

**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 at the back of  
Whitehead Church  
priced £2.00 each all  
money will go to our  
Building Fund.*

*Methodist Church in Ireland – Whitehead & Islandmagee*

# Announcements

23 March 2014

**WANTED**

**'Scrap' Gold & Silver Jewellery**

**In Whitehead we have had a very successful collection of broken gold and silver jewellery thanks to Yvonne. We're having another drive at it again now. If you have anything that might fit the bill please speak to Yvonne.**

**Please hang on to items of sentimental value or family heirlooms though!**

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In my distress I called to the Lord,  
and he answered me.

## Sunday 23 March

10.30 am WMC Worship – Rev G Millar  
12.00 pm IMC Worship – Sailor's Service - Rev G Millar

## Tuesday 25 March

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

## Wednesday 26 March

7.30 pm IMC Bible Study

## Thursday 27 March

10.00 am WMC Craft Class  
7.30 pm WMC Choir Practice

## Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday

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

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Islandmagee MWI at 8.00pm.  
Crafts with Carol McGowan  
All ladies very welcome.

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> May Whitehead Methodist Church Craft Group Exhibition in WMC  
**HOBBIES ... CRAFTS ... HIDDEN TALENT?**

If you would like to exhibit your knitting, sewing, woodwork etc - OR donate such items for sale at the forthcoming Craft and Arts Fair, please speak to Carol McGowan as soon as possible for more details.

Child Protection Training/Refresher

NORTH EAST DISTRICT

NEWTOWNABBEY Methodist Mission

Date: Thursday 15 May 2014 Time: 7:30pm



**REMEMBER - CLOCKS GO FORWARD  
NEXT SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH!**

R T Kendall has said: "God is not obligated to any man and, in so far as Jonah is concerned, God did not even have to send wind! But He did.

He did not have to prepare the fish. But He did. He did not have to eject Jonah from the fish. But He did. And He certainly did not have to come to Jonah the second time. But He did!"

### REAL, IMPERFECT PEOPLE

The Bible is full of real and imperfect people. Noah was a drunk; Abraham was too old and a liar; Sarah laughed at God's promises; Isaac was a daydreamer; Jacob was a liar; Leah was ugly. Joseph was abused; Moses had a stuttering problem and a short fuse; Miriam was a gossip; Gideon was afraid; Samson had long hair and was a womanizer; Jeremiah and Timothy were too young. Naomi was a widow; Job went bankrupt; David started off too young, then his armour didn't fit, then he had an affair; Solomon was too rich. Elijah was burned-out and suicidal; Isaiah preached naked; Jeremiah was depressed; Jonah ran from God; Amos' only training was in the school of fig-tree pruning; Hosea's wife was a prostitute.

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God calls Jonah to travel to Nineveh and preach. Jonah goes with plan B. **Jonah 1:1-3 BAD PLAN!!** When God says go.. you best be goin'.

A little girl was reading on an aeroplane when the man beside her noticed her storybook, entitled, "Jonah and the Whale." The man asked if the little girl believed the story. So, after saying hello, he asked her to tell him about her book. She said the book was about Jonah, and how he was swallowed by a whale. The man said, "You don't really believe that do you?" The little girl replied, "Yes, I believe the story of Jonah is true." "You mean you really believe that a man can be swallowed by a whale, stay inside him for three days, & then come out of there alive?" The child said, "This story is in the Bible & we studied it in Sunday School today!" Then the man asked, "How can you prove that the story about Jonah is true?" She thought for a moment, and then said, "When I get to Heaven I'll ask Jonah." The man smiled, proud of his superiority and asked, "What will you do if Jonah's not in heaven?" The girl thought for a moment then replied, "Well, if he's not in heaven, you ask him!"

**To be almost saved is to be totally lost.**