

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 18th 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 22nd June

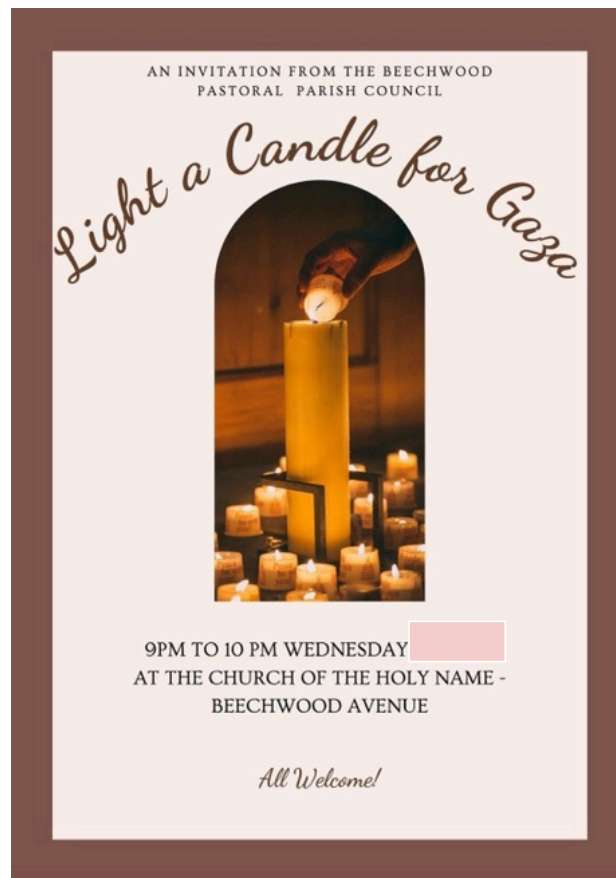
Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

Light a candle for Gaza.

Our friends in Beechwood Parish are continuing to open their Church for silent prayer tonight from 9-10pm, and on each Wednesday 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.



Together in Faith: Supporting Those Seeking Sanctuary

Friday, June 20th 2025 is World Refugee Day – the day chosen by Christian Aid to mark its 80th anniversary. Christian Aid started in response to the needs of refugees across Europe as a result of the Second World War.

Although Ireland was neutral during WW2 some refugees came to Ireland and, for example, the story of some German children can be read on the wall in Glencree's coffee shop.

80 years later refugees come to Ireland from many, many places. As a Church of Sanctuary we welcome people who are seeking asylum as well as those who have refugee status, whether to Sunday worship, on church walks or at Connect on Thursday mornings.

Several people who are refugees have become an integral part of Connect and we miss them when they are not able to come. People from Ukraine and Afghanistan come as well as others who are going or have successfully gone through the asylum process.

As centres for people seeking international protection have been opened in the vicinity of Wesley House, some of our number have been able to develop closer links with people. Members of Centenary are integral members of D6 For All and Andrew has told us of the development of the garden at one that he has been involved in.

It has been possible to act as host to meetings for asylum seekers and local residents.

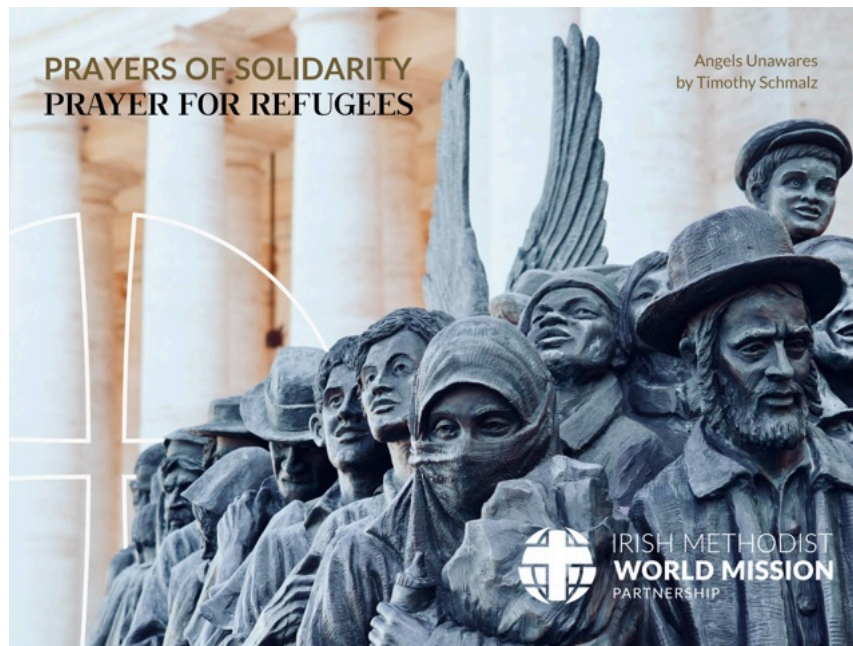
After a national Sanctuary in Faith meeting last year, held in Wesley House, we were introduced to two young men who were seeking asylum. They came regularly to Connect until they started to work or started courses. Even though they have now been moved to centres elsewhere in Ireland, they have returned to visit us.

Following this year's meeting Maureen was able to put one of our attendees in touch with a group in Waterford, where he is now based.

Small numbers, but, in the midst of so much publicised opposition we are thankful that we can do a little and we thank you that you enable us to do it.

Prayers of Solidarity 🙏

Through World Mission Partnership (WMP) and World Development Relief (WDR), the Methodist Church in Ireland is connected to partners across the world. Prayer is one of the most important ways we can support those partners.



In connection with World Refugee Day (June 20), World Mission Partnership and MCI's Council Social Responsibility (CSR) are calling on Irish Methodists to pray for refugees around the world. Please find attached a prayer for Refugees 🙏 [WMP - Prayer for Refugees.docx](#)

Thought for the week



Dear member,

I assume you already know...but I'm a big Bible nerd. I love discussing theology and its application to us today. So colour me excited that we are beginning our summer series on one of the greatest theological documents ever produced by the church.

The Nicene Creed was written in a moment of crisis and opportunity. The early church was growing, but also deeply divided on a key question: who is Jesus, really? Is he just an amazing human? Is he divine? And if so, in what way? The Council of Nicaea brought leaders from across

the Christian world together to answer that, and the result was this bold, and beautiful...but a bit confusing declaration: Jesus is "true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father." In other words, Jesus is not just close to God—he is God. That's not a small detail. It changes how we understand everything: salvation, suffering, the cross, resurrection, prayer, and what kind of relationship we're actually invited into with God.

As we were reminded on Sunday just gone, as Jean led us through the Trinity, these topics can often be hard, and sometimes difficult to comprehend the mystery of who God is and there is something real about our wrestling with our faith. The early church certainly did a lot of wrestling as it worked out what our faith actually is in a few sentences.

While the Creed is a theological statement I like to think of it also as a song of faith. When we say "We believe," we're joining in with generations of Christians before us who have clung to these truths in the face of persecution, doubt, and cultural change. That little phrase—"We believe"—reminds us that faith is never a solo act. It's always something we do together. It's communal, historical, and rooted.

So as we reflect on it this summer, don't just read it as an ancient document. Read it as a prayer. Let it remind you of what's true. Let it connect you to a much bigger story. And if you're curious, uncertain, or just want to explore your faith a bit more deeply, this is a great place to start. We're kicking things off this Sunday—come along, bring your questions, and see how these ancient words might speak into your life today.

– Brian Hickey

Prayer



Dear God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we give thanks that you have made yourself known throughout the world. We give thanks for those who have gone before us like the early church as they sat, debated and wrestled with scripture over what it says about who you are. We pray Lord that we might too wrestle with what has been said about you and can come to a more fuller understanding of our own faith.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

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.

StoryTime planning: Jun 23, 2025 07:30 PM, by Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83449838687?pwd=V3XjxadAluShTD291FufO5Ho4zt7T7.1>

Meeting ID: 834 4983 8687

Passcode: Story

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.

Join us at the **National Botanic Gardens of Ireland** with a picnic for a free tour of the Biblical flora and fauna in bloom during the month of June. Registration essential.

Where: National Botanic Gardens of Ireland, Glasnevin,
Dublin 9, D09 VY63

When: Saturday June 28th, 11-1pm

Contact: Julie, info@nbsi.ie



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)

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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

Connect ... through English meets weekly in Room 1 of Wesley House on Thursday mornings. (10.30 am – noon) It is open to people who have come to Ireland with hopes of making it their home for the short or long term. A team of South City Circuit members, working 4 at a time, take it in turns to host the gathering. We chat over cups of tea or coffee and join in an activity that gives further opportunity for practising oral English.

No two weeks are the same.

People come to Ireland for all sorts of reasons – e.g. education, work, in search of asylum or sometimes with Refugee status which has already been granted.

All are welcome.

If you are interested, whether to join the team of facilitators, or as a participant, please just come along or email us at english@methodistcentenary.ie


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 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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