

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 3rd September 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 7th September

Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston.

Leeson Park Players

The 2025 LPP AGM will take place on Wednesday 3 September in Room 6, Wesley House @7.30pm.

Auditions for the Winter Play will take place on Wednesday 10 September in Room 6, Wesley House @8.30pm. The Winter Play will be *The Constant Wife* by Somerset Maugham to be directed by Mary Hennessy. Performance dates are 4-6 December.

Family Fun Day – Saturday, 6th September

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Rathgar Methodist Church on **Saturday, 6th September from 12 noon to 3pm**. Bring your family, invite your friends – everyone is welcome!

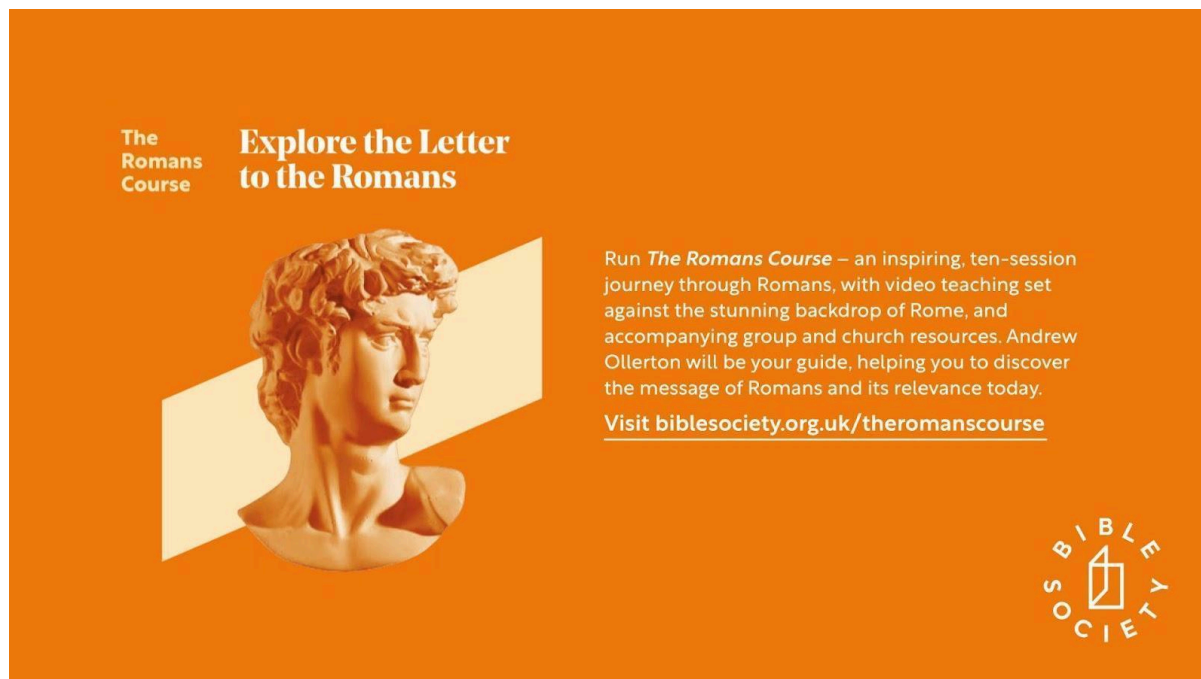
Governance Meetings

Student Resident's Committee, Monday 8th September, 11am, Room 1

Circuit Executive: Monday 8th September, 7.30pm, RATHGAR

Bible Study – The Romans Course

Our new Bible Study series begins on **Wednesday, 17th September at 7:30pm**. We'll be exploring The Romans Course together. All are welcome to join!



🙏 In-Person Prayer Meeting – Friday, 19th September

Join us in **Room 1** on **Friday, 19th September from 7pm** for our fortnightly in-person prayer gathering, led initially by **Erick Mwazonga**.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

HARVESTING HOPE – A Future for Sustainable Agriculture?

Join us on **Saturday, 20th September 2025** at Gurteen for a day of reflection and discussion on sustainable farming.



Time: 10:00am (for 10:30am start) – 4:00pm



Cost: €20 (includes a donation to *Embrace Farm Charity* and event costs)



Location: Gurteen – with a special "walkabout" included

Enjoy inspiring speakers, lively discussion, and a chance to explore practical solutions for the future of agriculture.



Please register by **Tuesday, 16th September** for catering purposes by contacting:

✉ michael.hanna4@gmail.com | ☎ 087 832 6113



Need a lift? Let Andrew know!

NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th September

We're looking for volunteers to help serve tea and coffee, and to share in conversation and prayer with visitors at this year's Ploughing Championships.

Rev. Andrew will be attending on **Tuesday, 16th September from 9am–1pm**, and it would be wonderful to fill the car with volunteers! You'll also have plenty of time to enjoy the stands, stalls, and entertainment that make this Europe's largest outdoor event.

Who will join Andrew? 😊

Thought for the week

Our family attended a sad funeral yesterday. Linda, the mother of our daughter in law Jo passed away after a six month battle with cancer of her inner ear. The funeral day was filled with the love and support of good people, particularly for her husband Alan, children Jo and Simon, and brothers Tommy and Wilson. The Minister in his beautiful address took another image from the world of golf, saying that, *'In life, as in golf, there is no such thing as the perfect round'*. Though not a golfer, I could get what he was saying. There are too many variables: wind direction, bunkers and so on.

In Mark chapter 4, a group consisting mainly of fishermen, who knew the Sea of Galilee like the back of their hands, were confronted by a terrifying storm. They had done everything right. They had obeyed their Lord Jesus Christ who said, 'Let us go over to the other side'. Life is unpredictable. What makes the difference is the presence of Jesus in the storms. Through trust in Him he will take us to the 'other side'.

I was delighted to meet an old friend, Roger McKee, at the funeral. He said, 'I pray for you and Jean every day'. He was reminding me of how I kept asking him to consider offering as a Local Preacher. Roger would say, 'I am praying about it'. He is a great man of prayer. At that time he was an engineer and part of a team who repaired, cleaned and serviced trains for Translink. He gathered workers for prayer during lunchtimes and saw many coming to faith, healed and marriages restored. Eventually God confirmed that call, and Rev Henry Keys, a retired Minister on the Circuit, took Roger and others through the Course. It was a great joy some years later to share in his Ordination Service.

Roger's favourite saying is, ***'Prayer is the golden key which, when kept bright by constant use, will unlock the treasures of both heaven and earth'***.

We thank God for a growing passion for both private and corporate prayer within our congregation. I am conscious that people work many different shifts and we have identified Friday evenings as a time that suits many. Erick Mwazonga will initiate the first of these **in person Prayer Meetings** on **Friday 19th September at 7pm in Room 1**. The meeting will be fortnightly and though led by our African members to start with, we are all welcome, and we all need it!

As the old hymn goes... 'It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.'

– Rev Andrew Kingston

Prayer



Loving Lord, we thank you for your presence in the midst of the unpredictability and storms of life. Thank you that you have promised to be with us always, even unto the end. Lord, teach us to pray.

Amen.

Sky's the Limit

The programme will continue on the first Tuesdays as follows: 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December; 3rd February 2026, 3rd March 2026, 5th May 2026 (no session in January or on the Tuesday after Easter). Please save the dates.

Book Club

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

The Friendly Room will open its doors again on Wednesday September 3rd. If you are free, do drop in for a cuppa and a chat between 10.30 and 12 noon. 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

September 14	Service of worship with Mr Erick Mwazonga
September 21	Service of Celebration of Local Preachers with Rev Andrew Kingston
September 28	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:

September 7	10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele
September 28	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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