

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.*

Day of prayer for our land in St. Anne's Cathedral

For the sixth year in a row Divine Healing Ministries are organising a day of prayer in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast for the renewal and revival of the faith in this land. This is part of a seven year cycle of prayer which began in 2009 and finishes in 2016. It will take place on Saturday, May 17 from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm. The theme this year will be 'Moving Forward Together' and this theme is well reflected in the wide variety of speakers.

One of the organisers of the day, Brother David Jardine says *'Through this ongoing prayer for renewal of the faith in this land we are trying to build a foundation for the future of true peace and reconciliation and at the same time keep some control over tensions which historically have emerged at this time'*.

Car parking will be available at the Cathedral and ongoing hospitality throughout the day.

You will be very welcome to come and join us.

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War tears lives apart.
You can help piece
them back together.

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Sunday 11 May - Holy Communion

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BEGINS

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

Tuesday 13 May

8.00 pm	WMC Bible Study (following Lectionary in Methodist Newsletter)
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Wednesday 14 May

7.30 pm	IMC Bible Study
7.30 pm	WMC Church Council

Thursday 15 May

10.00 am	WMC Craft Class
7.30 pm	WMC Choir Practice

Sunday 18 May

10.30 am	WMC Worship	Rev G Millar
12.00 pm	IMC Worship	Rev G Millar
7.00 pm	Greenisland MC	Circuit Service

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 18 May at 7.00 pm in GMC. There will be a choir and you are invited to join! If anyone would like to join this evening's choir, please come to the choir practice on Thursday 15th May at 8pm in the choir room at Greenisland Methodist Church.

Ladies of the MWI are invited to Glengormley MWI on Monday 19 May at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mrs Esther Gillanders who has written a book 'A little child will lead them'.

The M & M's Annual Coffee Morning and Sale will take place on our WMC premises on Saturday 31st May 2014. Time 10.00am to 12.30pm.
Variety Stall & Bric a Brac. Selection of Bedding Plants. Salvage Yard.

Congratulations to everyone who was involved in any way in the preparations, staffing, organising and clearing up after the Craft Fair last weekend. The magnificent sum of just under £3000.00 is the current total - many, many thanks. Check our website for some wonderful photographs.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Come to mention it.. I was blinded, beaten, shipwrecked, and imprisoned, but I was... TOO BUSY SERVING to notice.



The Apostle Paul.. too wrapped up in his love for God to notice his own problems. Acts THAT'S A NICE WAY TO APPROACH LIFE.

a community's collective hope in iraq

The village of Zanan Bchuk in Iraq has been repeatedly devastated by conflict, and in an area susceptible to climate change, drought left the community in desperate need of water. But despite its dark past, the village is looking brighter. Christian Aid has been working with families to build a reservoir, giving them year-round access to water and provided greenhouses to grow nutritious vegetables.

Samira Mohamed welcomes the changes our partner, Rehabilitation, Education and Community Health (REACH), has brought to her community. Samira is a generous woman. Since her mother-in-law died, she has devoted every ounce of her energy to caring for the five children in her extended family. The cucumbers and tomatoes grown in the new greenhouses have improved her children's diet, and access to running water means she can keep them clean and healthy.

But Samira believes her local government should do more to help. She would like to see them employ more teachers at the local school, so her younger children can finish their secondary education. She says: 'If we had a hospital, we would feel like we had the whole kingdom!' Samira's husband Wahid returned to Zanan Bchuk in 1991 following Saddam Hussein's Al-Anfal campaign against Kurdish Iraqis, which claimed 182,000 lives. The destruction was so severe; he couldn't even recognise his own home. Side by side with his community, he worked hard to rebuild the village, despite the added challenge the changing climate brings.

REACH's support has both transformed the village and people's attitudes and ambitions. New greenhouses and a reservoir provide a healthy diet for Wahid's family, and the government recently connected the community to the national grid, allowing them to run a fridge to keep food fresh and use lights so his children can study. Like his older sister Rojan, 12-year-old Sarmand loves helping out around his family's farm. Sarmand is really pleased with the work REACH have been doing, as his favourite chores all use the water which is now freely available. Today, Sarmand and his family have easy access to water for their crops and animals, for cooking and cleaning, and even keep fish in the beautiful and peaceful reservoir.

who is christian aid?

Christian Aid has an aim - an end to poverty - and we believe that vision can become a reality. Poverty robs people of dignity, freedom and hope, of power over their own lives. Christian Aid is an agency of the churches in Britain and Ireland that works around the world with those in need. We work with anyone who needs help, regardless of faith or nationality. We provide emergency assistance where there is great need. For example, our partners were working to distribute aid 30 minutes after the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami struck.

Christian Aid also tackles the effects of poverty at its root causes - for example, companies fail to pay the taxes owed to the countries where they work. Christian Aid stands alongside all those who struggle against poverty, powerlessness and injustice; places honesty and respect for others at the heart of what it does; supports work that empowers individuals and communities; fights injustice and inequality; and is committed to caring for the earth for future generations.

Christian Aid works with and through partners overseas: churches, ecumenical bodies, local non-governmental organisations and movements who have common values and competence in poverty eradication. It has an integrated approach to poverty eradication - working on humanitarian relief, long-term development, specific advocacy issues and campaigns for change and influence.