

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 30th 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, 4th May

Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston.

6th May, 1pm in St. Finian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road.



Permanent Deacon Pádraic O'Sullivan has kindly agreed to lead.

This is always a lovely time and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as are able to come to join us for our Lunchtime Prayer. Afterwards there will be a chance for some fellowship over lunch.

Pastor Martin Sauter also most warmly invites us to two events in their church which happen around the second weekend in May:

1. **Bonhoeffer Symposium** in connection with the 80th Anniversary of his execution, on **Saturday, 10th May, 3-6pm**, Lutherhaus.
2. **Christian Aid Evening** in support of their crucial work around the world, on **Monday, 12th May, 7pm**, Lutherhaus

Please find attached at the end of the newsletter for further information to both events.

Circuit Celebration, Sunday 11th May 11am - 3pm



🕊 Church Family Fun Day – A Celebration of Faith and Fellowship! 🎉

📍 **Location:** Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park

📅 **Date:** 11th May 11am - 3pm

Schedule of Activities:

🕒 **11:00am** – Worship Service, Circuit Reports, Christian Aid Advocacy & Collection

☕ **12:15pm** – Tea, Coffee, Bouncy Castle & Barbecue

🎪 **1:00pm – 3:00pm** – Entertainment with *Jack Flash*, *Mikey Music*, and *Face Painting* for the kids!

This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family, enjoy good food, support a great cause, and celebrate God's love in community. Bring your friends, neighbours, and loved ones – 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. Ebun 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



Who will speak up?

Our Encounter with God Bible reading notes are taking us through the Book of Second Chronicles at the moment. The Chronicler is recording a grim period of decline, apostasy and of

tribal warfare between the sadly divided kindred nations of Israel and Judah. Things were not going well for Judah. There are parallels with the Russian invasion of Ukraine. *'The Israelites took captive from their kinsmen wives, sons and daughters. They also took a great deal of plunder which they carried back to Samaria.'* There is nothing new under the sun!

However one man spoke up. He was a prophet that few had ever heard of named Obed. He bravely went out to meet the army of his people who were still pumped up with the adrenalin of battle and the euphoria of victory saying, 'And now you intend to make the men and women of Judah and Jerusalem your slaves. But aren't you also guilty of sins against the Lord your God? Now listen to me! Send back your fellow countrymen.'

The surprising outcome of his advocacy on behalf of these distressed prisoners was that instead of seeing their captives as enemies to be enslaved or killed, they began to see them as children of the same God. In response to the activism of the Prophet Obed, 'They provided them with clothes and sandals, food and drink and healing balm. All those who were weak put on donkeys. So they took them back to their fellow countrymen at Jericho, the City of Palms, and returned to Jerusalem.'

On Sunday 11th May we will have our Circuit Celebration. Children will be looking forward to the magician Jack Flash, the ice cream van, bouncy castle and face painter. Adults will enjoy South African, Korean and Irish hot food while chatting to the background sound of Mikey Music. Days like this are precious but it is important to remember others. During the service we will hear reports from around the Circuit, but we will also hear from Hope Graham, a volunteer with Christian Aid, as she advocates on behalf of the poor in Guatemala. Our collection will be for Christian Aid. Christian Aid speaks up and has done so for years. Through them our voice is heard in seats of power and by supporting them generously through the collection on Sunday that week we can make a difference. There will also be an opportunity to talk to Hope Graham about becoming more involved in Christian Aid Ireland.

– Rev Andrew Kingston

Prayer



Dear God, we pray for the prophets who speak through Christian Aid. May we not be afraid to speak up and challenge the government, housing authorities, asylum processes or other bodies that may be keeping individuals enslaved or nations oppressed, in the name of Him who has come to set the captives free.

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 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

June 1 Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

Local preachers

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

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

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

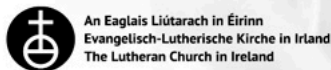
Radical Witness in Challenging Times

Symposium on the 80th Anniversary of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Death

- 3pm: Key note by Dr Matthew D. Kirkpatrick
4.30pm: Discussion & Music
6pm: Reception

Saturday | 10 May, 2025

Lutherhaus | 24 Adelaide Road | Dublin 2



An evening in support of Christian Aid

It has become a wonderful tradition to meet with our friends from the Christian neighbourhood for an evening of fellowship, lovely food and first hand experiences from the important work of Christian Aid. On the occasion of Christian Aid Week, we want to raise funds for Christian Aid and support its work.

We at St. Finian's would like to invite you on **Monday, 12 May, 7pm at Lutherhaus, 24 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.**

We will start with a light buffet supper and will have time for fellowship. We are delighted that our guests Dee Huddleston and Michael Briggs from Christian Aid will join us again this year and share some information about their work. We are sure that it will be an interesting and delightful evening.

All members and friends of our church and the neighbourhood are cordially invited. We look forward to seeing you!



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