

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 4th June 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 8th June

Service of worship with Rev Yongnam Park

Governance Meetings

1. Methodist Conference Portadown, Thursday 5th June – Saturday 7th June,
2. Circuit Executive, Tallaght, Monday 9th June, 8pm

New front door

You may already have noticed our lovely new sliding front door in Wesley House. I am delighted with it. It was really annoying in the middle of winter to find groups leaving both the outside and internal doors wide open and heat escaping the building at an alarming rate, leading to global warming in more ways than one.

It is remarkable how little heat now warms the building with our new excellent double glazed windows, external insulation on the walls and insulated roof. You may recall how the building cooled down almost immediately the heat went off. The building now remains warm for much longer. The sliding doors are another valuable step towards lowering our energy bills and

reducing our carbon footprint. We are also getting new internal sliding doors that will create a second barrier to heat loss.

There is a lot to like about the new doors. There are two settings. One setting allows groups to enter without needing a fob. The other setting allows only those with a fob to enter, which has obvious security advantages, particularly at night. For fire safety reasons the door always opens when exiting the building, but just in case, the adjacent fixed double doors have a fire exit bar. Also, for larger items of equipment and coffins, the second door alongside the sliding door can also be opened.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Dublin City Council Community Climate Fund which has provided the money for this important environmental improvement. They have also provided funding for some pollinator friendly planting and a bicycle cage with the capacity for 14 bicycles, so that all of our students can avail of this environmentally friendly mode of transport, while having their bicycles safely stored at night. It will include a bicycle repair station.

We especially thank Maureen, our tireless Eco Congregation Representative. None of this was easy. Five quotations were required. There were disappointments along the way when solar panels were incompatible with our old fuse boards, and to change these would have required a complete rewiring, something that we can't afford at the moment. Yet undaunted Maureen persisted. Thank you Maureen.

Thought for the week

Dear member,

As was mentioned in both the previous weekly announcements and during the Sunday service, it is now officially out there that I will be leaving Centenary church in August. This is of course sad to be leaving a community but my journey into chaplaincy has continually opened new doors and doing three jobs in one was just proving a bit too much for me and thankfully a resolution was found. As I have mentioned to Andrew, and indeed the church council, I am not overly fond of standing in ceremony.

At the service I led two weeks ago, members of the council would have received the news a few days before and I did ask them not to bring it up at the service because I don't really want the focus shifting to something else other than having the Gospel proclaimed and the saints (all of you) being built up.

I am confident that Centenary will continue to grow, both numerically and spiritually in the next season without me. Thankfully the church is not just one person, and even better, everyone has different gifts that they bring to the table. Although I am not gone yet and the transition has not happened I am drawn to St. Paul's words in Philippians 1:3 where he says: "I thank my God every time I remember you." I get the feeling I will be looking back on my time in Centenary with that thankfulness. You welcomed me with open arms and took my ideas on board. We have grown together in the three years I have been here, and although my stint in this church has been short, a lasting impression has been made and I am thankful to God for bringing me to this wonderful community.

The bible tells us that there is a time for everything and there is still work to be done. So let's get a shift on and keep going. The au revoir can happen in August!

– Brian Hickey

Prayer



Lord, I give thanks to you every time I think of Methodist Centenary Church. I pray Lord that in the next months and years the work that you have been doing here will become even more clear to its members.

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen. (Eph. 3:14-21)

Light a candle for Gaza.

Our friends in Beechwood Parish are opening their Church for silent prayer tonight from 9-10pm.



Upcoming events

Baptism: Sunday 22nd June 10.30am

We're delighted to celebrate the adult baptism of **Nadia Julio** on Sunday 22nd June. The service will be followed by cake and fellowship, and then we'll head to **Killiney Beach** for the baptism by immersion and a relaxed picnic. The beach is easily accessible by **DART** or car, with a car park conveniently located near the DART station.

Meet at the beach beside the car park between 1:30 and 2:00 PM.

Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin: Saturday 28th June, 11am-2pm.

Join us for a special **Biblical Plant Walk**, led by Andrew Kingston. Discover the rich stories behind various plants mentioned in Scripture and explore their significance in biblical contexts. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends from across Ireland and enjoy a shared **picnic** together in fellowship.

Folly tour around St Enda's Park, Friday 4th July, 11am

Meet at the reception to the Office of Public Works site at 10.45am.

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 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 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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