

Whitehead and Islandmagee Societies

of The Methodist Church in Ireland

Church Notices for Week Beginning

Sunday 1 May 2016

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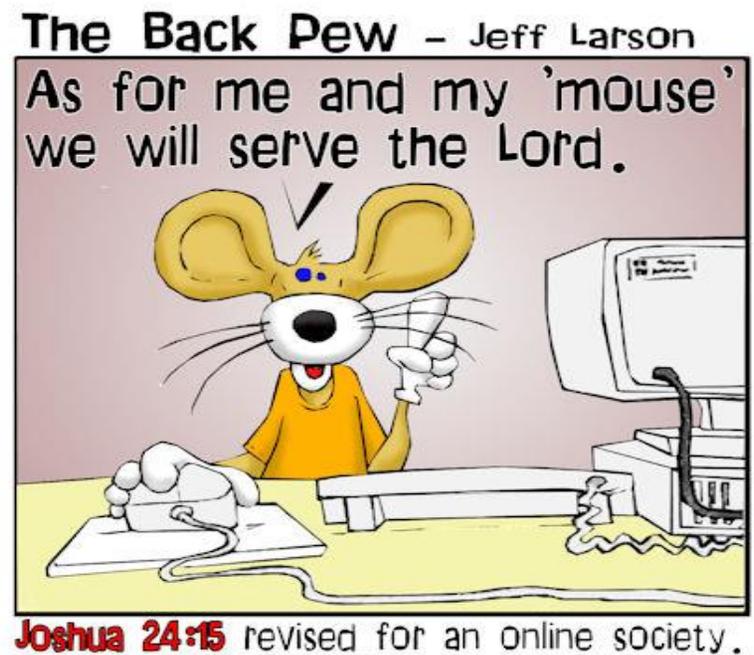
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SUNDAY 1 May

10.30am	WMC Worship	Adopt a Child	Rev Gary Millar
12.00pm	IMC Worship	Adopt a Child	Rev Gary Millar

MONDAY 2 MAY

7.30pm WMC Special Church Council Dobson Room

Our new Church Hall is almost complete and the final payment to the contractor will be due at the end of May. Would members of the Church Council please attend this important short special meeting to discuss the terms of the approved loan from the Property Board.

TUESDAY 3 MAY

8.00pm	WMC Bible Study	Dobson Room
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WEDNESDAY 4 MAY

7.30PM	IMC Bible Study	2 nd IPC Manse
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THURSDAY 5 MAY

10.00am	Craft Class	Dobson Room
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SUNDAY 8 MAY

10.30am	WMC Worship	Rev Eric Lawson
12.00pm	IMC Worship	Rev Eric Lawson

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WHITEHEAD LADIES CHOIR

Presents

A May Evening of Music & Song

With Special Guests

Thursday 12 May at 7.30pm in

Whitehead Primary School

Tickets £5.00

All proceeds to Hope House

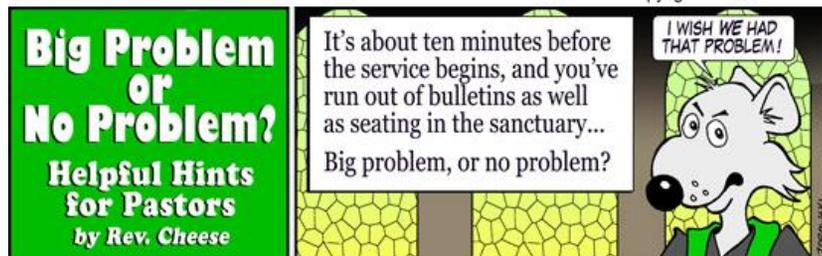
Tickets from The Bank House, or Jo Nixon on 077 79592890

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Advance Notice: Sunday School teachers are reminded of a planning meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th May at 8.00pm to plan for the work over the next few months and our Sunday School Anniversary Service in June.

Church Mice

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Christian Aid week this year is from Sunday 15th May to Saturday 21st May. There will be a meeting for collectors, old and new, on Thursday 5th May here in the Methodist Church at 7.30pm. At that meeting we will review our collecting areas for this year and see a DVD showing the work of Christian Aid worldwide. If you are a Christian Aid collector or if you would like to know more about the work, please come along on Thursday evening and join us for a cup of tea.

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The early Church Father Tertullian wrote that, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." In a very real sense this is true. In spite of vicious opposition, the church grew and flourished. The early church had partnered for the journey of faith. They had come together... in one accord... The story is told of a horse-pull in Canada. One horse pulled 9,000 pounds, another 8,000. Together you would expect them to pull 18,000 pounds. Not so. When teamed together, they pulled 30,000 pounds. The principle is called synergism. By definition, the simultaneous action of separate agents working together has a greater total effect than the sum of their individual efforts. More can be done in a team effort than can be accomplished solo. In order for the principle of synergism to work like it should, there has to be teamwork.

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A. J. Gordon, one of the founders of Gordon Conwell Divinity School, told of being out walking and looking across a field at a house. There beside the house was what looked like a man pumping furiously at one of those hand pumps. As Gordon watched, the man continued to pump at a tremendous rate; he seemed absolutely tireless, pumping on and on, up and down, without ever slowing in the slightest, much less stopping.

Truly it was a remarkable sight, so Gordon started to walk toward it. As he got closer, he could see it was not a man at the pump, but a wooden figure painted to look like a man. The arm that was pumping so rapidly was hinged at the elbow and the hand was wired to the pump handle. The water was pouring forth, but not because the figure was pumping it. You see, it was an artesian well, and the water was pumping the man!

When you see a person who is at work for God and producing results, recognize that it is the Holy Spirit working through them, not their efforts that are giving results. All they have to do—and all you have to do—is keep your hand on the handle.