

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 in the Dobson
Room priced £2.00 each
all money will go to our
Building Fund.*

THE DEFINITION OF BARBECUING

It's the only type of cooking a "real man" will do. When a man volunteers to do the 'BBQ' the following chain of events is put into motion:

- 1) The woman goes to the store.
- 2) The woman fixes the salad, vegetables, and dessert.
- 3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils, and takes it to the man, who is lounging beside the grill.
- 4) The man places the meat on the grill.
- 5) The woman goes inside to set the table and check the vegetables.
- 6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning.
- 7) The man takes the meat off the grill and hands it to the woman.
- 8) The woman prepares the plates and brings them to the table.
- 9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.
- 10) Everyone praises the man and thanks him for his cooking efforts.
- 11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off." And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women.

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Methodist Church in Ireland – Whitehead & Islandmagee

Announcements

22 June 2014



President Peter Murray's Theme for 2014-2015

“moving out together”

Sunday 22 June

10.30 am WMC Worship, Sun School Service Rev G Millar
12.00 pm IMC Worship Rev G Millar

Tuesday 24 June

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

Thursday 26 June

10.00 am WMC Craft Class

Saturday 28 June

8.00 am Islandmagee MC Big Breakfast 2014 - till 12.00 Noon.
Proceeds in aid of the Busia Well Project, Uganda

Sunday 29 June

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

Rev Peter Murray was installed as the President of the Methodist Church at a ceremony at Christ Church Leeson Park, Dublin, during Conference last week. For the first time two Church of Ireland archbishops took part in the installation of the new Methodist President - Church of Ireland primate Archbishop Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Dublin Michael Jackson and the Bishop of Dromore Harold Miller took part.

In his installation sermon Rev Murray married Wesleyan evangelical passion with an open-hearted sensitivity to contemporary issues. He encouraged Methodists to respect those from other political traditions and other religions. He called for the British and Irish governments to play a greater role in helping the political parties in Northern Ireland to achieve agreement on contentious matters. In the light of the recent hurt caused to the Muslim community by ill-judged comments, he highlighted the need to not just to be careful how we spoke of the ethnic minorities in our midst, but to take intentional steps to get to know them. Above all he urged Irish Methodists to move out together with their hearts on fire for God. Rev Peter Murray is a former teacher, born of missionary parents in Africa, Mr Murray entered Edgehill Theological College as a mature student in 1984. On completion of his studies, ministry appointments took him to Sligo, Bangor, Belfast and most recently to Londonderry. The President Designate for the Methodist Church in Ireland is Rev Brian Anderson, Minister of Seymour Street Methodist Church in Lisburn. He will be President in 2015-16.

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The following incident won the runner-up prize in the 1999 Darwin Awards:

A Vermont native, Ronald Demuth, found himself in a difficult position. While touring the Eagle's Rock African Safari (Zoo) with a group of thespians from St. Petersburg, Russia, Mr. Demuth went overboard to show them one of America's many marvels. He demonstrated the effectiveness of "Crazy Glue"... the hard way. Apparently, Mr. Demuth wanted to demonstrate just how good the adhesive was, so he covered the palms of his hands with the adhesive, and jokingly placed them on the rear end of a passing rhino. The rhino, a resident of the zoo for the past thirteen years, was not initially startled as it has been part of the petting exhibit since its arrival as a baby.

However, once it became aware of its being involuntarily stuck to Mr. Demuth, it began to panic and ran around the petting area wildly making Mr. Demuth an unintended passenger. "Sally [the rhino] hasn't been feeling well lately. She had been very constipated. We had just given her a laxative and some depressants to relax her bowels, when Mr. Demuth played his juvenile prank," said James Douglass, caretaker. During Sally's tirade two fences were destroyed, a shed wall was gored, and a number of small animals escaped. Also, during the stampede, three pygmy goats and one duck were stomped to death.

As for Demuth, it took a team of medics and zoo caretakers' to remove his hands from her buttocks. First, the animal had to be captured and calmed down. However, during this process the laxatives began to take hold and Mr. Demuth was repeatedly showered with over 30 gallons of rhino diarrhoea. "It was tricky. We had to calm her down, while at the same time shield our faces from being pelted with rhino dung. I guess you could say that Mr. Demuth was into it up to his neck. Once she was under control, we had three people with shovels working to keep an air passage open for Mr. Demuth. We were able to tranquilize her and apply a solvent to remove his hands from her rear," said Douglass. "I don't think he'll be playing with Crazy Glue for a while." What in the world was Mr. Demuth thinking? I believe it is safe to say that he wasn't thinking at all! Lest I be too harsh and critical, though, I have to remember all the times in my life when I have "attached" myself to something powerful and big but not God Himself. The results were just as disastrous, and I have often found myself wondering, "What was I thinking?" The truth is, I really wasn't thinking at all. I tell you all that to tell you this: when you ask God to be a shield and a protector and defend things in your life that you should never have been attached to in the first place,

you can expect to get dirty.

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Church Mice



When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

I have a question for you that can revolutionize your life and ministry:
Are you a sinner who struggles to love God,
or are you a lover of God who struggles with sin?