2015



Sunday 15th February

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

Tuesday 17th February

8.00pm Whitehead Bible Study Dobson Room

Wednesday 18th February

7.30pm Islandmagee Bible Study 2nd Presbyterian Manse

Sunday 22nd February

10.30am MWI Annual Service with Elaine Barnett WMC (Tear Fund Tea)
12.00pm Islandmagee worship with Rev Gary Millar IMC

Palm Sunday Praise

Everyone invited to join the choir at Whitehead Presbyterian Church on Sunday 29th March at 7.00pm as they journey through the Easter story in song. Practices will be held in the Bradley Room (upstairs in WPC) from 8.00pm - 9.15pm on the following Wednesdays: 25th February; 11th March; 25th March. If possible please text June Carton on 075 17941300 if you intend coming along so that sheet music may be prepared.

Container Ministry 25 Years Celebration

Sunday 1st March at 7.00pm in Lurgan High Street Methodist Church

Global Vision Craigavon

Lismore Comprehensive School, Craigavon
28th February - See leaflets in Church for details

Church Mice

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ANGER VS EXASPERATION

A young girl who was writing a paper for school came to her father and asked, "Dad, what is the difference between anger and exasperation?" The father replied, "It is mostly a matter of degree. Let me show you what I mean." With that the father went to the telephone and dialled a number at random. To the man who answered the phone, he said, "Hello, is Melvin there?" The man answered, "There is no one living here named Melvin. Why don't you learn to look up numbers before you dial?"

"See," said the father to his daughter. "That man was not a bit happy with our call. He was probably very busy with something and we annoyed him. Now watch...." The father dialled the number again. "Hello, is Melvin there?" asked the father. "Now look here!" came the heated reply. "You just called this number and I told you that there is no Melvin here! You've got lot of guts calling again!" The receiver slammed down hard. The father turned to his daughter and said, "You see, that was anger. Now I'll show you what exasperation means. "He dialled the same number, and when a violent voice roared, "Hello!" The father calmly said, "Hello, this is Melvin. Have there been any calls for me?"

“You’ll never realize Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you’ve got.”
Mother Theresa

There once was a woman who really felt she had nothing to share with or give to God and his people. During the services she would sit, sing softly to herself, pray to herself, and engage in little small talk afterward. On Sunday the minister gave a message on Expressions of Gratitude. When she went home, she thought about the message, she decided to call the preacher and tell him how the message moved her and she wanted to thank him for being her friend.

After that conversation, she thought, well that song that David sang, how beautiful was his voice, she decided to call him and tell him how much she appreciated his singing and how much that song meant to her. Later, she thought about the piano player and how beautifully she played, she decided to write her a note thanking her for playing every Sunday. As she was writing that note, she thought about the Sunday School teacher and decided to write to her, and on and on the list went on as she wrote these notes of encouragement. Finally she realized she did have something to give, encouragement, and she would give it totally. She saw this as her talent for God.

Those who doubt most, and yet strive to overcome their doubts, turn out to be some of Christ’s strongest disciples.

Selwyn Hughes

Church Council Notices

26th February 7.00pm IMC Church Council
4th March 7.30pm WMC Church Council