

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025

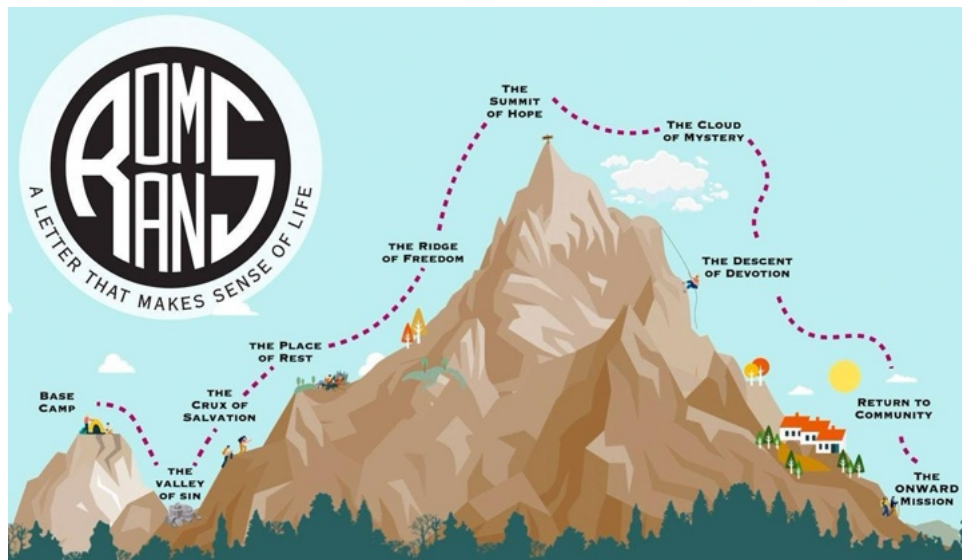
### Our Mission Statement

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 9<sup>th</sup> November

Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

### Bible Study – The Romans Course **tonight (Wednesday)**



**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 cloud of mystery (Romans chapters 9-11).

### **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.

### **Remembrance Sunday, 9th November**

Email photos of those that you wish to remember (including those who came home) to [andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org](mailto:andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org) or WhatsApp them to 0831520171

*'We will remember them'*

### **Thought for the week**



RTE Nationwide had a very lovely programme about Dublin Airport on Monday. A longstanding member of staff was asked to share her favourite moments. Without hesitation she replied that it is the homecoming of our peacekeepers as they are reunited with families. I am even emotional now as I view the picture of Comdt. Paul Conlon, from Roscommon who returned from a six month tour in Syria, being reunited with his children, Senan, Oisin and Saoirse; mother, Janice and wife Brenda. (Pic: Colin Keegan, Collins Dublin).

On Sunday we will remember many who never came home along with some of those who did. Those who died on the battlefields of the two world wars numbered about one in twenty of those who served. Yet many who did come home were broken and scarred. Others never spoke of the horrors they experienced. The Second World War saw a much greater number of civilian casualties. Sadly, having come through some decades of respect for international borders, that has now broken down ushering us into a period of bloody conflict in many countries and of a heightened anxiety for many others. We are pivoting away from seeing war through an historical lens.

Thank you to those who have already sent me photos of those that you will be remembering in a special way on Sunday. These will be displayed on PowerPoint. I would be grateful if others could email or WhatsApp me with other photos accompanied by names and rank, and other information so that we can remember them well, including those who came home. Remembering is important if we are not to repeat the mistakes of the past.

There are three significant events related to Remembrance that might be of interest (see above). All wars end, and the Second World War ended eighty years ago. It is no accident that the end of that war coincides with the founding of Christian Aid. The world was flooded with destitute refugees, and Churches united to bring aid, healing and wholeness. Now that is also worth remembering.

– Rev Andrew Kingston

## Prayer



God of justice and mercy, we cry out for a world where we all are treated as equals, where no one is oppressed, and dignity belongs to all people. Break the chains of injustice. Lift up the weak, humble, and the powerful. Make love our foundation. Let peace and justice flow like a river that never runs dry. Amen

Written by Peter Nasir, Christian Aid Partner  
General Secretary, East Jerusalem YMCA

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## Centenary Coffee Morning, 8th Nov



## Strangers in a Stranger Land? Soldiers living in Ireland after the Great War, 11th Nov

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.

## Active Prayer Friday 14th Nov, 7-8pm

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

National Climate Demonstration. Sat 15th Nov

**NATIONAL CLIMATE DEMONSTRATION**

**FaithS For Climate Action**



 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>  
November, gathering  
at **12.30pm** for  
interfaith prayer

 Garden of  
Remembrance

**JOIN US!**

**We will join the  
demonstration at 1pm  
and walk behind the  
"FaithS for Climate  
Action" banner.**

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TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

 Dublin City  
Interfaith Forum

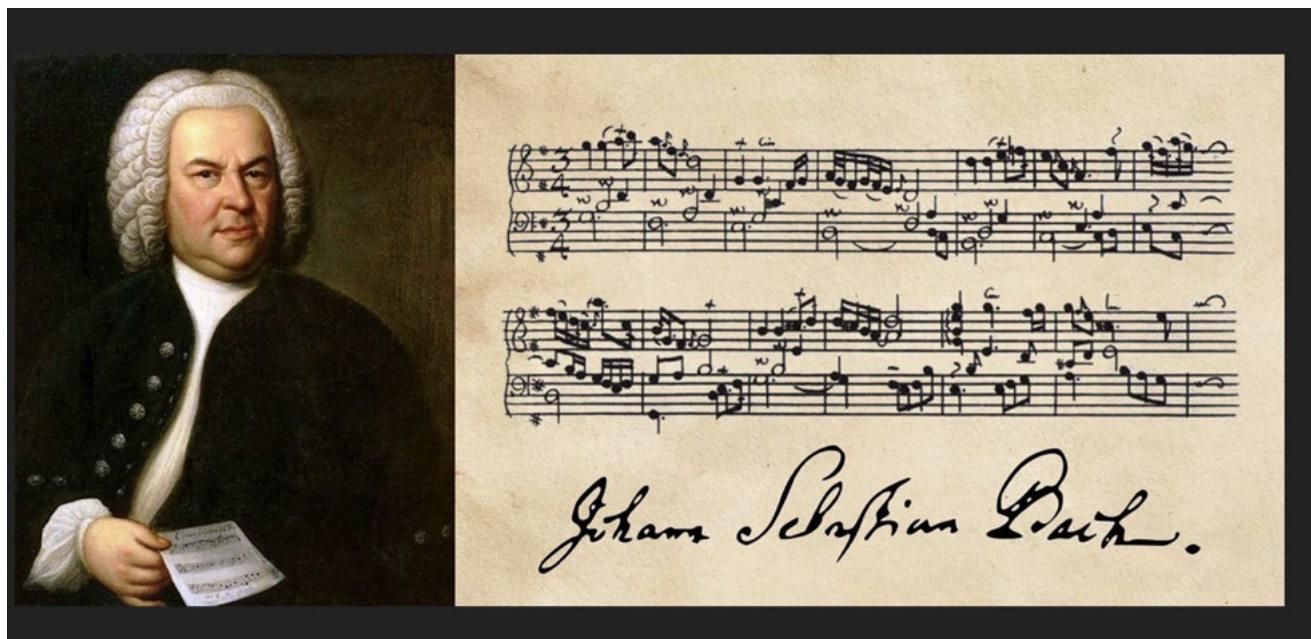
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MOVEMENT**  
Catholics for Our Common Home

## 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](mailto: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/>

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

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

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

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| 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 |
| December 7  | Service of worship with the Wardlow President     |

### **Local preachers**

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

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| November 9  | 10.00 Tallaght Mrs Gillie Hinds |
| November 23 | 11.30 Rathgar Mrs Lesley Rankin |
| November 23 | 10.00 Tallaght Moba Mwanzele    |

### **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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