

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Easter Sunday Celebration, 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday** United Celebration **at 11.00am.**

We will welcome Luna Mwazonga, daughter of Erick and Harriet into our Church family on Sunday, God willing. We also welcome Harriet's mother, Priscilla, who has been such a Godsend to the family over these past weeks. She travels back to Kenya on Wednesday.

### Leeson Park Players / Christian Aid

Lynne Pasley wishes to say a big thank you to Leeson Park Players for donating some ticket sales to Christian Aid. A total of €500 was raised - €415 from ticket sales and €85 from donations - and has now been sent to Christian Aid.

### Sympathy 🙏

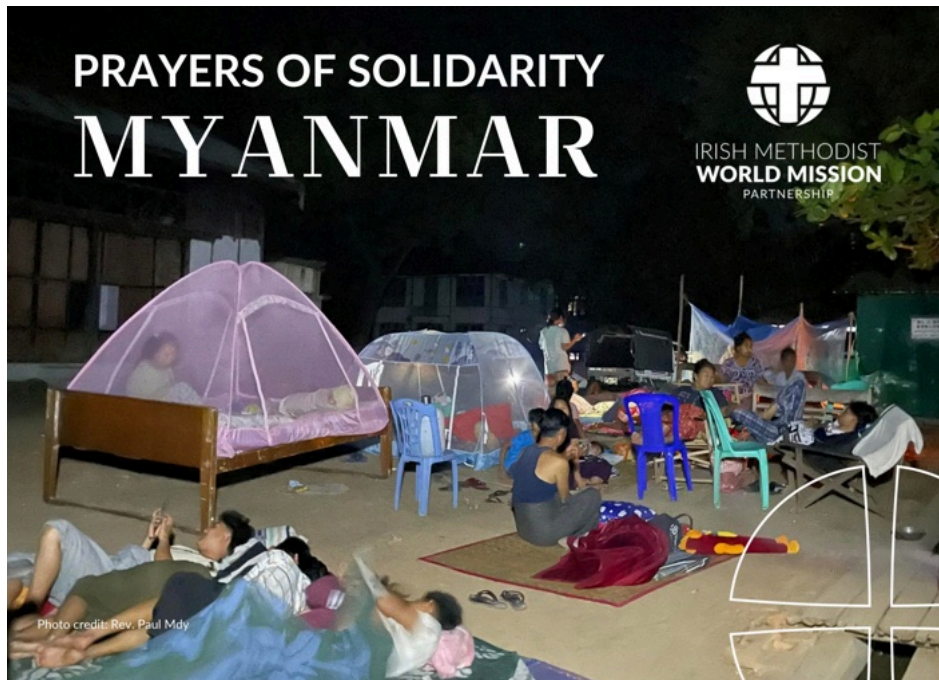
We express our sympathy to Ross Hinds upon the death of his sister. Valerie lived on the Mountrath Road, Portlaoise and passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on 14th April 2025 at the Midland Regional Hospital.

The funeral service will take place in St Peter's Church, Grattan Street, Portlaoise, at 3 pm on Thursday 17th April. Interment will follow in the adjoining churchyard.

We also remember Gareth, Julian, and Peter, sister-in-law Gillie and Julian's wife Susie, grandnephews and grandniece, Lewis, Anabel and Matthew.

### April Prayers of Solidarity for Myanmar 🙏

World Mission Partnership will be working with the Methodist Church Upper Myanmar (MCUM) in the coming weeks and months, to support their ministry in the aftermath of the earthquake that happened on 28th March.



Through World Development & Relief, Irish Methodists have sent £5,000 (€5,980) to support disaster relief. More financial support is needed, but prayer is an even more powerful way for us to support those in need right now.

Please join us in praying for the people of Myanmar, and other impacted areas, as they come to terms with the destruction and loss caused by this earthquake.

### **Sedar Meal, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org), as knowing approximate numbers will be helpful for our preparations.

### **Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am - Climate Justice in Rathgar**

This Good Friday, April 18th at 10:30 am, we mark a special milestone in Rathgar – the **100th anniversary** of our church's extension! But as we reflect on reconciliation within our community, we also turn our hearts and minds to a vital question:

***How can we reconcile with the beautiful planet we call home, a planet bearing the marks of our impact?***

Join us for the last session of this thought-provoking series leading up to Easter, with a dedicated focus on Climate Justice in Rathgar. We'll begin with a short service of prayer and reflection on our relationship with the environment, followed by coffee and an open invitation for discussion. All are welcome.

## Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Thought for the week

*'We have no abiding city here'*



*Photo: Alec Henry working in his forge in 1990*

I recall visiting the home of Alec Henry, the village blacksmith in Bruckless, Co. Donegal to arrange the very first funeral that I was to conduct. He had built that house with his bare hands from stone that he had quarried on his own farm. My Superintendent was away, so I was in the deep end. The funeral was of his brother in law, a bachelor farmer who like many in that part of Donegal had spent a lifetime assembling cars in Coventry and Luton before returning to the thatched house on a small poor farm.

After the arrangements were made we prayed. I don't recall what I prayed, but I remember that his prayer contained this phrase - **'We have no abiding city here'**. It was a poignant prayer from a faithful man whose belief in the **'city that is to come'** was a great comfort in a time of grief for him and his wife as we prepared to bury her brother Aaron Gartley.

I wonder how often you have moved home? The Manse at 11 Arranmore Road will soon be up for sale. A dedicated team is looking for a new Manse and it is hoped that it will be purchased prior to the completion of the sale. We are just passing through on our way to a permanent home.

The blacksmith was a powerful man. The girth of his arms was bigger than my legs. The funeral was in the house, and I stood beside him. When we got to the graveyard he said, 'just keep with me', as he guided me through every step and detail walking beside me as we walked to the grave in Killybegs. He stood with me at the head of the open grave. He lifted the fist full of earth that clunked onto the lid of the wooden coffin as I prayed the words of the committal. Following the



benediction, the undertaker placed a board over the grave and the wreaths laid on top. He then introduced me to the other primary mourners, a signal that others could move for the customary hand shake - a sequencing that they don't teach you in college. For such a strong man, he had a gentle reassuring presence.

– Rev Andrew Kingston

## Prayer



Almighty God, we pray for all who grieve, particularly Ross on the death of his only sister.

We acknowledge that we have no abiding home here. Indeed we are mindful that many, like our Lord Jesus Christ, struggle to find anywhere to lay their heads. We give thanks for your powerful, reassuring and gentle presence, in the name of Him who gives us rest. Amen.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:billygiven115@gmail.com)

## Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

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**

Apr 27 Service of worship with Gillie Hinds

## 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](mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie). The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

## Stay Connected

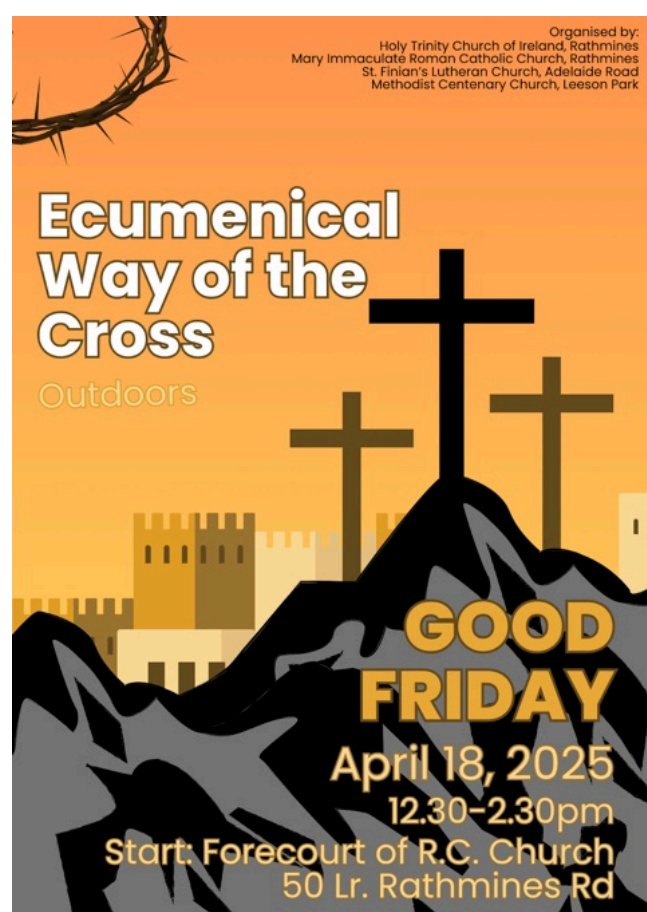
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## Blessings,

Methodist Centenary Church Newsletter Team



## 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
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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