

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 20th March 2024

Our Mission Statement

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

Sunday Service 24th March

Palm Sunday: worship led by Rev Andrew Kingston

Lenten Bible Study

There is no online Bible Study tonight.

Mrs Violet Johnston, Rathgar Methodist Church, Funeral

Friday, 11.30am, funeral service for the late Mrs Violet Johnston, Rathgar Methodist Church. Violet was a former member of the Brighton Road congregation, and has been living in Brabazon, Sandymount, for the last 20 years. She was in her 101st year. Rev Nigel Mackey is conducting the funeral service.

Ecumenical Way of the Cross walk

Good Friday, 12.30pm: Meet under the pillars of Rathmines Roman Catholic Church for the Ecumenical Way of the Cross walk to Wesley House via Adelaide Road.

Irish Cancer Society Friday 22 March

Daffodil Day coffee morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society on Friday 22 March from 8.30am - 11am in Sandford Church and everyone is welcome! A poster is at the end of these announcements.

Thought for the Week

I hope you had a wonderful St. Patrick's weekend. I was able to visit Dundrum Methodist on Sunday and see my friend who was preaching. Dundrum, in their contemporary service now do a café style church. I personally loved it. Maybe it is in Centenary's future, who knows! My day got worse though, as Liverpool (my football club) lost in the dying embers against our fierce rivals Manchester United. It was a cruel blow I must admit, we got so far and fell just short. It seemed to be a bit of a theme for me last weekend. On Friday, I visited Rathgar Primary school to do an assembly. A very easy task some might think...WELL!

I decided to do the orange illustration I used at church a few weeks ago if you can remember, where you peel one orange – it sinks and the second orange, unpeeled – stays afloat. That was the plan! Lo and behold, when I did it, the orange that was meant to sink started floating. You could imagine my shock and dismay on my face as my little trick not working the way it was meant to, and then having to turn around to primary school children and explain it to them! I'm pretty sure the line I used was "that wasn't meant to happen".

I wonder have you ever had a "that wasn't meant to happen" moment? Maybe you expected to get different results for work you had put in or maybe you expected God to do something, and it didn't come to pass. I have these moments on a daily basis if you need any encouragement!! I am however constantly reminded by God's word that *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways"* (Isaiah 55:8). I may never be able to explain why something as frivolous as an orange sinking when it's meant to and bruising my ego, to very serious questions like "why did God let this happen" or "I worked so hard at this, why didn't it work?" Let me encourage you this week with the reminder that God doesn't look at our efforts on a scale and weigh them out. He is far bigger and gracious than that. We sing that wonderful children's song sometimes in our worship and it is true for wherever you are in your journey. "He's got the whole world in his hands". We don't need to figure out everything, I think we just need to trust the good Lord and follow him.



Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you that you are the creator and sustainer of all. We give thanks that we can rest in the knowledge that everything is under your control, and we can trust you. As we go through the rest of the week may you give us opportunities to show this trust to others.

Amen

Service of reflection

Good Friday, 2.30-3pm: A short service of reflection in Rathgar Methodist Church, Brighton Road, led by Rev Andrew Kingston.

Easter Sunday Circuit Celebration

The Easter Sunday Circuit Celebration, 'Three Days that changed the World', will be held in the Centenary Hall at 11.00am **[note the changed time and that clocks go forward that morning]**. See the attached poster.

Eco Congregation Notes



St Stephen's Green – March 2024

A Prayer in Spring

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

- Robert Frost

Published in *A Boy's Will* (Henry Holt and Company, 1915).

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 March book choice was *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters, which proved very popular with the group. Our choice for April is *The Raptures* by Jan Carson. 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

Holy Week Recital St Philip's Church Wednesday 27 March

'Chorale Preludes, Op. 122' by Johannes Brahms. This will be performed by David O'Shea (Organ), with chorales sung by members of the Sandford and St Philip's Choral Union. This will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30 pm in St Philip's Church, Milltown, and everyone is welcome also. A poster is at the end of these announcements.

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.

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.

God's Storehouse in Tallaght

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

Giving to the church by 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

Giving to the church by 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.

Giving to the Church by 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

March 24 Palm Sunday: worship led by Rev Andrew Kingston

March 31 Easter Sunday: Circuit Celebration at Wesley House

April 7 Holy Communion service with Rev John Parkin

April 14 Worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

Text for Announcements

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

3 EASTER DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

An Easter morning celebration service
of reflection and rejoicing through song,
music and word as we turn our thoughts to
Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park, Dublin 6
Sunday 31st March 2024 at 11.00am

Join with our music ensemble as we sing together,
and as we listen together to the story that changed
the world and is still changing lives today

Blessed is he that comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

(Matthew 21: 9)

Gillie Hinds

No one has greater love
than to give up one's
life for one's friends

(John 15: 13)

Don Black

He is not here, he has
risen, come and see the
place where he lay

(Matthew 26: 6)

Rev Andrew Kingston

Music contributions include: Rejoice Gospel Choir, Soo-Jung Ann (*piano*), Heather Gray (*soloist*),
Jac Won & Sukjin (*instrumental*), Rachel Fallows (*soloist*), Dublin Korean/Centenary Male Voice

Retiring offering • Light refreshments will be served after the service

Holy Week Recital



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by Johannes Brahms

performed by David O'Shea (Organ),
with chorales sung by members of the
Sandford and St Philip's Choral Union

Wednesday 27 March at 7.30 pm
St Philip's Church (D06 AX71)

Admission Free

*Retiring Collection in aid of Shine a Light for
Al-Ahli Hospital (Gaza) Appeal*

Cancer survivors – Margaret
Walsh and her daughter
Sinéad (14) from Mayo

Daffodil Day

22 March 2024

All in against cancer

Please support:

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning

Sandford Church, Sandford Road, Dublin 6

Friday 22 March 2024

8.30am to 11am

Coffee, Tea, Cakes

All Welcome

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[Cancer.ie/DaffodilDay](https://cancer.ie/DaffodilDay)