

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 29th October 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 2nd November

Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

Active Prayer Friday, 7-8pm

Join us in praying for the church, the world and ourselves in Room 1

Sky's The Limit

Housing and homelessness issues in Ireland: Are there solutions?

Tuesday 4th November, 7:30pm, Room 1, Wesley House

We look forward to a participative session with Rory O'Ferrall leading us.

Friendly Room

The Friendly Room meets on Wednesdays in Room 1, Wesley House. 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.

Thought for the week

On Bank Holiday Monday I took the opportunity to walk up Kippure which at 2,434 feet is the 'top' of County Dublin and the 56th highest mountain in Ireland. Though the summit was in the clouds there was no chance of getting lost as a tarred road serves the RTE mast that makes Kippure so recognisable. I found it quite steep but was humbled by a cyclist who cycled past. Respect!

Romans Chapter 8 is a high point in the Bible. Andrew Ollerton puts it well. From this vantage point Paul looks back to our past (justification) and declares no condemnation. He considers how secure we are in the present as God's children (adoption), before finally looking ahead to a future hope of resurrection and new creation (glorification).



In the photograph, the elevation allowed for a longer view across to Greater Sugarloaf, Little Sugarloaf, peaks hidden from the lower slopes. Ollerton continues, 'This section of Romans 8 therefore gives a glimpse of our ultimate hope. When times are tough and suffering hits, knowing that a glorious future lies ahead can keep us going. We all engage in mental equations to determine whether present effort and cost is worthwhile. *Shall I keep going to the gym, be part of a church, complete a training course, stay faithful to my spouse?* Too often short sighted thinking means we quit early and regret it later.'

Prayer



Lord, we give thanks for the wonderful vista of Romans 8, and for the encouragement of knowing that 'our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.' Amen

Remembering 80 years of Christian Aid 1945-2025 Friday 7 November

Join us for a special evening to hear stories - personal, inspiring, sometimes surprising - told by a panel of CA supporters and staff in Ireland who will recall their experiences and significant moments in developing the humanitarian assistance and world development projects of Christian Aid. Stories and perspectives also invited from audience participants.

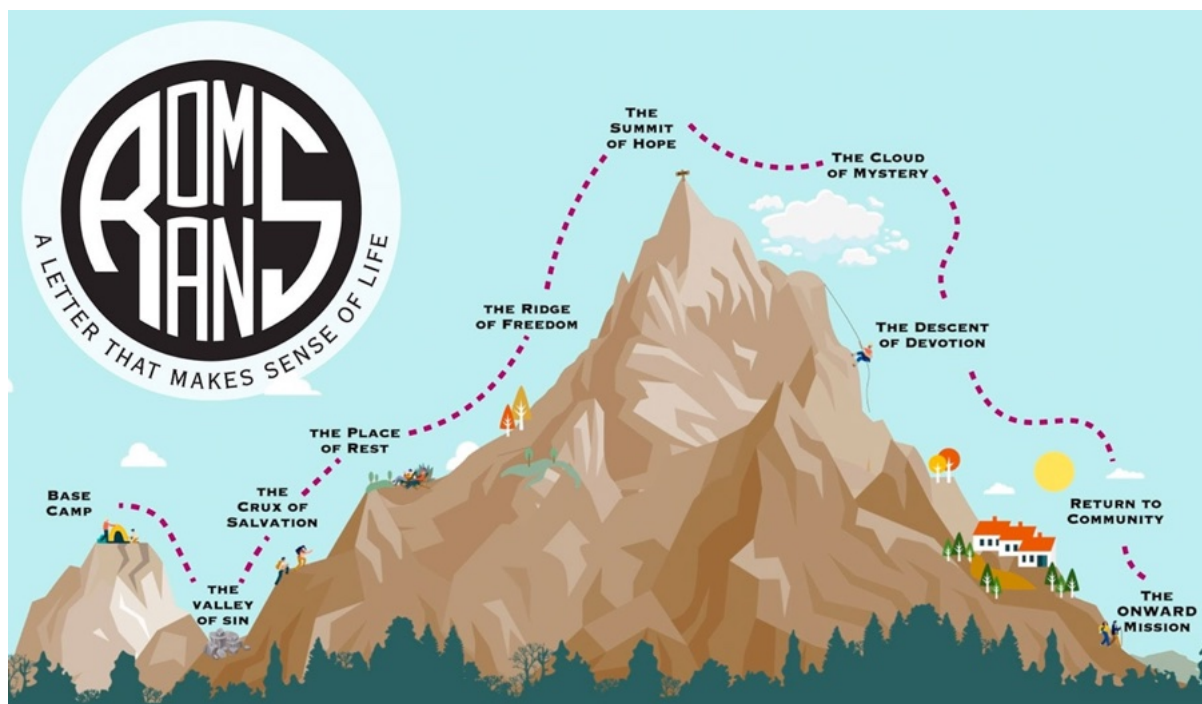
Panel members will include

- Geoffrey Corry and Dave Booth honouring the contribution made by Rev Alan Booth OBE as London Director of Christian Aid 1970-5.
- Rev John Parkin recalling his experiences as the first CA staff member in Ireland in the early 1970s.
- Gillian Kingston remembering her time as a Board member in the late 1980s and 2000s when negotiations to separate CAI from London were completed.
- Other contributions from Presbyterian and Church of Ireland supporters.
- The present CA Director, Rosamond Bennett.

To be held at Wesley House (Litton Hall) on **Friday evening 7th November at 7.30pm**. A tea/coffee reception and light refreshments will be available from 7pm onwards.

All are welcome. Register your attendance on the Christian Aid Ireland website

Bible Study – The Romans Course **tonight**



Bible Study tonight 7.30pm Room 1: The Romans Course. All are welcome to join us on this journey through the book of Romans. The summit of hope (Romans chapter 8).

CENTENARY ENTERTAINS

- a concert of piano music

'Bach Plus' - music by J.S. Bach and contrasting
composers including Rachmaninoff, Granados, Dett, Joplin and Nyman.

Saturday

NOVEMBER 1ST 2025

7PM. WESLEY HOUSE LEESON PARK DUBLIN

FREE ADMISSION CONCERT

(VOLUNTARY DONATIONS TO CHURCH FUNDS)

Featuring

Soo-Jung Ann, Brian McIvor, Sayjin Park,
Derek Seymour, Boon-Beng Shu, Julie Sim

with our compere Rose Henderson

Light refreshments provided during the interval

Strangers in a stranger land? Soldiers living in Ireland after the Great War.

Stephen Ferguson (author of *The Post Office in Ireland: an illustrated history*) will give an illustrated talk at 7.30pm on 11th November in Rathgar Methodist Church, Brighton Road, Dublin 6. Donations to church upkeep welcome. Tea and coffee will be served.

Centenary Coffee Morning



Book Club

Our book choice for October was *In Good Time* by Rev Harold Good and everyone agreed that it was a very good read. Our choice for November is *James* by Percival Everitt.

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

A Musical Journey



Advent in the Company of JS Bach

Presenter: Kieran J. O'Mahony OSA

Over four presentations, we will explore the Advent cantatas of JS Bach.

For each cantata, the single movements will first of all be explained and illustrated, followed by a complete performance of that particular cantata. Where appropriate, instrumental versions of the main tunes will conclude each presentation.

Full texts with English translations and musical examples will be provided.

Location: Lumen Dominican Centre, Blackrock, Co Dublin

Dates and time: four Fridays in November, **10.30 to 12.00.**

To reserve your place, please use the link below:

<https://lumenop.ie/product/advent-in-the-company-of-js-bach-kieran-j-omahony-osa/>

November 7	Cantata BWV 61 (Nun komm der Heiden Heiland)
November 14	Cantata BWV 36 (Schwingt freudig empor)
November 21	Cantata BWV 132 (Bereitet die Wege, bereitet die Bahn)
November 28	Cantata BWV 62 (Nun komm der Heiden Heiland)

Wesley Hockey

Congratulations to Daniel Lydon and Wesley College on their tremendous victory in the tournament hosted at Villiers School, Limerick. Sixteen teams from across the island of Ireland were in four 'pools' and Wesley were in with Bandon, Sullivan and the Royal Belfast Academical Institution (RBAI), topping the group with wins, 6-0, 4-0 2-0. On the next day they had a semi-final win against Wallace (feared) 2-0 and then met High School in the final, and won 3-0. Total 17-0 !!



Photo: Daniel Lydon with the Tasmanian Irish Hockey Trophy

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.

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

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

November 9	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
November 16	Service of worship with Mr Kevin Nam
November 23	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
November 30	Advent Sunday Holy Communion with Rev John Parkin

Local preachers

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

November 2	10.00 Tallaght Ms Mary Peters
November 9	10.00 Tallaght Mrs Gillie Hinds
November 23	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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