

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 7<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**Circuit Celebration, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 3pm**




This will also be our Christian Aid Service, so as Lynne has said below, please give generously. We will also be sharing reports from across the Circuit. Teas and coffees will be provided after the service while the barbecues are cooking, after which time we will be joined by Jack Flash (magician), a face painter and Mikey Music. There will also be an ice cream van and bouncy castle.

As a circuit, we are worshipping and celebrating together this Sunday but it is also the start of Christian Aid week and we will be joined by Hope Graham from Christian Aid (CA) who will share with us about the work of that organisation. This is our principal fundraising day for CA and all the loose collection will be donated to them, as will all donations made that day on the card machine in the porch. We cannot however claim tax back on these donations so, if you are in a position to give €250 or more this year, please donate directly to CA. Thank you. Lynne Pasley.

### **Celebrating as an Eco Congregation on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

We are all looking forward to fun and fellowship at the Circuit Event on Sunday, and to supporting Christian Aid. As we do so, we will be keeping in mind the small actions that ensure we do no environmental damage as we celebrate. We will aim to avoid food waste, minimise waste in the black bin and ensure that only suitable items go to recycling.

Not wanting to spoil anyone's fun, but, after enjoying your food, please keep in mind what goes where:

- **Plates and cutlery** – all are washable and re-usable, including the plastic ones - please do not put any plates or cutlery in bins;
- **Compostable cups, and compostable napkins** – these go in the food waste/compostable waste bins;
- **Any food left over** – this can be taken home – containers will be provided;
- **What can go in recycling bins:**
  - *dry paper/cardboard,*
  - *tetra-pak cartons, plastic containers/ wrappers, food cans – **provided they are washed, clean and shaken dry;***
- **Bottles and cans with the Re-turn**  symbol - there will be a separate bin so that they can be taken away for refunds;
- **Glass bottles and jars** – there is a basket for these in the main kitchen;
- **Non-recyclable, non-compostable waste** – this goes in the general waste bin *e.g. food soiled plastic, wet cardboard or paper:*
- **If anyone brings in a single-use coffee cups (ouch!)** – please put these in the general waste bin unless they are clearly marked compostable!

**Have a great day!**



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

## Thought for the week

The last time I wrote to you was just a couple of days past Easter Sunday and I shared some thoughts on Pope Francis' life. This week the conclave begins! It's all very exciting. Even though we are part of different traditions within the Christian family it is still something we should be aware of. Of course for the outside world, the only sign we will see that a new Pope has been elected is that chimney which will at some point over the next week produce white smoke, and any votes that don't reach a consensus will come with black smoke. It is a fascinating period of waiting...speaking of waiting. LIVERPOOL WON THE LEAGUE!

For those unaware, my second love is Liverpool Football Club and I want to share an experience I had last Sunday. Liverpool lost 3-1 to Chelsea, only their third loss of the season. And I couldn't care less, and judging by the videos I have seen of Liverpool fans at the game, I don't think they cared either. Liverpool have already gotten over the line. We haven't got the trophy yet, but we know for certain that it will be coming to Anfield in a few weeks. While watching this game, and seeing the goals go in, I started thinking...as I do about our relationship to God and how the battle has already been won. And this Christian life can be hard at times, you might have setbacks or be in the trenches, wondering where the Lord is in it all.

What this game taught me though is that because of Jesus' resurrection, because of his ascension the battle has already been won. Yes life can throw some really awful curveballs but those who are united to Christ will ultimately see victory. One of my favourite theologians, Tim Keller, described this victory as 'everything becoming untrue'. What he means by that is all the bad or misfortunate things or experiences we had in life will be like waking up from a bad dream, like breath on a mirror. It will simply cease to be. Because where we are going is a place where there is no more pain, suffering and Jesus himself is going to wipe away our tears. Might I encourage you in whatever season you are in in life, to take a step back and look at it from an eternal perspective. The battle has already been won.

*Brian Hickey*

## Prayer



Dear Lord, we thank you that wherever we are on our journey, you are there with us, but also that you have gone ahead of us. We give thanks for your faithfulness to us, even when we don't deserve it at all. We pray Lord that this week we may have opportunities to see things from an eternal perspective. Amen.

## St. Finian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road.

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

## Dialogue of Friendship Day, 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 17<sup>th</sup> May 7pm

Our church **Concert on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. More details are on the poster at the end of the announcements.

## RTE Broadcast Service (three important dates)

**25th May, 12.30pm:** We are privileged to be asked to lead worship on our national broadcaster. It will be broadcast on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 11am, and recorded in the studio, Montrose, Donnybrook on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We will make our way there after Church. They will provide us with lunch in the canteen at 12.30pm, after which we will head to the studio for the afternoon. Recording will conclude by 5pm at the latest. Participants will include three people from Tallaght, the Korean Praise group and the male voices that sang the Lord's Prayer on Easter Sunday. However we are permitted to have up to 28 people in the studio. Please let me know if you can attend, so that we can make a joyful sound! We will be under the direction of Dr Boon Beng Shu.

**7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm,** Room 1. We meet tonight to practice the hymns, go through out parts and time every item. RTE requires all to be submitted in the form of a Word Document in time for the official rehearsal.

**13<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm:** We will meet in the Litton Hall in the presence of Emmet McCarthy and Gareth McWilliams when we will go through the entire service from start to finish.



## **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.

## **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

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

June 8 Service of worship with Rev Yongnam Park

### 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

June 8 10.30 Tallaght Mr Kevin Nam

June 8 11.30 Ratgar Mrs Lesley Rankin

### 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

 Email: [news@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie)

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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!



An Eaglais Liútarach in Éirinn  
Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Irland  
The Lutheran Church in Ireland





# CENTENARY ENTERTAINS

**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

7 pm. WESLEY HOUSE,  
LEESON PARK, DUBLIN 6

**Free**      **Admission**      **Concert**  
(voluntary donations to church  
funds)

*Featuring:* Hyelee Jeong, Brian McIvor,  
Kevin Nam, Sayjin Park,  
Derek Seymour, Boon-Beng Shu,  
Julie Sim, Oleana Topolska with  
'UA Sunrise' (from Ukraine),  
*and our compere* Rose Henderson.

*Music by:* Beethoven, Haydn, Schubert,  
Scriabin, Shostakovich and much more.

*Light refreshments during interval*