# **Methodist Centenary Church**

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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# **Announcements on 18th 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 21st September

Service of Celebration of Local Preachers with Rev Andrew Kingston



## 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."

### Bible Study - The Romans Course

Our next Bible Study series will be on **Wednesday, 24th September at 7:30pm**. We'll be exploring The Romans Course together. All are welcome to join! I highly recommend this 10 week course.

You'll find the course notes attached as a PDF. The Romans Course.pdf We encourage you to download them to save on printing. A limited number of printed copies will also be available for anyone who can't access them on a phone or printer.



### **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

A Need a lift? Let Andrew know!

### SANDFORD PARISH BUMPER BOOK SALE

Fri 26th Sept - Sun 28th Sept, 11am - 3pm

Sandford Parish is having a Bumper Book Sale from 11am - 3pm on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September. Admission is €20 and you can take home a pile of books.

There will be refreshments available too.



## Thought for the week

'Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body.' Romans 12:4

Our Bible study this autumn will be on the wonderful book of Romans. In that letter Paul was strongly emphasising unity in diversity.

I really enjoyed our day in Cleggan, Co. Offaly at The Ploughing yesterday. Five of us squashed into my little Mazda 2 and headed west. The weather was good. Parking in a field many miles from the venue worked well and saved sitting in traffic jams. The shuttle bus was efficient. Each brought their strengths to the team. Agbolade has a passion for praying with people, Monday has the gift of navigation through the vast site as well as gently talking with people, and Florence and Fatima were amazing at serving tea and coffee under the wonderful leadership of Bev and Rev Steven Foster. Our Circuit was well represented with Maureen, Yongnam and Sayjin also stepping up.



Monday met Presidential candidate Heather Humphries twice in two days. He was invited to meet her on Monday as an advocate for refugees, and when passing the Fine Gael stand, she was able to say with a smile 'I met you yesterday!' Highlights for me were conversations with Mohammad from Jordan, a member of the Arabic congregation that meets in Adelaide Road, meeting Maureen's brother Michael, a fantastic vegetable grower, and learning from Rev. Trevor

Gribben, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, that Heather Humphries plays the organ in one of their churches once a month. Some people have multiple gifts!

Back to the book of Romans. 'We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.' Romans 12:5-6a

- Rev Andrew Kingston

### **Prayer**

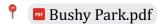


Inspire us Lord, and we study your word and enable us to use the gifts entrusted to us to your honour and glory.

Amen.

### CIRCUIT INTER-CHURCH FOOTBALL MATCH AT BUSHY PARK

📅 Saturday, 27th September, from 2:30–4:30pm





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:

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### 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!

### 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**

Our book choice for September was *The Figurine* by Victoria Hislop and it received mixed reviews. Our choice for October is *In Good Time* by **Rev Harold Good**.

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 <a href="mailto:sylviahroddie@gmail.com">sylviahroddie@gmail.com</a>

## **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 <a href="mailto:english@methodistcentenary.ie">english@methodistcentenary.ie</a>

### **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**

Rlease 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 <u>can not</u> 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 <u>billygiven115@gmail.com</u>

### Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

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

October 19 Service of worship with Jean 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 <a href="mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie">news@methodistcentenary.ie</a>. The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

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