

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 2nd July 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 6th July

Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

Summer arrangements

There will be no Friendly Room or Mid Week Communion Service during the months of July and August

Next Announcements on 27th August

Our next issue will be in preparation for the Autumn and will issue on Wednesday 27th August.

Bicycles

If anyone has a surplus adult bicycle or a bicycle that would be suitable for an eleven year old boy, contact Andrew Kingston

Thought for the week

Dear Member,

I had just started writing my thought for the week, when an email came through from Andrew telling me that this would be the last one for the summer. Which means it will also be my last communication while on staff here in Centenary!

It's hard to put words on a page to sum up my time here in Centenary. There have been so many kingdom wins in my time here. We have seen a lot of growth and I am so proud of what we have achieved in such a short space of time. I couldn't pin down one thing that I am most proud of, whether it be leading bible study, reviewing our values, taking services, leading Sunday school or supporting initiatives that were taking place. It has been a privilege to journey with you all through that.

Okay...maybe my favourite moment is something I could share. It was during the service I last led where the reading was Matthew 1 – the genealogy of Christ, and there were names in there that I couldn't pronounce, and the congregation stepped in and said them for me! That just sums up not just Centenary, but the church as a whole, helping, supporting and being vocal when needed.

I suppose to leave you all, I would like to offer some encouragement as we go our separate ways. Since the news broke that I would be going into chaplaincy full-time with MCI a lot of you have passed the comment "I don't know what we're going to do without you". To which I usually respond with a laugh and say "you'll be fine". And I mean that!

Methodist Centenary Church has been around since the 1800's and even before that under a different name. How many congregations have had to move building because of building damage? How many ministers have come and gone? How many faithful members in the history of Centenary have come, gone or joined the Lord in glory? Jesus' enduring words that the faith on which his church was built remains. It is the privilege as a member of that body to be able to say "Amen" to that. People come and go, the church remains under the pillars of faith, hope and love.

I think I've shared this before but one of my favourite theologians that I have come across is Tim Keller. Tim was a Presbyterian minister in New York City. After he retired, he got a cancer diagnosis, and just weeks before his passing, he was doing an interview and his words have always stuck with me..."if Jesus Christ really did raise himself from the dead, then ultimately, everything will be alright".

See you down the road Centenary; you'll be fine.

Brian Hickey

Prayer



Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. The rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May God be with you and bless you: May you see your children's children. May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings. May you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.

May the warm rays of the sun fall upon your home, and may the land of a friend always be near.

May green be the grass you walk on, may blue be the skies above you, may pure be the joys that surround you, May true be the hearts that love you.

May you know the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, who is the same God of Sarah, Hagar and Ruth, is with you always, even to the end of the age.

Amen.

Call for Sunday school leaders

I hope you have all been enjoying our series on the Nicene Creed. We have been recording the services, and I am the one who is doing the editing at the moment, and those it can be time consuming, I do get the chance to hear the sermon back about 30 times before I am happy with how it sounds. The first two are available on our website as was mentioned last week. I also really value the chance to get to listen in, because for the past few months I have had the privilege of serving on the Sunday school team. Unfortunately that means I have been missing the majority of messages as we continue our worship in room 1 – a space full of curiosity, laughter, and growing faith. While it's a very different kind of Sunday experience, it's also been a real gift to witness the questions children ask, the wonder in their eyes as they hear the stories of our faith, and the trust they're beginning to place in God.

Sunday School is more than just childcare during the service — it's a space where our youngest members are being formed, where faith is taking root in creative and joyful ways. And it's only possible because of a brilliant team of volunteers who show up, week after week, to welcome, guide, and walk alongside our children. I hope you saw this in action as myself and Lyndsey gave a review of the year in our service.

That said, we'd love to grow our team. The reality is that with a few more volunteers, we can make Sunday School more sustainable for everyone involved. Right now, some leaders are stepping in quite often – and they do it gladly – but we'd love to share the responsibility more evenly across a wider group. If we had just a few additional helpers, it would mean each person would only need to serve about three times per semester. That's not every week, or even every month – just three opportunities across a whole term to support this ministry and bless our young people.

You don't need to be a teacher or have all the answers — just a willingness to be present, a heart to serve, and a sense of humour definitely helps too! We provide all the materials and guidance you need, and there's always someone else on the team with you.

So if you've been wondering about how to get involved or if you're looking for a meaningful way to serve in the church, we'd love to hear from you. You'll be making a real difference, not just in giving the current team some breathing room, but in helping nurture the next generation in faith.

If you're interested or have questions, please feel free to reach out — we'd be delighted to chat more.

Brian Hickey

Botanic Gardens National Bible Society of Ireland guided walk



Photo: Recognise anyone from the Botanic Gardens National Bible Society of Ireland guided walk that took place on Saturday 28th June?

The Nicene Creed—last Sunday's sermon—is already up and ready for you to listen.



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., at the reception to the Office of Public Works site. 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

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 stand 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 information leaflets, respond to 100 or more prayer requests, sing Happy Birthday to a couple of 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 National Ploughing Championship staff and volunteers.

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)

Summer Music at Sandford 2025

This year's programme of free concerts at Sandford Parish Church is as follows:

On Fridays at 1.10pm to 1.50pm

- 4 July Órán Halligan (Piano)
Music by Wagner, Respighi and Godard
- 11 July Sarah Thursfield (Contralto) & David O'Shea (Piano/Organ)
Music by Bach and Wagner
- 18 July Chien Buggie (Guitar)
Music by Tarrega, Liobet and Garoto
- 25 July Debbie Armstrong (Piano)
Music by Ravel
- 1 August Nathan whitley (Organ)
Music by Bach, Stanford and Vierne

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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. During July and August there is no service.

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. During July and August Friendly Room is suspended.


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 normal deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning. For the next Announcements the deadline is Wednesday ??????????

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

July 13 Service of worship with Rev John Parkin
July 20 Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
July 27 Service of worship with Mrs Jean Kingston
August 3 Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston and Brian Hickey
August 10 Service of worship with Rev Yongnam Park
August 17 Service of worship with Mrs Gillie Hinds
August 24 Service of worship with Mrs Lesley Rankin

Local preachers

Our local preachers take services regularly on the circuit and sometimes outside it. The current preaching plan includes:

July 6 10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele
11.30 Rathgar Mr Kevin Nam
14.00 Korean Mr David Kim

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