

This is the beginning of Lent. Most people are looking for things to give up for Lent. It you haven't made up your mind maybe these will help.

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "In everything give thanks."
Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer,
Bible study and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points.
Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults.
It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

GIVE UP speaking unkindly.
Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding.
It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not leave that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything!
Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties!
Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP TV one evening a week!
Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the Gogglebox?
Give someone a precious gift: your time!

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself!
Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world!
Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ.

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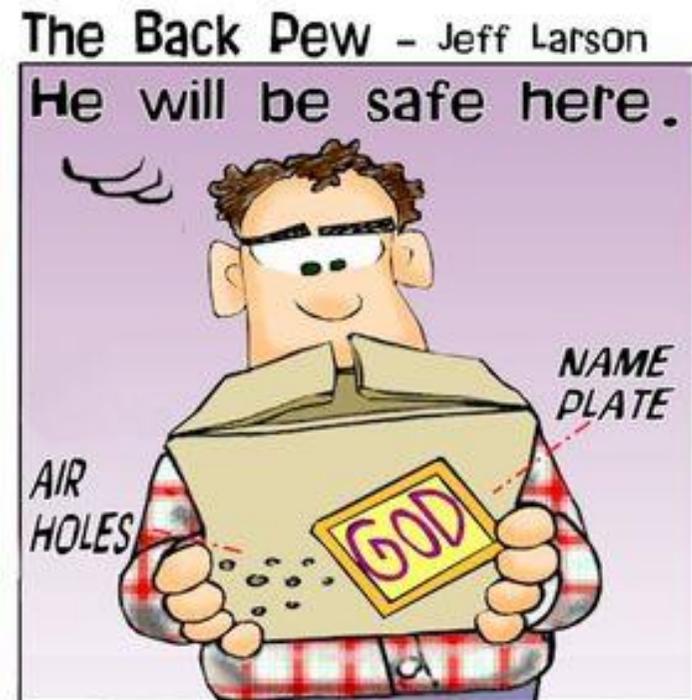
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Whitehead and Islandmagee Methodist Churches Announcements for week beginning

21st February 2016



God is NOT a denomination, deity of the month club member, nor does He fit in any 'theological box' of man. **Is 55:8-9**

Sunday 21 February – Lent 2

10.30am	WMC Worship Prayer for Healing	Rev Gary Millar
12.00pm	IMC Worship	MWI United Service
3.00pm	Preparation Class	Dobson Room
7.00pm	Overseas Mission Service	Carrickfergus MC

Tuesday 23 February

8.00pm	Whitehead Bible Study	Dobson Room
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Wednesday 24 February

9.00am	M&M's Skainos Visit (East Bft Mission)	WMC Car Park
10.15am	WMC House Group	Ken Stewart's Home
7.30pm	Islandmagee Bible Study	1st Presbyterian Manse

Thursday 25 February

10.00am	Craft Class	Dobson Room
7.30pm	WMC Choir Practice	Dobson Room

Saturday 27 February

10.30am	M&M's Important EGM I	Dobson Room
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Sunday 28 February - Lent 3

10.30am	WMC Worship – Tear Fund Tea	Rev G Millar
12.00pm	IMC Worship	Rev G Millar
3.00pm	Preparation Class with TOM	Dobson Room

“A nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.”

US President *John F. Kennedy*



THE POWER OF TESTIMONY

In 1858 a Sunday School teacher, Mr. Kimball, led a Boston shoe clerk to give his life to Jesus Christ. The clerk was Dwight L. Moody who became an evangelist.

In 1879 while preaching in England the heart of a pastor named F.B. Meyer was set on fire, who later came to an American college campus to preach. Under his preaching a student by the name of Wilbur Chapman was saved.

He engaged in YMCA work and employed a former baseball player named Billy Sunday, to do evangelistic work. Billy Sunday held a revival in Charlotte, North Carolina. Because the revival stirred the hearts of many, some 30 business men wanted to devote a day of prayer for Charlotte.

In May of 1934 a farmer lent the men some land to use for their prayer meeting. The leader of the business men, Vernon Patterson prayed, “*Out of Charlotte the Lord would raise up someone to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth.*”

The business men then called for another evangelistic meeting asking Mordecai Ham, a fiery Southern evangelist who shattered the complacency of church-going Charlotte.

The farmer who lent his land for the prayer meeting was Franklin Graham and his son Billy became a Christian during the meeting.

Thursday 25 February at 7.30pm Ballycarry Community Centre.

You are invited to a public meeting with Gordon Lyons MLA, Sammy Wilson MP, Alderman Gregg McKeen and Councillor Paul Reid (All DUP). This is an opportunity for you to raise any concerns you may have on any local subject via Westminster, Stormont, or Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.

The Annual Methodist Missionary Society (Ireland) Review for 2016 is available in church this morning (21 February). Inside the Review you will find interesting updates of the work in various parts of the world that you are supporting through your on-going giving to MMS(Ireland). You will also find information about several opportunities to serve short-term overseas in practical ways, and prayer cards for our current Mission Partners.

The envelopes in church today are for your gift to MMS(I) which will go directly to the Society for our work overseas – please do give as generously as you can by returning the envelope in the offering plate next Sunday in church.

This Sunday evening (21st) Carrickfergus Methodist Church will host an evening service at 7.00pm with an Overseas Mission theme – members from across the circuit are warmly invited to attend.