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## EASTER SERVICES 2015

Dear Friends,

At Easter we gather to celebrate a great event. It is a day of remembrance; lest we forget the past and ruin our future. It is important for all of God's children to turn our eyes from the cross to the empty tomb. That is the hope of our faith! That is the meaning of Easter! It is the dawn of a new day, where hope is alive! Our God is alive! He is not dead!

We serve a living God! Hallelujah! And we shall be with Him one day as we hold on to this hope. He made us sad for a little while with His death; but then, three days later, Jesus rose from the dead! He is not in the tomb. That should fill our hearts with joy!

Dr. Joseph Haroutunian, was a professor at McCormick Theological Seminary. He went to America from Armenia. One day a well-meaning friend said to him, "Your name is difficult to pronounce and difficult to spell - it could hurt your professional career. Why don't you change your name to Harwood or Harwell or something like that?"

Dr. Haroutunian asked, "What do those names mean?" His friend said, "Well, nothing. They're just easier to remember."

Dr. Haroutunian said, "In Armenia, when my grandfather was baptized, they named him Hartounian which means 'Resurrection.' I am Joseph Haroutunian and I will be a son of Resurrection all my days." SOURCE: "The Ten Minute Newsletter" Contributed by Dr. Michael Adams.

That is the Easter message that you and I should remember on Easter day.

There is hope for those who are lost; peace for those who are troubled; joy for those who mourn, for your sorrow is just for a moment. There is so much to live for, and Jesus showed the way. We should all embrace this Easter joyously as we wait patiently for our bridegroom's coming soon.

Have a Blessed Easter! Let His life fill your life this Easter.  
With God's grace, love and blessings,

*Gary*

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### palm sunday 29<sup>th</sup> march (clocks forward tonight)

10.30am	WMC Worship	Rev Gary Millar
12.00pm	IMC Sailors Service	Rev Gary Millar
7.00pm	Praise Service	Whitehead PC

### maundy thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> april

8.00pm	WMC Holy Communion	Rev Gary Millar
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### good friday 3<sup>rd</sup> april

9.00am-8.00pm	Day of Prayer	1st Presbyterian Church
12.00 - 3.00pm	3 Hours at the Cross	St Patrick's C o I
8.00pm	Islandmagee United service	1st Presbyterian Church

### RESURRECTION SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> april

Holy Communion (A.M.)

07.30am	Dawn Service	Blackhead Car Park
10.30am	WMC Worship	Rev Gary Millar
12.00pm	IMC Worship	Rev Gary Millar
7.00pm	United Praise Service	1st Presbyterian Church

### local preachers sunday 12<sup>th</sup> april

10.30am	WMC Worship	Local Preacher
12.00pm	IMC Worship	Local Preacher

*And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart,  
and there find Him. For He departed, and behold,  
He is here. St Augustine*

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 12: 23-25