

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 24th April 2024

Our Mission Statement

Our Mission is to receive God's love and to share it with others.

Sunday 28th April

Service of Worship with Rev Andrew Kingston.

Circuit Celebration Day, Sunday 12th May, 11am.

Something for all the family including tea/coffee, barbecue (Irish & Korean), Bouncy Castle, Ire Cream van, Jack Flash, Balloon Mounding, Face Painting and Mikey Music.

Wanted – volunteers to barbecue, supervise the bouncy castle etc.

New Shared Ireland Day

New Shared Ireland Day with the Upper Erne Circuit, Saturday 25th May, Boyne Centre followed by discussion facilitated by Geoffrey Corry in Drogheda Presbyterian. Names to Rev Andrew Kingston.

The Sky's the Limit

Why become a City or County Councillor?

Wednesday 8th May 7.30pm Room 1, Wesley House

Janet Horner, Green Party representative for the North-Inner City on Dublin City Council, will lead a conversation the role of locally elected representatives and the challenges they face.

There will also be an opportunity discuss the document being developed by the MCI Council on Social Responsibility, Southern Executive, to support us in being alert to our social responsibility and to guide constructive debate with canvassers in the weeks ahead.

Thought for the Week

I have been writing my final few papers for the course I have been doing this past year. My latest one was submitted a whole three days early! I was looking at the passage of Jesus healing the blind man – Bartimaeus in Mark 10:46-52. As the blind man approached, Jesus asked him a very profound question: “what do you want me to do for you?” The answer is obvious I would have thought! “I want to be able to see, Lord!” Bartimaeus responded. Sometimes asking a question opens up the possibility of naming something that is bothering us in our lives. God puts people in our lives who can ask them questions of us. Following Jesus isn’t a solo endeavour, it is a communal activity, and we are all called to support one another in it. This week, might I encourage you to be a person who can ask that question to someone else. How can you be of service to another the way Jesus was to Bartimaeus?

Brian Hickey

Prayer



Lord Jesus, you came to earth as a child born into humble beginnings. You relied on the service of others as you grew up and then extended this service to others. we pray Lord that you will give us hearts to both give and receive that service to those in our lives this week. We ask this through your mighty name. Amen

Fr Donal Dorr

Fr Donal Dorr has been a blessing to Methodist Centenary for many years. He has written a number of books including 'Mission in Today's World', 'Option for the poor and the earth', the prize winning 'Spirituality and Justice', and one that is of particular interest to us, 'Conversion and Holiness - the teaching of John Wesley'. In his research for that book he read widely and well, and has donated these books on Methodism, including his own, to our Church. These are now on the shelves in Room One, and are available for borrowing. I have stamped each book as a reminder as to whom it belongs - Methodist Centenary Leeson Park!

Book Club

The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 12.15-1.45pm in Room 1 Wesley House. Each month we choose a book from a wide range of genres including biography, crime fiction, historical novels, humour and children’s novels. We always have a lively discussion, with very varied opinions. Our April book choice was *The Raptures* by Jan Carson, which led to an interesting discussion with the group. Our choice for May is *Snowflake* by Louise Nealon. We currently have 10 members and would be delighted to increase our numbers. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia on sylviahroddie@gmail.com

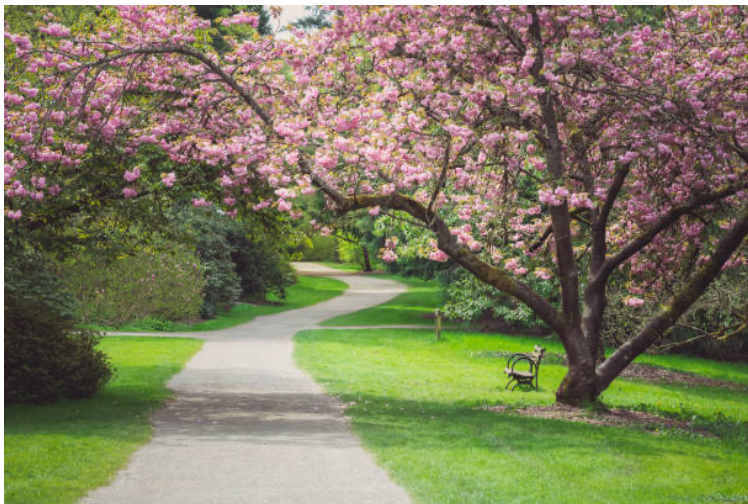
Connect through English

The Connect group meets on Thursday mornings between 10.30am and 12 noon in Room 1 in Wesley House. If you know anyone who would like to join our morning chat and coffee, which we share with people who have come to Ireland from many countries, please let them know. Fliers are available in stands around Wesley House. Please take one. We have plenty, and if you can help with spreading them we would be very grateful. Contact: english@methodistcentenary.ie.

Summer Music at Sandford Parish Church

Sandford Parish are delighted to announce their summer music schedule starting on Friday 10th May and continuing every Friday until the end of July. Concerts are at 1.10pm and will last for about 40 mins. Admission is free although donations will be gratefully accepted. There will be a variety of performances throughout the summer. I have attached a poster with the schedule of performances.

Eco Congregation Notes



O Lord,
May we today be touched by grace, fascinated and moved
by this your creation, energized by the power of
new growth at work in your world.
May we move beyond viewing this life only through a frame,
but
touch it and be touched by it,
know it and be known by it,
love it and be loved by it.
May our bodies, our minds, our spirits, learn a new rhythm
paced by the rhythmic pulse of the whole created order.
May spring come to us, be in us, and recreate life in us.

A prayer from The Chinook Psalter, which represents the Anglican Book of Common Prayer translated in the 19th Century into the Indigenous trade language of the Pacific Northwest, and then re-translated into English. The contents reflect the importance of the spiritual legacy of Native Americans, carrying forward their deep reverence for the natural world and the divine presence within it.

Monthly Morning Holy Communion

There is a monthly morning Holy Communion Service on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.00–10.30am in Room 1 followed by the Friendly Room.

Friendly Room

The Friendly Room meets at 10.30am on Wednesdays in Room 1, Wesley House. All are welcome for a relaxed chat and coffee.

God's Storehouse in Tallaght

Please put donations of non-perishable foods in the basket in Wesley House.

Spring Bazaar

St Philip's Church Milltown is holding its annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday 27th April from 11am - 2pm in the Hall and grounds of the church. A poster is at the end of these announcements

Giving to the church

Cheque

Those who cannot come to church are asked to please post your donations by cheque, quoting your envelope number, to Billy Given. You can contact him at billygiven115@gmail.com

Standing order or bank transfer

If you wish to give to the Church by standing order or bank transfer, these are the details:

Bank Name: AIB Bank plc, 7/12 Dame Street, Dublin 2

Account Name: Methodist Centenary Church Council No. 3 Account

BIC: AIBKIE2D; IBAN: IE89AIBK93122526909346

So that the church can avail of tax relief on our donations please include, with your donation, the number on your offering envelopes. Contact Alan Perry with any questions.

Debit or credit card

A card reader is placed in the Coffee Bar each Sunday through which donations can be made using a debit or credit card.

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

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| April 28 | Service of Worship with Rev Andrew Kingston |
| May 5 | Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston |
| May 12 | Circuit Celebration with Brian Hickey at 11.00am |
| May 19 | Pentecost Service with rev Andrew Kingston |
| May 26 | Service of Worship with Mrs Gillie Hinds |

Text for Announcements

Text for inclusion in the Announcements should be sent to news@methodistcentenary.ie. The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

The poster features a vibrant orange border. At the top left, there are stylized leaves in shades of orange, teal, and dark green. At the top right, there are light green leaves. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a variety of floral elements, including a large orange flower, a smaller orange flower, a yellow flower, and a blue polka-dot flower, all set against a background of green foliage and blue dots.

SPRING BAZAAR

SATURDAY 27 APRIL 11AM-2PM
ST PHILIP'S PARISH HALL & GROUNDS
TEMPLE RD. DARTRY, D06 AX71

CAKES TOYS BOOKS
DESIGNER CLOTHES/ACCESSORIES
PLANTS BRIC-A-BRAC & MORE!
ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHILDREN & BBQ
GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

SUPER FUN FAMILY DAY OUT
ADMISSION FREE

Summer Music at Sandford 2024

Lunchtime Concerts at Sandford Parish Church

Every Friday during May June and July from 1.10pm to 1.50pm

10th May Chien Buggle (Classical Guitar)

17th May Luke Lally Maguire (Piano)

24th May Ischico Velzel (Piano)

31st May David O'Shea (Organ)

7th June Catrina Scullion (Soprano) and Catriona Grimes (Piano)

14th June Hilary Dungan and Daire O'Shea (Piano Duo)

21st June Geoffrey Webber (Organ), in association with Pipeworks Festival

28th June Didzis Kalnins (Piano)

5th July Marion Creely (Soprano) and Hannaville String Quartet

12th July Cathal Kileen (Clarinet) and Órán Halligan (Piano)

19th July Aodh Quigley (Soprano) and Em Ormonde (Piano)

26th July Francesca Maria Villani (Piano)



Further details available on social media sites.

Admission free Donations Welcome