

*Methodist Church in Ireland – Whitehead & Islandmagee*

# Announcements

25 May 2014

wesley day



*“When I was young I was sure of everything. In a few years, having been mistaken a thousand times, I was not half so sure of most things as I was before. At present, I am hardly sure of anything but what God has revealed to me.”*

From a letter in the Works of John Wesley

## **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.*

## **OPEN GARDEN OUTING**

St Patrick's Church of Ireland are travelling by coach to an Open Garden event at the Mill House, Glenwherry on June 14 & 15. If you would like to go along with them for the price of £5.00 please contact Mrs I Moore on 93379327.

## **Stewards**

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Sunday 25 May  
 10.30 am WMC Worship Rev G Millar  
 12.00 pm IMC Worship Rev G Millar

Tuesday 27 May  
 8.00 pm WMC Bible Study (following Lectionary in Methodist Newsletter)

Thursday 29 May  
 10.00 am WMC Craft Class  
 7.30 pm WMC Choir Practice

Saturday 31 May  
 10.00 am M&M's Coffee Morning & Variety Sale

Sunday 1 June  
 10.30 am WMC Worship Rev G Millar  
 12.00 pm IMC Worship Rev G Millar  
 2.00 pm The Big Lunch at WMC (see notice opposite)  
 3.00 pm IMC - Islandmagee LOL Orange Service with RBP - Rev G Millar

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

4 June at 7.30 pm in Whitehead MC - Carrickfergus Circuit Executive Meeting

8 June at 10.30 am WMC Choir Sunday - the preacher will be Rev Aian Ferguson. This will be his last visit to us in WMC and IMC before he leaves the circuit for Portadown Circuit in July.

The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland will be held in Dublin from 11-15 June 2014, our President's theme for the Connexional year from June 2014 will be "Moving Out Together"

*This year's Christian Aid collection raised £4531.00 - congratulations and thanks to all involved*

Years ago, William Edward Perry, a famous English explorer, mapped out most of the Southern Polar Cap. Many of his maps are still being used today by those who travel to that desolate, sub-zero continent. On one particular expedition, he and his crew having completed mapping an uncharted region, were preparing to hike to another unfamiliar location. On the eve of their departure, they studied the stars and determined their exact coordinates. As the sun rose, they began a hard, lengthy journey north to this unmapped region. They marched through the ice and snow all day long with the freezing air burning their lungs. As the sunset, they made camp, totally exhausted from their trip. After their evening meal, Mr. Perry studied the stars again to determine their exact coordinates. He was stunned to learn that even though he and his crew had journeyed north all day, that they were now further south than when they had begun in the morning. After struggling to solve this problem, they discovered that even though they had travelled north, they were on a giant ice flow that was moving faster south than they were moving north. While they thought they were going in the right direction, they were slip sliding away and did not even know it!



**BLENDING IN**

A young police officer was taking his final exam for the police academy and he read the following question in the exam paper: "You are on patrol in the outer city when an explosion occurs in a gas main in a nearby street.

On investigation you find that a large hole has been blown in the footpath and there is an overturned van nearby. Inside the van there is a strong smell of alcohol. Both occupants - a man and a woman - are injured. You recognize the woman as the wife of your Chief of Police, who is at present away in the USA. A passing motorist stops to offer you assistance and you realize that he is a man who is wanted for armed robbery. Suddenly a man runs out of a nearby house, shouting that his wife is expecting a baby and that the shock of the explosion has made the birth imminent. Another man is crying for help, having been blown in the adjacent canal by the explosion, and he cannot swim. Describe in a few words what actions you would take."

The young man thought for a moment, picked up his pen and wrote, "I would take off my uniform and mingle with the crowd."  
 Some of us see the Christian life in the same way.

