

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 21st 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 25th May

10.30am Service of worship with Brian Hickey

12.30-5pm Recording for RTE Sunday Service in the RTE studios at Montrose, Donnybrook. Meet in their cafeteria. The service is to be broadcast on Sunday 1st June at 11am.

Governance Meetings

Wesley House Executive, Friday 23rd May, 11am

Church Council, Monday 26th May, 7.30pm

Special Circuit Executive Thursday 29th May 7.30pm by Zoom to inspect the survey of the proposed new Manse, and process Property Board Forms regarding the purchase of a new Manse and the sale of Arranmore Road Manse

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

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

Thought for the week

You might have noticed that some of my past weekly thoughts I have been offering reflections around has been The Papacy. My reflection has not really gone away and something has been stirring in me as I watched Robert Prevost, the first American to assume the role of Pope and become the head of the Roman Catholic Church. I found myself fascinated at two things: Firstly, what name would he choose?! There is power in names, they carry the weight of history and sometimes even expectation. Secondly, who is he? I have probably done a lot more thinking around this question and our insatiable desire to know about a person. We ask all sorts of questions as we try to unravel or even understand who a person is and I think it ultimately comes down to one key question we are all asking when we encounter someone new. Something I don't often do in my weekly thought is give an insight to what is coming this Sunday. I will be leading our service and we will be reflecting on something we all carry — our past. Some parts we're proud of. Others... not so much. What happens when our history feels like a burden? Or when others define us by it? Might I encourage you to join us as we explore an unexpected beginning to one of the most important stories ever told — and discover what it might say about our own. You might be surprised at what God chooses *not* to leave out!

Brian Hickey

Prayer



You know our stories — the parts we show and the parts we hide. Help us trust that You are at work in all of it. Give us courage to keep going, and grace to believe we're not disqualified. Amen.

Azadi Community Sponsorship Group - A message from Lynne Pasley

As many of you know, I am a member of a community sponsorship group working with the support of the Irish Refugee Council to help an Afghan family settle in Dublin and integrate into Irish society. The family of a father, mother, 20 year old daughter and 17 year old son arrived in October as part of a government scheme to offer refugee status to Afghan people and they are settling into their home in west Dublin. Another daughter and grandson have been living in Dublin for some time and have been assisting the family. The parents attend our Connect Through English group every Thursday. Whilst the state supports are now nearly all in place, we had to look after the family entirely from our own fundraised money for several months with monthly rent of €2400, health expenses and daily living costs and our funds are now depleted. Our group has committed to assisting the family for two years and we need to keep fundraising to assist with additional and unforeseen expenses.

I am taking part in the VHI women's mini marathon on Sunday 1st June to raise funds for our group - Azadi Community Sponsorship Group (Azadi means freedom in Dari, the language spoken by the family) - and I am hoping that you might consider sponsoring me please. The link to my fundraising page is <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/LynnePasley549> Thank you very much. Lynne

Christian Aid Table Quiz in Dundrum **Friday 8.00pm**

This is a reminder about the upcoming Table Quiz, which will be held in Dundrum Methodist Church next Friday, 23rd May at 8pm. Tickets are €10 per person and all proceeds will go towards the work of Christian Aid.

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

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

- 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
- June 22 Service of worship with Rev Andrew 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 10.00 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
- June 22 11.30 Rathgar Mrs Lesley Rankin

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,

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