

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 28th 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 1st June

Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

Governance Meetings

1. **Special Circuit Executive Thursday 29th May 7.30pm** by Zoom to inspect the survey of the proposed new Manse, and process the Property Board Forms regarding the purchase of a new Manse, the sale of Arranmore Road Manse and the refurbishment of the Litton Hall roof.
2. Methodist Conference Portadown, Thursday 5th June – Saturday 7th June,
3. Circuit Executive, Tallaght, Monday 9th June, 8pm

Thought for the week

Doing our bit

'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.' (Colossians 3:17)



The recording of the service in the RTE studios last Sunday afternoon, (to be broadcast on RTE 1 television this Sunday at 11am), was a stressful experience for me. I found the whole afternoon difficult. There were long intervals of inactivity for many of us while RTE people were busily doing makeup for those with solo parts, and then recording those solo parts and choral pieces while most of us simply waited. With each element of the service being recorded separately the whole experience was a very long way from a positive worship experience for me. However, upon reflection, we were in a professional recording environment where others were in control, and had their job to do. I have been assured that the service to be transmitted will be seamless and professional with all the separate elements of worship well spliced together. I need to accept that the RTE professionals know what they are doing.

On the positive side, I am incredibly grateful to all who were involved. Though I had chosen the theme 'Lost and Found' in January when approached by Dr Julian Hamilton, I didn't want to get down to serious planning before Easter and the subsequent holidays. My colleague Rev Yongnam Park was very generous in allowing me to ask the Korean Praise Group and Male Voice Choir to participate even though it would take them away from their service. They immediately responded positively. Without any hesitation, Gillie, Moba, Lesley and Geoffrey agreed to lead prayers. Jean happened to be off work for both the rehearsal and the recording days, and kindly agreed to write a reflective introduction to the gospel reading. Again, without any hesitation, Erick and Charles also agreed to read God's word. Others willingly came to augment the congregation and lift the singing. On hearing Hyelee sing Amazing Grace at the Circuit Celebration, I asked if she might be willing to sing the first verse as part of our service. She said yes. I felt that the lovely kid's song, 'I'm Special' would illustrate the readings, and despite his youth, Emmanuel agreed to sing that piece which he had never heard before. None of this would have been possible without the work of our pianist Boon Beng who trained Emmanuel, and who led our worship. You blessed me more than you will ever know. Likewise God is pleased with our service, be it in 'word or deed', when we 'do it in the Name of our Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him'.

Rev Andrew Kingston

Prayer



O Lord, let me not henceforth desire health or life except to spend them for you, with you, and in you.
Amen [Blaise Pascal, 1623-1662]

Congratulations to Brian.



Brian Hickey will have completed his three year contract as part time Methodist University Chaplain in Dublin and part time Church Development Worker in Methodist Centenary come the 30th August 2025. During that time he has become a valued member of the Chaplaincy team, first in UCD, and then, over this past year, in Trinity College. There was no guarantee that a lay person would have been accepted as a Chaplain in Trinity. It is to his credit that he has been accepted, but with that came the realisation that he needed to devote his full time attention to his university work. The Connexion realised this and have put the funding in place, offering Brian the position. Having accepted this, from the 1st September, Brian will be the full-time Methodist Chaplain in Dublin. While we will greatly miss his ideas, wisdom, energy, enthusiasm and cheerful presence, there is a realisation that this is the right move for Brian, and for the Methodist Church in Ireland. As the Methodist Chaplain in Dublin, we look forward to continued contact as he gives pastoral support to third level students in Wesley House and in South Hill. The Church Council also made it clear that we would be pleased to make Wesley House available for any student activities that the Chaplaincy teams might want to run. We thank Brian for his service, and pray for him as he makes preparations for his continuing vocation in Chaplaincy.

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

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 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
- June 29 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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