

Prayer of thanksgiving
An acrostic prayer of thanksgiving

Happy are those who have bread to eat!
As grain grows in the fields and
Rains bring the water of life we share
Visions of all your people united in
Eternal praise and kneaded together to
Share good news of justice and peace:
Taste and see that the Lord is good!

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Whitehead & Islandmagee Methodist Churches
Announcements for Week Beginning

Sunday 4th October 2015



Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9: 37-38

Sunday 4 October - HOLY COMMUNION

10:30am	WMC Worship	Rev Gary Millar
12:00pm	IMC Worship	Rev Gary Millar
7.00pm	Harvest Service	1st Islandmagee PC

Monday 5 October

7.30pm	Dobson Room	WMC MWI First meeting of the new season. With a speaker involved in the world of Forensic Science!
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Tuesday 6 October

8.00pm	Dobson Room	WMC Bible Study
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Wednesday 7 October

7.30pm	Dobson Room	Craft Class
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Thursday 8 October

10:00am	Dobson Room	Craft Class
7.00pm	Dobson Room	WMC Choir Practice

Sunday 11 October

10:30am	WMC Worship	Mr Ken Stewart
12:00pm	IMC Harvest Worship	Rev Gary Millar
7.00pm	IMC Harvest Worship	Rev Eric Lawson (Greenisland)
	WPC Harvest Worship	Rev Gary Millar

OTHER LOCAL HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

18 October	7.00pm	Whitehead Congregational (<i>United</i>)
25 October	7.00pm	2 nd Islandmagee PC



NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Come along and meet your local fire officers in Whitehead Community Centre on Tuesday 6 October for free advice and information between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Free refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

**WE DON'T CHANGE THE MESSAGE,
THE MESSAGE CHANGES US**

There is a hill in the Lake District called Rash Judgment Point and it was given that name by William Wordsworth. The story goes that while he and his sister were standing at the top of this hill one day during the harvest season looking down on the lake below, they saw a man in a boat fishing.

Angered by this, because the community needed every able-bodied man to be involved in gathering in the harvest, Wordsworth decided to go down the hill and challenge the fisherman for indulging in a leisure activity when he should have been busy at work for the good of the local community. Having called the man to the shore, Wordsworth noticed as he got out of the boat that he was old and bent over. Several fish lay in the boat. The man explained that having worked for years gathering in the crops from the fields he was now unable to do so because of his age and the pains that he suffered. Instead, in order to contribute to the life of the community at harvest time, he got up well before dawn and spent all day fishing the lake for fish to add to the community's resources. Wordsworth had passed judgment upon a man's actions without first giving the man an opportunity to explain his actions. Having listened to the man's explanation he felt so convicted about the hasty judgment he had made that he named the hill from which he had first seen the man fishing, Rash Judgment point.



A minister named Russ Blowers was once asked to speak at Rotary Club about his profession. He wanted to say more than "I'm a preacher." So this was his talk, "Hi, I'm Russ Blowers. I'm with a global enterprise. We have branches in every country in the world. We have representatives in nearly every parliament and boardroom on earth. We're into motivation and behaviour alteration. We run hospitals, feeding stations, crisis pregnancy centres, universities, publishing houses and nursing homes. We care for clients from birth to death. We are into life insurance and fire insurance. We perform spiritual heart transplants. Our Original Organizer owns all the real estate on earth plus an assortment of galaxies and constellations. He knows everything and lives everywhere. Our product is free for the asking, There is not enough money to buy it. Our CEO was born in a hick town, worked as a carpenter, didn't own a home, was misunderstood by his family and hated by his enemies, walked on water, was condemned to death without a trial and arose from the dead. I talk with Him every day."