

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 26th 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 29th June

Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

Summer Series Sermons - Now Online 🎧

We're recording each sermon in our Summer Series, and they'll be available to watch online. New recordings are typically uploaded every Monday, so be sure to check back weekly! ***The Nicene Creed***—last Sunday's sermon—is already up and ready for you to listen.

🔗 [Listen to the Summer Series Sermons](#)

Prayers of Solidarity 🙏

Our World Development Relief (WDR) partners are involved in a wide range of programmes, each created to meet the needs of the communities they know and serve. Several of our partners work to provide mental health services including counselling, therapy and support groups.

Please find attached a prayer for Mental Health 🙏 [WDR-Mental Health Prayer](#)

Thought for the week



It might have struck you how similar the services of baptism are for adults, and for children. It reminds us of times in scripture when whole households were baptised together. Biblical scholars suggest that the use of the word households actually suggests the presence of children. However there is something very meaningful when a profession of faith is made public in an adult baptism. In the first part of the service on Sunday Nadia gave a moving testimony of the grace of God in her life, and the second part of the service took place in the 'not so cold' waters of the Irish Sea at Killiney Beach. It was a time of real emotion and great joy with the congregation singing, 'I have decided to follow Jesus', and the Aaronic Blessing. The congregation also promised to,

'So maintain the Church's life of worship and service that she and all who have been baptised may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord'.

I thank God that this is something the Centenary congregation takes very seriously. We have been blessed by a number of infant baptisms in recent years. People have stepped up in making church meaningful for these children. In Story Time they teach age appropriate Bible lessons illustrating them by crafts and role play giving children the confidence to participate by reading and praying out loud. We will hear a snapshot of what they do on Sunday.

Those children are now getting older. In September, Story Time will be divided. Those who are toilet trained and able to leave their parents will meet in Room 1 for Sunday Club. Parents with younger children can avail of the low tables in the Coffee Dock where excellent Bible worksheets, books and colouring pencils will be available, not just through the Summer, but throughout the year. Both audio and visual are now relayed to this area. We will have our Blessing of the bags service on Sunday 31st August and Sunday Club will commence on the first Sunday in September.

The following notice is handed to parents in another church, and the words are helpful.

Of course there is no pressure to leave. To the parents/guardians of our youngsters, may we suggest...

- Relax! God put a wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to repress it in God's house.
- Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear.
- Quietly explain what we are doing in worship.
- Sing the hymns, pray loud and clearly. Children learn by copying you.
- If you must leave the Service with your child, know that you are all welcome to return.

- Remember the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this church.

To the members of our church...
 The presence of children is a gift!
 They are members of our community and a reminder that our church is growing.
 Please welcome them and give a smile of encouragement to their
 parents/guardians.

Finally would you consider being on the rota for Sunday Club? You will never be on your own, and Safeguarding Training and Garda checks will be arranged and keep us all safe. Speak to Andrew, Brian, Rachel, Lyndsey, Mel, Hilary, Caitlin or Lesley to learn more about what is involved.

– Rev Andrew Kingston

Prayer



Generous God, touch us again with the fire of your Spirit and renew in us all the grace of our Baptism; that we may profess the one true faith and live in love and unity with all who are baptized into Christ.
 Amen.

Upcoming events

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



Story Time visit to Clonfert Farm, Co. Kildare: Sunday Jun 29, 2025

There will be a fun visit to Clonfert Pet Farm in Co. Kildare on Sunday, 29th June, right after church.

If you'd like to come along or need more details, just have a chat with Lyndsey!

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)

Congo information night: 20th July 6.30-8.30pm

Moba Mwanzele is a fully accredited Local Preacher on our Circuit. A native of the Democratic Republic of Congo, he has an excellent ministry of reconciliation in that country. He is inviting us to hear more about this work at a special night in Tallaght Methodist Church on Sunday 20th July from 6.30-8.30pm. Your presence would be an encouragement.



YOU ARE ALL INVITED
to a night of Christian fellowship and fundraising event

Place: Tallaght Methodist Church, Jobstown, D24 XT7N
Time: 18:30 - 20:30
Contact: 089 444 9494
Facebook: @bona.mwanzele
Email: bonamoba@yahoo.fr

SUNDAY 20 JULY

• Information night • Refreshment • Q & A

NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025: Tues 16th – Thurs 18th September

Dear Friends,

It's that time of the year when we are glad to focus the attention of all the churches in the Southern District to our major outreach opportunity – the Methodist Church stands at the National Ploughing Championships. This year it returns to a location used last decade: Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. It will be held from Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th September.



The Methodist Church in Ireland, through Home Missions, believes in the importance of this presence, and is financing the lion's share. We, as Southern District Methodists, have shown our commitment to this over the years. We expect this September to make and hand out 5000 cups of tea/coffee with biscuits, have hundreds of meaningful conversations, hand out hundreds of leaflets of information, respond to 100 or more prayer requests, sing Happy Birthday to a couple dozen people, provide a relaxing space where ten people at a time can sit down, rest, and interact with all that we provide and bring surprise gifts to bless NPA staff.

The main thing we need is the participation of members from across all the churches in the District to make this initiative the success that we believe it will be. Approximately quarter of a million people descend on the site over the three days. We have booked our stand to be on a busy corner beside a main tent entrance. We will need plenty of volunteers who can operate on a rota that includes various types of help and so suit different volunteers.

We need people to volunteer to help so that we cover three main areas:

- To make and serve tea/coffee
- To speak with people, taking an interest in them, answering questions about why we are doing this
- Practical, such as getting water or helping with other needs for the stand or members of the public

We need people who would commit to any of the days for two or more of these main time slots: 9.00-11.00am, 11.00am-1.00pm, 1.00-3.00pm, 3.00-5.00pm
And two shorter slots as we set up (7.30am-9.00am) and tidy up (5.00-6.00pm)

We are asking each Circuit to contribute between €50 - €100 to pay for the cost of tickets etc. Your circuit can contribute by cheque or electronic transfer. Cheques should be made out to ANDREW DOUGHERTY and the following bank details are for electronic transfer: IBAN IE21AIBK93312049225185

By committing to one or two of the time slots as above, volunteers commit to being there, having already taken account of the time it would take to get in/away, and still be able to enjoy the wider event outside your time slots.

If you have queries, contact **Rev Steven Foster** on [087 163 1208](tel:0871631208).

Thank you for helping make this crucial initiative a success!

Kind Regards,

Rev Andrew Dougherty (District Superintendent)

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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

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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 Email: news@methodistcentenary.ie

 Website: www.methodistcentenary.ie

 Whatsapp: [Centenary Updates](#)