

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 9th April 2025

Our Mission Statement

Our Mission is to receive God's love and to share it with others through our Welcome, our Worship, our Community and our Service.

Sunday Worship 13th April 10.30am

Service of worship with Mrs Lesley Rankin

Leeson Park Players 10-12th April **this week**

The Leeson Park Players present an Evening of One Act Comedies on Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th April at 7 30 pm. The One Acts are : *Last Tango in Donnybrook*, *Survivors* and *Hamlet and Zombies!*. *Survivors* is written and directed by Charles Richards. The evening will also mark a welcome return to the boards for Roy Willoughby after his accident while preparing for the last play. Tickets are 15 Euro and 10 Euro concession and can be reserved with Lynne Pasley on 087 942 9508 or with Charles Richards on 087 6620 374 with proceeds to Christian Aid

Thought for the Week

We are drawing close to the end of Lent, which means I am one day closer to having my beloved coffee again! But more importantly we are about to enter Holy Week. One of my colleagues in Trinity – Fr. Peter Sexton, regularly gives updates to the students who frequent the chaplaincy about what is going on. And yesterday was no different. As he shared, he mentioned about the importance of Holy Week to the life of a Christian. It got me thinking about how I think we can sometimes just go through the motions as Christians, and just go from one Sunday to another, one part of the church calendar to another. It is far too easy for us to be nonchalant about significant times in our calendar.

I think Lent sort of confronts us on this, because it is a time where waiting is the predominant word or action we are forced to take...and Holy Week really ramps it up. Holy week is one of my favourite times of the year. In Tallaght Methodist for example, they run a Cedar meal with Andrew expertly leading us through the last supper. On Thursday, I usually find myself in my old church, Kiltarnan, where they do the stripping of the table. I never thought I would be one who gets incredibly moved at the sight of a bare table...but yet I am. Everyone leaving the church in silence adds a sombreness that I really value.

On Good Friday I have usually taken part in a Good Friday walk with the churches from our local area in Centenary, with readings at each church. This year will be a bit different for me as the chaplaincy in Trinity holds an ecumenical service on Good Friday and I need to be in attendance! So if you are not doing anything at midday on Good Friday, do come along to our chapel in Trinity. You'll get to see me be all formal and whatnot!

Might I encourage you as we enter Holy Week that you take a moment in your day to stop and pause as we reflect on the most important week for Christians.

Brian Hickey

Prayer

Dear Lord,

We are sorry that we sometimes take for granted what you have done,



where we simply go through the motions without really thinking. Whether this be at Christmas or indeed here at Easter. We pray Lord that you will give us opportunities to pause and reflect on who you are and what you have done for us by going to the cross.

Amen.

Sedar Meal, Wednesday 16th April, 6.30pm.

We invite you to a meaningful devotional experience on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 PM as we share a Sedar meal together. This will be an opportunity to recall the historical significance of the Passover and reflect on Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. All are welcome to participate. Kindly let us know if you plan to attend by emailing Andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org, as knowing approximate numbers will be helpful for our preparations.

Climate Justice in Rathgar.

'Reconciliation' is the theme for the 100th anniversary of the extension to the church in Rathgar.

In the run up to Easter we are considering **how we reconcile with this beautiful planet on which we live** and in which we have caused so much damage. We have arranged several events to dig deeper into this topic with some **thirty-minute talks** followed by the opportunity for discussion.

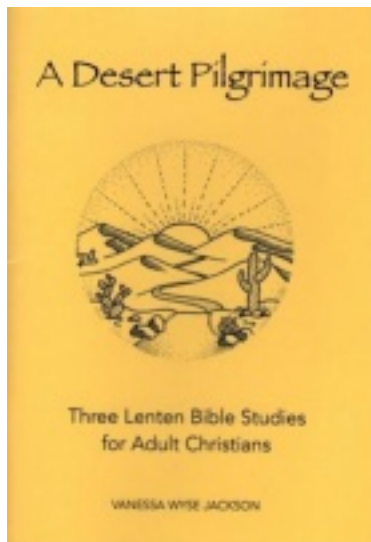
During March and April we will also host the **Climate Justice Candle** which is touring churches in Ireland as a visible reminder of the task we face in relation to our stewardship of God's Earth.

All talks are on Fridays at 10.30am with coffee available, and all are welcome

11th April: Talk by Maureen Rowan on Methodist Church policy on the Environment.

18th April: A short service of prayer and reflection with regard to reconciling with our environment.

Final Lenten Bible Study, **tonight 8pm, Tallaght**



At 8pm in An Solas, Tallaght Methodist Church, Fortunestown Road (between the Mary Mercer Centre and An Cosán). There is good parking behind the Church. We will be following material by the late Rev Vanessa Wyse Jackson, *'Different kinds of struggle'*

9th April – **The struggle against prejudice (Andrew)**

Lifts to Tallaght are available from Wesley House at 7.10pm

Good Friday, 18th April 12.30-2.30pm

On Good Friday, we will walk the solemn Way of the Cross. We will begin at 12:30 PM on the forecourt of Rathmines Roman Catholic Church and walk together, concluding in front of Methodist Centenary Church on Leeson Park at approximately 2:30 PM.. All are welcome to participate in this meaningful reflection. See the poster at the end of the announcements.

Easter Sunday Celebration, 20th April 2025 at 11.00am

You are warmly invited for a special Easter morning celebration at Methodist Centenary Church, as we reflect and rejoice through song, music, and the Word. We'll journey together through the pivotal events of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Good Friday and the glorious resurrection of Easter Sunday. Please find details in the poster attached to this newsletter. See the poster at the end of the announcements.

Autumn Soul Worship Night 12th April 6.00pm - 8:30pm

We're delighted to announce that on Saturday 12th April, from 18:00 – 20:30, we'll be hosting an Autumn Soul Worship Night in Dundrum Methodist in Dublin!

The worship, prayer and learning that takes place at Autumn Soul every year is so dear to our hearts, so we're so excited to bring a piece of that to Dublin for this evening in April! Everything you know from our Autumn Soul sessions will be present at the worship night. We'll have a guest teacher opening up the Bible with us, a worship band leading us in music, interactive and creative prayer, times for discussion and response, and the usual craic and fun! It's open to any young people in secondary school (12+) and everyone and anyone is welcome. All that's required is that each group has a leader or adult with them that stays for the event.

We already have a number of groups from across the country, both North and South, joining us for this evening so please do consider coming along as it should be a special night! We'll be in touch with more details on the night in due time, but for now, get to contacting your young people and volunteers and seeing who's free for a trip to Dublin!!

If there are young people interested in coming along, we don't want anything to be an obstacle from them joining us. If there's any issues at all with travel and logistics, please just get in touch as we'd love to help out as much as we can. Keep an eye out on your email and our socials, too, for details about the Youth Forum we are running on the same day, as there might be some older teens in your communities who would love to join us for the full day.

God bless,

Joseph Ambrose

Development Worker for Republic of Ireland

Irish Methodist Youth and Children's Team

Sky's the Limit

Sky's the Limit continues on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm in Room 1, Wesley House. Lesley Rankin will lead a 'plain conversation evening where people talk about what is uppermost on their minds' on Tuesday 6th May.

Centenary Entertains, 17th May

We are planning our next concert for Saturday 17th May at 7pm in the Litton Hall. Our performers will be our church musicians with friends and supporters. More information will be provided nearer the date. In the meantime please put a note in your diary to reserve the date!. It will be a 'free admission' concert with voluntary donations mainly towards church funds

Book Club

Our book choice for April was *Packinko* by Min-Jin Lee. It was a very interesting read as it was a fascinating insight into the history of Korea. For our May meeting, we can choose any book by Joanna Trollope and discuss our choices at the meeting.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 12.30-2.00pm 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. We currently have 14 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

On Thursday mornings, 10.30 - 12 noon, a group meets for coffee and chat. A rotating group of four Dublin South City Circuit members meets with people who are making Ireland their home, either long or short term. We never know who will come - and over the years we have met people from near and far. If you would like to know more, please speak to one of the current team of Charles, Lesley, Liz, Margaret, Maureen, Roy or Sayjin.

Castlewellan Holiday Week

Sat. 2nd - Fri. 8th August

Start a tradition! This is a wonderful week of worship, activities and fellowship. If there is sufficient interest, we may be in the position to offer discounts from the McCracken Fund.

Conference fees early bird rate, Adult: £105 Youth & Children (3-18) £85, Children under 3: £55 plus accommodation (Caravan & camping), tents £14-£24 per night, plus food. More information, see <https://www.castlewellanholidayweek.org/>

Interested? Please speak to Rev Andrew Kingston who is willing to lead a group and arrange accommodation, catering etc.


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. This is a good place for men and women to meet, catch up, and have some good banter.


God's Storehouse in Tallaght


 Please put donations of non-perishable food in the basket in the Coffee Bar at Wesley House

Giving to the church

Standing Order or Bank Transfer:

- **Bank:** AIB Bank plc, 7/12 Dame Street, Dublin 2
- **Account Name:** Methodist Centenary Church Council No. 3 Account
- **BIC:** AIBKIE2D
- **IBAN:** IE89AIBK93122526909346

 Please include your **offering envelope number** so that the church can avail of tax relief on our donations.

 Questions? Please contact Alan Perry.

Tax Back Tax Relief Scheme

A taxpayer who contributes €250 to the church in a year enables the church to recover €112.82 from the Revenue Commissioners thereby increasing the donation to €362.82, and pro rata for donations of over €250. This scheme brought in over €17,000 last year. To register, you need an envelope number and a CHY3 form from Lynne Pasley. This latter is valid for 5 years and doesn't commit you to make any future donations.

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.

Cheque

If you can not come to church and you contribute by cheque we ask you to post your cheque, quoting your envelope number, to Billy Given. You can contact him at

billygiven115@gmail.com

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

Apr 20 **Easter Sunday** United Celebration **at 11.00am**

Apr 27 Service of worship with Rev John Parkin

May 4 Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

May 11 Circuit Celebration **at 11.00am**

Local preachers

Our local preachers take services regularly on the circuit and sometimes outside it. The current preaching plan includes:

Apr 27 10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele

May 4 11.30 Rathgar Mrs Gillie Hinds

June 1 10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele

Text for Announcements

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

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Blessings,

Methodist Centenary Church Newsletter Team



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Ecumenical Way of the Cross

Outdoors

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

April 18, 2025

12.30–2.30pm

**Start: Forecourt of R.C. Church
50 Lr. Rathmines Rd**

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 20th April 2025 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)

Rev Yongnam Park

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

(John 15: 13)

Rev Des Bain

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

(Matthew 26: 6)

Rev Andrew Dougherty

Music contributions include: Rejoice Gospel Choir, Soo-Jung Ann (*piano*), Sin-seock Kim (*piano*),
Dublin Korean Ensemble, Amelie O'Kelly (*soloist*), Korean/Centenary Church Male Voice

Sunday School and Story Time available for younger children during the service

Retiring offering • Light refreshments will be served after the service