

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 12th 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 15th June

Service of worship with Mrs Jean Kingston

Light a candle for Gaza.

Our friends in Beechwood Parish are continuing to open their Church for silent prayer, each Wednesday from 9-10pm for the rest of the month.

This is an issue that touches us deeply.

I was impressed last Wednesday to see so many coming to light their candles and pause for prayer. There were young people taking time out of exam revision, old people praying reverently for the duration, a couple in shorts who popped in while walking their dog (the dog came too) and many others.

Appropriate music was being played and to focus prayer each received the prayer of St Francis and a quotation from a holocaust survivor.



Thought for the week



Jubilee Fund

Some of us have just returned from the 256th Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland. It was held in Thomas Street Methodist Church in Portadown and presided over with wisdom, sensitivity and zeal by our new President Rev Alan Wardlow. Alan spent much of his ministry in Dublin and we look forward to welcoming him on Sunday 7th December.

The main business was conducted over two days and the theme was 'Christ's love compels us' 2 Cor. 5:14'. One item will be of particular interest to the Centenary congregation. In discussion with the General Secretary Dr Morris a few weeks ago I learned that €500,000 from the sale of the Manse on Arranmore Road was being set aside for a Jubilee Fund. I quote from the Conference Agenda:

As a Connexion we are wholeheartedly committed to evangelism and growth. However, the Governance Board, is also mindful of the fact that the pressure felt by Circuits due to financial constraints generally and the Comprehensive Assessment in particular may, despite the best efforts of all, dampen missional imagination and morale. Indeed, the fact that Comprehensive Assessment is increasing could, albeit reluctantly, be seen by some Circuits as a reason that their financial investment in mission and growth has to be curtailed.

As a Connexion we need to address these two areas, we need to think about how we fund Comprehensive Assessment, and the proposals from the Working Party bring proposals on this; and we need to keep our focus on growth. The Governance Board and Connexional Team are therefore developing a grant scheme, called the Jubilee Fund, through which, for the 2026 calendar year, Societies or Circuits could apply for a grant of up to half of their Comprehensive Assessment to fund a growth focused initiative.

I am so conscious of our forefathers in the Centenary congregation invested in this fine manse in 1933. It is a property that was built by a Methodist firm, Cramptons, known for the quality of their work and their integrity in business. As stipends were low, to care for their Minister, they got a house with a big garden so that the Minister could supplement his income from its produce. Over the years the congregation has spent time and money renovating, repairing and painting, often through voluntary labour (I am thinking of Billy Given who painted most of the house). We are now selling the family silver and the proceeds will purchase a new Manse, contribute towards the renovation of Wesley House, contribute towards the relocation of Dublin Central Mission (€540,000) and provide grants for missions. Methodist Centenary gets its name from a fund set up in 1839 to celebrate the centenary of the conversion of Rev John Wesley in 1839. A new Church was built on St Stephen's Green out of the proceeds of this fund. That Church was burned down on the 22nd December 1968 and Wesley House was built from the proceeds.

We give thanks to God for all of his provision. I dug my first potatoes from the manse garden this morning. They are a variety called Home Guard, a blight resistant variety that was developed in Scotland during the Second World War to provide higher yields at a time when it was difficult to import food.

The concept of jubilee comes from Leviticus 25 where on a fiftieth-year land was restored to those who had fallen on hard times. Even the land was restored, and slaves were freed. We are stewards, not owners. In his encyclical *Laudato Si* Pope Francis makes the point that 'God rejects every claim to absolute ownership'.

– Rev Andrew Kingston

Prayer



We give you thanks O Lord for all of your provision; for food, for funds and for freedom in Christ. Amen.

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.

Guided Tour of the Follies of St. Enda's, Friday 4th July, 11am

We're delighted to invite you on a guided tour of the Follies of St. Enda's on Friday, 4th July. Please gather at 10:45 a.m., as the tour will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

The walk is short and suitable for all. Admission is free, and there's a lovely coffee shop on-site where lunch will be available afterward. For those traveling from town, the 16 route bus conveniently stops right outside St. Enda's.

For more information please contact Eric Rankin on [01 2694923](tel:012694923)

Book Club

Our book choice for June was ***The Cleaner of Chartres*** by Sally Vickers. We will take a break for the summer and we will resume our meetings on 9 September when our chosen book is ***The Figurine*** by Victoria Hislop.

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

Join us for coffee and a relaxed chat every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1, Wesley House. All are welcome—it's a great spot to catch up, enjoy good company, and share a bit of 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 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 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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