

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 17th April 2024

Our Mission Statement

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

Sunday 21st April

Worship with Brian Hickey

Appeal for baby clothing

Appeal from a family in need. Clothes for a baby boy of 12-18 months. Contact Rev Andrew Kingston if you can help.

Leeson Park Players 'Present Laughter' by Noel Coward **this week**

Leeson Park Players are performing 'Present Laughter' by Noel Coward on Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm in the Centenary Hall. A poster is at the end of these announcements. Lynne Pasley is selling tickets on behalf of Christian Aid and, thanks to the support from LPP, the full amount of the ticket price will be donated to Christian Aid. Please contact Lynne on 087 942 9508 or at lynnepasley@gmail.com to buy tickets. Ticket price is €15 (concession €10).

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 Andrew asap

Thought for the Week

I am in Cork for a few days, catching up with family and looking after trees that have been planted over the last few years. It is a joy to see them bursting into leaf. The damp spring that has been such a trial to farmers is good for trees. Farmers are mightily relieved to see high pressure moving in over Ireland, with minimal rain expected over the next 10 days.

I was at the Gurteen Agricultural College last Tuesday. The principal Jon Parry shared a conversation between students. The consensus was that climate change is not just a future problem that needs to be prepared for. It is a present problem that needs to be managed.

Sensing desperation, Donard Methodist in Newcastle, Co. Down has organised a Farmer's Well being Service on Saturday from 10-3pm. The day will include a video from Gurteen, a talk from Rev K. Hanna, rural chaplain in the Presbyterian Church, and a health check team.

I remember a story about a priest who when asked to pray for rain replied that there was no point until the wind changed to the south-west! I would argue that there is a place for prayer regarding the weather, but I wouldn't make a habit of it. We read these words in the epistle of James. *Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.*

Rev Andrew Kingston

Prayer



Gracious Father who ordained that seedtime and harvest shall not cease, forgive us for our part in causing the disruption to weather patterns that are caused by global warming. We pray for those most acutely effected as they endeavour to manage overflowing slurry pits, shortage of fodder, delayed planting, rising sea levels, devastating floods, fierce hurricanes and prolonged droughts. May they know patience, wellbeing, companionship, resilience, and respite from extreme climatic conditions, come Lord Jesus, Amen

Church Meeting

Monday 22nd April 11am: Wesley House Executive in Wesley House

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.

Eco Congregation Notes

Earth Day – 22nd April

Earth Day has been marked since 1970 when 20 million Americans first mobilised to call for greater protection for the planet. Events are now held in 192 countries worldwide, with the aim of holding sectors accountable for their role in the environmental crisis and calling for bold, creative, and innovative solutions.

The theme for Earth Day 2024 is Planet vs. Plastics, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of plastics by 2040 and an ultimate goal of building a plastic-free future for generations to come.



To achieve a 60% reduction by 2040, EARTHDAY.ORG's goals are:

- Promoting widespread public awareness of the damage done by plastic to human, animal, and all biodiversity's health and demanding more research be conducted on its health implications;
- Rapidly phasing out all single use plastics by 2030 and achieving this phase out commitment in the United Nations Treaty on Plastic Pollution due in 2024;
- Demanding policies ending the scourge of fast fashion and the vast amount of plastic it produces and uses;
- Investing in innovative technologies and materials to build a plastic-free world.

Prayer for Earth Day (shared by the Anglican Church of Australia)

Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change. Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

April 28 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

Text for Announcements

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

LEESON PARK PLAYERS PRESENT

PRESENT LAUGHTER

BY NOËL COWARD

PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS



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DIRECTED BY
MARY HENNESSY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
RACHEL MCKEEVER

FEATURING

DAVID CAIRNDUFF • SARAH COFFEY
SCOTT CONNOLLY • MATTHEW FOSTER
LUCY HOLDEN • ANDREW NOONAN
NICOLE McCORMACK • RACHEL MCKEEVER
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ROSEMARY SHANAHAN



THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
18TH 19TH & 20TH APRIL 2024
CENTENARY HALL • LEESON PARK • 7.30PM

CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY LORETO FOXROCK PAST PUPILS UNION
CHRISTIAN AID, PARKINSON'S ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

TICKETS: €15, CONCESSION €10 • BOX OFFICE: WWW.LEESONPARKPLAYERS.COM 087 662 0374



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

