

Please contact me if you have anything you would like to have included in this announcement sheet.

Submission deadline is Wednesday evening.

"The Wire Fence"

*The wires are holding hands around the holes;
To avoid breaking the ring,
they hold tight the neighbouring wrist,
And it's thus that with holes they make a fence.*

*Lord, there are lots of holes in my life.
There are some in the lives of my neighbours.
But if you wish, we shall hold hands,
We shall hold very tight,
And together we shall make
a fine roll of fence to adorn Paradise.*

Fr. Michel Quoist

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

29th March - 4th April 2015

palm sunday



Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven! Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

10.30am	Morning Worship with Rev Gary Millar	WMC
12.00pm	Morning Worship with Rev Gary Millar	IMC
7.00pm	Palm Sunday Praise	Whitehead Presbyterian

Holy Week events - see Easter Letter

Tuesday 31st March

8.00pm	Whitehead Bible Study - No meeting	Dobson Room
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Wednesday 1st April

7.30pm	Islandmagee Bible Study	2nd Presbyterian Manse
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Thursday 2nd April

8.00pm	Evening Holy Communion - Rev G Millar	WMC
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Easter Sunday 5th April

HOLY COMMUNION

6.30am	Easter Morning Dawn Service	Blackhead Car Park
10.30am	Morning Worship with Rev Gary Millar	WMC
12.00pm	Morning Worship with Rev Gary Millar	IMC

Easter Week arrangements by organisations involved

Local Preachers Sunday 12th April

10.30am	Morning Worship with Ken McFaul	WMC
12.00pm	Morning Worship with Candace Fenton	IMC

WMC Craft Class will NOT meet on 2nd April (Maundy Thursday). The next meeting will be on 9th April as usual - new members and/or interested visitors always welcome. 10.00am-12.00pm in the Dobson Room.

Lloyd Ogilvie says, "The most powerful historical proof of the resurrection is the 'resurrected' disciples. Dull, defeated people became fearless, adventuresome leaders. Cowards became courageous; the timid became bold."

JUST TO BE NOTICED

Every spring, hundreds of Hollywood "stars" gather for the Academy Awards. Very few "slip in the back door:" instead, they make an entrance. They walk down the long red carpet, smiling at the cameras and waving to the people in the stands (who, by the way, all had to apply and go through extensive background checks), showing off their clothing (and undoubtedly a bit more), chatting with the reporters. Some will go to great, great lengths just to be noticed.

Contrast that with Jesus: to the man healed of leprosy in Matt. 8, He said: "See that you don't tell anyone." To the two blind men He healed in Matt. 9, He, "warned them sternly, 'See that no one knows about this.'" And in Mark 1, a demon possessed man in Capernaum yelled out "I know who you are – the Holy One of God!", to which Jesus replied "Be quiet!" Jesus often chose not to be in the limelight. In fact, most of Jesus ministry happened outside of the capital city of Jerusalem, away from the big pomp and ceremony of the Temple, in small towns and villages along the way. Until today. Until the event we know as "The Triumphal Entry," the day we remember each year as Palm Sunday. This day all of that changes. Now, we see Jesus entering the city of Jerusalem being proclaimed as Messiah and King.

Church Mice



MWI News

In the pews this morning you will have found the annual MWI Easter Offering envelope. The MWI would like you to know that the money raised from the Easter Envelopes each year is not going directly to MWI funds. Rather, the funds raised are only administered by MWI for Mission work worldwide - please pray about the generosity of your contribution this year and return your gift next Sunday in the offering plate.

The next MWI meeting in Islandmagee is on 30th March at 8.00pm when Mrs Laura Griffith will speak on her visit to Argentina where her Great Grandfather was a missionary. The next Whitehead MWI meeting will be after Easter Week on 13th April when Kate Ferguson from the support charity *Brainwaves* will address the group at 7.30pm. There will be NO AFTERNOON MEETING in WMC in April - the next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May with Lorna McKee from 2.30-4.30pm in the Dobson Room. All names for the MWI outing to Galgorm and Ballymena on 23rd May to Sheona as soon as possible on 93353806.