

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September

Service of worship with Mr Erick Mwazonga.

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### Leeson Park Players

Auditions for the Winter Play will take place on Wednesday 10 September in Room 6, Wesley House @8.30pm. Due to copyright issues that have arisen unexpectedly, the Winter Play will be Oscar Wilde's sparkling comedy '*Lady Windermere's Fan*' not '*The Constant Wife*' as earlier planned. Performance dates are 4-6 December.

### 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!

The Romans Course

Explore the Letter to the Romans

Run *The Romans Course* – an inspiring, ten-session journey through Romans, with video teaching set against the stunning backdrop of Rome, and accompanying group and church resources. Andrew Ollerton will be your guide, helping you to discover the message of Romans and its relevance today.

Visit [biblesociety.org.uk/theromanscourse](https://biblesociety.org.uk/theromanscourse)

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

Join us in **Room 1** on **Friday, 19th September from 7pm-8pm** 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](mailto:michael.hanna4@gmail.com) | ☎ 087 832 6113

🚗 Need a lift? Let Andrew know!

### NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

📅 **Tues 16th Sept - Thur 18th Sept**

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

Abundance and a sense of urgency. This Season of Creation is bringing me both. The harvest of fruit and vegetables is particularly rich. Everyone with an apple tree says “take as many as your like”, a friend passing on a bicycle hands me a bag of fresh figs, the potato crop is plentiful so I am being offered samples of kerris pinks, maris pipers and roosters, with golden wonders yet to come. The kale and spinach in my brother’s garden seems to increase and multiply the more it is picked. Even at Sky’s the Limit we got delicious tomatoes from the Parkins’ garden! The tomatoes were easy to enjoy immediately, but making jam and filling the freezer with apple pies, kale soup and spinach frittata requires work. The sense of urgency is taking over.



What does Season of Creation offer to make the tasks more uplifting? The theme for this year is Peace with Creation and is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. *“Until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.”* Letting the fruitful fields return to wilderness, with bountiful crops rotting on the soil while we buy plastic-wrapped imported alternatives does not seem an option.

There is a multiplicity of tasks in creation care and they are interconnected. David Greenlee speaks of “a lived-out value that can add beautiful flavour to how we live and what we do, both in demonstration and explanation of the gospel”.\*

We will reflect more on this “multiplicity of tasks” at our Season of Creation Service in Centenary on Sunday 28th September.

*\*Knowing the Creator and Caring for Creation: Aspects of a Truly Undivided Witness; Sage Journals 2025*

– Maureen Rowan Harvey

## 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.



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## CIRCUIT INTER-CHURCH FOOTBALL MATCH AT BUSHY PARK



*Centenary/Tallaght team 2024*

All male and female team members are invited to join a friendly football afternoon on **Saturday, 27th September, from 2:30–4:30pm** in **Bushy Park**.

It's **Dublin Korean Church & Rathgar vs. Centenary & Tallaght!**

There'll also be a short match for younger children at half-time and snacks for everyone after full-time.

To sign up, contact Andrew:

📞 083 152 0171

✉ [andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org](mailto:andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org)

## IN GOOD TIME – A SPECIAL EVENING AT RATHGAR

📅 Saturday 4th October, 7pm

📍 Rathgar Methodist Church

This is a date you'll want to mark in your diary! This year, Rathgar Methodist Church celebrates the 100th anniversary of the War Memorial Window and church extension. To honour the occasion, they've invited Rev. Harold Good to speak about his book, *In Good Time*.

Rev. Good, a retired Methodist minister, is widely respected for his role as a peacemaker in Northern Ireland, Colombia, the Basque Country, and beyond. Alongside Fr. Alex Reid, he was also a witness to the IRA decommissioning.

His book is widely available and makes for a real page-turner. Reading it beforehand will enrich the evening—and you might even persuade him to sign your copy!

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:billygiven115@gmail.com)

### **Forthcoming Services at 10.30am**

September 21	Service of Celebration of Local Preachers with Rev Andrew Kingston
September 28	Season of Creation service led by Maureen and Andrew
October 5	Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston
October 12	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 28	11.30 Rathgar Mrs Lesley Rankin
October 5	10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele
October 12	10.00 Tallaght Mr Erick Mwazonga

### **Text for Announcements**

Text for inclusion in the Announcements should be sent to [news@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie). The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

### **Stay Connected**

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