

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 23rd 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, 27th April

Service of worship with Rev Dr. John Parkin.

Notice

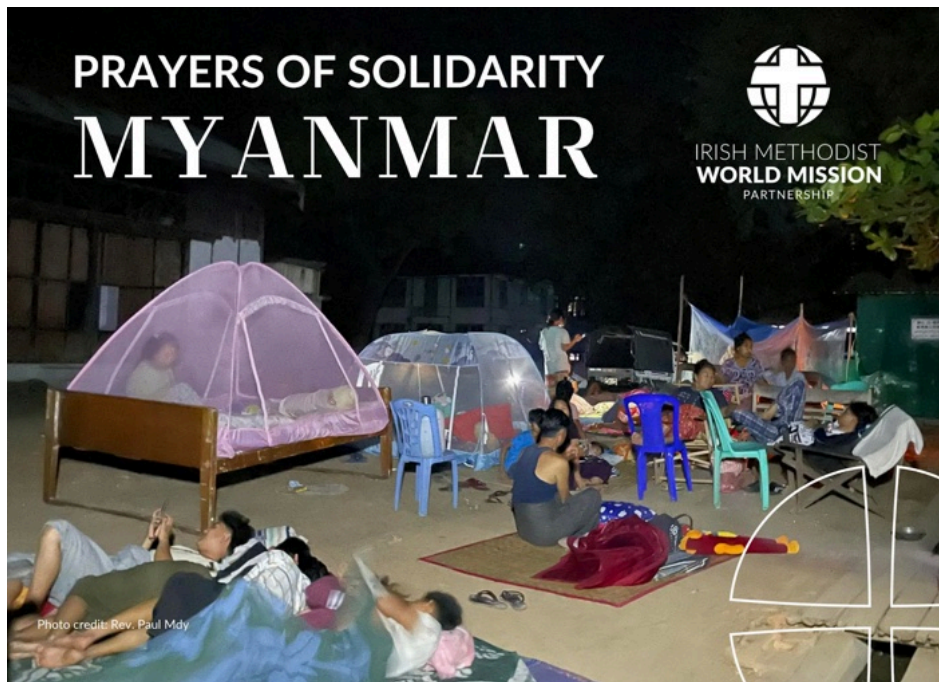
Rev Andrew Kingston is on holiday this week. If a minister is required, please contact Rev Dr John Parkin.

Monday 28th April, 7.30pm

Special Church Council Meeting – Room 1

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.

Circuit Celebration and Christian Aid Service, Sunday 11th May 11am

Join us for a special service at the Centenary Hall, Wesley House, Leeson Park, followed by a Family Fun Day!

Enjoy a bouncy castle, Jack Flash, an ice cream van, barbecues, face painting, and live entertainment with Mickey Music.

Everyone is welcome!

Dialogue of Friendship Day, 17th May 10.30am - 3.30pm

The third Sanctuary in Faith in conjunction with the Church of Ireland Inter-Faith Working Group meeting will take place in Dundrum Methodist Church on Saturday, May 17th.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Ebum Joseph.

Please see the attached notice for more details and booking information.

Centenary Entertains, 17th May 7pm

Our church **Concert on Saturday 17th May at 7pm** in Wesley House promises a feast of music. Guest artistes include Julie Sim, Brian McIvor, Oleana Topolska with Ukrainian UA Sunrise, Kevin Nam, Hyelee Jeong, Sayjin Park, Boon-Beng Shu and Derek Seymour. Our compere for the evening will be Rose Henderson. This is a **FREE ADMISSION** event so don't let the state of your finances put you off! (Voluntary contributions to church funds will be accepted by Billy at the door!). Light refreshments will be provided during the interval organised by Karen. This should be a very enjoyable event to which you might like to bring your friends so please **put a note in your diary, not to be missed!**

Thought for the week

Dear member,

I was planning on writing my thoughts for the week by giving a reflection on what happened on Sunday morning in church, however, my joy turned to sorrow, as we all awoke on Easter Monday to the tragic news of the death of Pope Francis, the leader of over 1.2 Billion Catholics around the world.

When Jorge Bergoglio assumed the role of Pope in 2013 and took the name of Francis, I was just beginning my journey in ministry. So you can forgive me if I am in quite a reflective mood as I process his death. Francis was someone I admired from afar, and for good reason. He stood up against bullies who had agendas and was fiercely committed to the cause of the least and the low. You might remember last summer we did a series on the Beatitudes. In there we see Jesus talking about those who have been crushed and in need. I think Francis looked at this section of scripture like a map of where and who his primary concern was for. His papacy can be described as standing up for those who couldn't do it for themselves and he did it until the very end. In his final sermon, given on Easter Sunday, Francis said this:

"I express my closeness to the sufferings of Christians in Palestine and Israel, and to all the Israeli people and the Palestinian people. ... I appeal to the warring parties: call a ceasefire, release the hostages and come to the aid of a starving people that aspires to a future of peace!"



POPE FRANCIS 1936-2025

I saw this wonderful image that I thought encapsulated his life and ministry, so where words fail me, I will leave you with this.

– Brian Hickey

Prayer



Dear Lord,

We thank you for the life and witness of Pope Francis—a shepherd who walked humbly, who loved the poor, who stood for peace and justice, and who followed you with courage and compassion.

In this moment of sorrow, we give thanks for his voice, his heart, and his unwavering faith.

Comfort those who mourn, especially our Catholic brothers and sisters across the world.
And may we, too, be stirred to follow Christ more closely—to love the least, to seek peace, and to live with joy and grace.
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 6th May.

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

May 4 Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

May 11 Circuit Celebration **at 11.00am**

May 18 Service of worship with Gillie Hinds

May 25 Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston/Brian Hickey

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

Apr 27 11.30 Rathgar Mrs Gillie Hinds

May 4 10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele

May 18 10.30 Centenary 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



**DIALOGUE OF
FRIENDSHIP:
LISTENING WELL
TO BUILD
COMMUNITIES**

**Saturday, 17 May 2025
10.30 AM - 3.30 PM
Dundrum Methodist Church
Dublin, D16 WK27**

Free booking available online:
<https://bit.ly/43IWlna>



Keynote Speaker
Dr Ebum Joseph
Special Rapporteur, National Plan Against Racism
Director, Institute of Antiracism and Black Studies
Module Coordinator and Lecturer in Black Studies, University College Dublin

Co-organised by:  Church of Ireland
Interfaith Working Group  Sanctuary in Faith
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