

## A Prayer for Refugees

Almighty and merciful God,  
whose Son became a refugee  
and had no place to call his own;  
look with mercy on those who today  
are fleeing from danger,  
homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;  
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;  
and guide the nations of the world towards that day  
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## AN INVITATION

Rev Robert and Mrs Lorna McKee would like to invite the ladies of the church to their home for a cup of tea and a garden walk on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September (this Friday) between 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Proceeds from this event will go to our Church Hall Building Fund in Whitehead. Their address is;  
Bellahill House, 10 Dalways Bawn Road, Carrickfergus, BT38 9BY

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## Whitehead & Islandmagee Methodist Churches Announcements for Week Beginning

# Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### EUROPEAN REFUGEE CRISIS

At the moment the Irish Methodist World Development & Relief will not be launching a special appeal for this current crisis. It is often difficult to know when an appeal should be officially launched within MCI through WDR. Unfortunately there are atrocities and natural disasters around the world that are continually on a scale that warrant an appeal. The media do not necessarily report them all. WDR does not have partners in Europe. However, WDR's sister agency, Christian Aid Ireland, is a member of the ACT Alliance (All Churches Together) and can channel money to ACT partners in Europe that are responding to the need.

1. Send a cheque directly to your local Christian Aid Office (made out to 'Christian Aid Ireland') specifying that the funds are for the refugee crisis in Europe and the response by ACT partners.
2. Send a cheque payable to 'Methodist World Development & Relief Fund' to this office and mark it as being for 'refugees in Europe'. This will then be paid by WDR to Christian Aid Ireland to follow the same route as above.

The WDR Committee asks Methodist people to consider why refugees exist at all and, as well as responding to the symptoms of poverty and injustice, that we as individuals and a church commit to supporting long-term development that potentially reduces the need for those living in poverty and under injustice to leave their homes. WDR is committed to this on your behalf and through its core and co-funded partners is helping to bring stability and transformation to communities throughout the developing world. The Christian Aid Ireland website has more to say on this.

[www.christianaid.ie](http://www.christianaid.ie)

## Sunday 6 September HOLY COMMUNION

10:30am WMC Rev Gary Millar  
12:00pm IMC Rev Gary Millar

## Wednesday 9 September

7.30 pm Dobson Room Craft Class

## Thursday 10 September

10:00 am Dobson Room Craft Class  
7.00 pm WMC Choir Practice  
7.30 pm GMC Circuit Executive, Greenisland

## Sunday 13 September

10:30am WMC Mr Ken Stewart  
12:00pm IMC Local Preacher

## Call to Prayer from the President, Methodist Church in Ireland

The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, Rev Brian Anderson along with Bishop Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland has set off on a Peace Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine.

The President said he was excited about the trip but anxious about leaving the country at this time:

*"It is really a trip to understand how some groups are trying to bring reconciliation to two ideologies, as they clash, with at times deadly results. Part of me is reluctant to go because I am fearful of what may happen to the Executive at Stormont. Yet again we stand at the edge of the precipice of a black hole, this time because of a lack of trust. I see the similarities in the two countries' stories. One can't trust the other, so progress is stalled. The poet Ben Okri describes our past as sometimes a 'bully' who comes along and with unreasonable force, bullies his way into our present, spoiling it. Whether they have gone away or not, it is certain the past has not and until we find a way of bringing it out into a safe space that some structure can permit we will stay close to this deadly precipice. I wish to call all Methodists to prayer. Please urgently uphold our leaders, political, commercial, church or community, that God would direct our pathway in the way of peace-making, and that a settled government will lead us."*

## Child Protection Training Dates

NORTH-EAST DISTRICT:

30th September at 7:30pm in DOAGH METHODIST

BELFAST DISTRICT:

3rd November at 7:30 pm in CREGAGH METHODIST

Please check the IMYC website for any changes. All the confirmed Child Protection dates are under EVENTS: <http://www.irishmethodist.org/imycd/events>

## FINDING THE SACRED IN THE ORDINARY

What do we notice in our daily life?

How do we use information? What do we do with what we know?

WHEN: Saturday 3rd October 2015

TIME: 10.00am to 3.00 pm - BYO lunch (tea/coffee provided)

COST: Suggested donation £10.00

(Proceeds to the Copelands Dementia & Nursing Project)

VENUE: Belfast Central Mission

Grosvenor House, 5 Glengall St, Belfast, BT9 5HP

(Beside Europa Bus Station - Off street parking available)

LEADERS: Jenny and Peter Batten (Melbourne) this

workshop will use the InterPlay forms of movement, story, voice and stillness to explore creative potential and to uncover the deeper passions that give purpose, joy and power in the everyday stuff of life.

BOOKINGS: Rev Richard Johnston

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## 101st IRISH CE CONVENTION

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2015 - CARRICKFERGUS METHODIST CHURCH

### ONE MORE STEP

Speaker - REVD MARK RUSSELL [Leckpatrick Presbyterian Church]

11.00am-12.15pm - Young People's Workshop with Terry Kirkpatrick

11.00am-12.15pm - Seminar with Revd Mark Russell

2.00pm-4.00pm - Junior Fun Day in First Carrickfergus Presbyterian Church

2.30pm - Seniors/Comrades Rally with Revd Dr Paul Bailey

7.00pm - Prayer Time

7.30pm - Convention Rally with Revd Mark Russell and installation of

Mrs Rosemary McDaniel as President of Irish CE Union

All events in Carrickfergus Methodist unless otherwise stated.

## AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha 396



"In the news tonight ... lots of stuff that, not so long ago, was known as **sin**."