

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 14th 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.

Sunday 18th May

Service of worship with Mrs Gillie Hinds

Centenary Entertains, **Saturday 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. More details are on the poster at the end of the announcements.

Christian Aid

Thank you to all who supported our collection on Sunday - the fantastic sum of €1,420 was raised by the circuit for the work of Christian Aid.

Thanks, Lynne Pasley

Thought for the week

'I lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety' Psalm 4:8.

The last couple of weeks have been an exceptionally busy. 11 Arranmore Road is up for sale, and thankfully there have been many viewings and great interest. Bidding is now hotting up. There is power in a name. The property was built by Cramptons, a Methodist firm renowned for integrity and craftsmanship. The Bible says, 'A good name is better than great riches, to be esteemed is better than silver or gold' Proverbs 22:1. Of course the Circuit requires a replacement Manse, and we are busy about that. There has been a funeral, several Church Councils, other meetings, an RTE Broadcast rehearsal, and a Circuit Celebration. I came home from Church on Sunday happy, but utterly exhausted. I'm sure that we can all relate to having had those feelings. Yet a good night's sleep does wonders.

Psalm 4 is worth a read. David covers a whole gamut of emotions. Indeed his prayer begins with him in considerable distress. His agony reminds us of the Gethsemane prayer of Jesus, but concludes with these words, 'I lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety' Psalm 4:8. There is no more tossing and turning in bed for him. The Hebrew word for peace, 'shalom', incorporates ideas of well-being, security and contentment, even when storms are raging all around.

I am extremely thankful for all of the support and partnership that we are experiencing during this busy time. Again and again, people have stepped up, answering the call of God, and giving glory to him. I am thinking especially of the Circuit Celebration Day and the Broadcast Service. We will be recording in an RTE studio in Montrose, Donnybrook on Sunday 25th from 12.30pm, to be broadcast on Sunday 1st June at 11am.

However, the purpose of this little thought is to thank God for the extraordinary gift of sleep, of being able to flop into bed exhausted, and walk up restored. It is a miracle.

Andrew Kingston

Prayer



Dear God, thank you for the gift of sleep. I am grateful for this time to rest and renew my body, mind, and spirit. Help me to wake up refreshed and ready to embrace a new day. I trust in you, Lord, and I give you all my worries and dreams. Thank you for always being near. Amen.

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. Eburn Joseph. Please see the notice below for more details.

A poster for the 'Dialogue of Friendship' event. The top half features a collage of hands in various colors (blue, green, yellow, orange, red, purple) reaching towards a central globe. The bottom half is a solid blue area with white and yellow text. It includes the event title, date, time, location, and keynote speaker information. A QR code and a URL for booking are also present.

**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/431Wlna>

Keynote Speaker
Dr Eburn 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 Places of Sanctuary Ireland

Book Club

Our book choice for May was any book by Joanna Trollope and a wide variety of books was discussed. We were delighted to welcome Danielle to our meeting. For our June meeting, we have chosen *The Cleaner of Chartres* by Sally Vickers.

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 15 members and would be delighted to increase our numbers. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia on sylviahroddie@gmail.com

Governance Meetings

Wesley House Executive, Friday 23rd May, 11am

Church Council, Monday 26th May, 7.30pm

Methodist Conference Portadown, Wednesday 4th June – Saturday 7th June,

Circuit Executive, Tallaght, 8pm, Monday 9th June

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

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

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

June 15 Service of worship with Mrs Jean Kingston

Local preachers

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

June 1 10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele

June 8 10.30 Tallaght Mr Kevin Nam

June 8 11.30 Rathgar Mrs Lesley Rankin

June 15 10.30 Centenary Mrs Jean Kingston

June 22 10.00 Tallaght Mrs Gillie Hinds

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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 Email: news@methodistcentenary.ie

 Website: www.methodistcentenary.ie

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Blessings,

Methodist Centenary Church Newsletter Team



CENTENARY ENTERTAINS

SATURDAY 17th 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