

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 12th 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 16th November

Service of worship with Mr Kevin Nam

Active Prayer **Tonight**, Friday 7-8pm

Join us for Active Prayer, led by Erick Mwazonga in Room 1. We meet to pray for the world, the church and ourselves. All are welcome.

Sky's the Limit

Sky's the Limit continues on 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.

Thought for the week - Faith Communities and COP 30 in Brazil

We are seeing much media coverage this week of COP 30* which is happening in Belém, Brazil from 10th to 21st November.

Many faith communities are travelling to Belém, which can seem like an expensive waste, given the scepticism surrounding the event. The possibility of progress on climate action looks increasingly remote amid ever deteriorating geopolitics and the denouncement by Donald Trump of the climate crisis as a 'great hoax'. Yet, Guardian reporter, Fiona Harvey, who has been covering COPs for 19 years asserts that, unwieldy as they are, COPs are the *only* forum where the whole world gathers to talk about the climate crisis. They can be seen as the 'least worst' way of making progress. This COP 30 is regarded as a final rallying point for countries to deliver more ambitious 'Nationally Determined Contributions' (NDC), pledges on emissions cuts, plans for adaptation, climate finance and support for vulnerable developing countries.

For faith leaders, that delivery has to go beyond technology, politics and economics to include radical changes of lifestyle and transformation of human consciousness.

The Laudato Si Movement seeks to provide a moral counterpoint to NDCs, based on theological imperatives of creation care. It will bring its 'People's Determined Contributions' (PDC) to COP, stories of practical actions by people of faith and goodwill, taken where political commitments have stalled. Lorna Gold, Executive Director of Laudato Si' Movement, describes these as "the people's answer — a moral uprising for our common home."

Bishop Prof. Dr Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, of the World Council of Churches describes COP 30 as a "*kairos* moment that demands we choose transformation over destruction, solidarity over extraction, and life over profit..... This is not simply about transitioning to cleaner energy; it is about ecological *metanoia* - transforming our hearts, our economies, and our civilizations."

These moral and ethical challenges are far more difficult than recycling and switching the lights off. They bring us back to Romans which we are studying on Wednesday nights at Centenary, and "hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God " (8:21)

We can take that hope forward into action alongside other faith communities at this National Climate demonstration on Saturday 15th. MCI will be represented.

**The 30th Conference of the 'Parties', (197 States and the EU), who have agreed to participate in and be bound by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the overall goal of which is to "stabilise greenhouse gas concentrations at a level that would prevent dangerous human-induced interference with the climate system."*



NATIONAL CLIMATE DEMONSTRATION
FaithS For Climate Action

JOIN US!

Saturday 15th November, gathering at 12.30pm for interfaith prayer

Garden of Remembrance

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

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Dublin City Interfaith Forum

LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT Call to Action for Our Common Home

– Maureen Rowan Harvey

Prayer



Creator God, as the world turns its attention to the climate talks in Brazil, we pray for a spirit of wisdom and responsible leadership. Move the hearts of those in power to prioritize the conservation of our environment over profit and short-term gain. Help us all to embrace a transformation of heart, seeing the care of our common home as a sacred duty. May we work together with hope to set creation free from decay. Amen.

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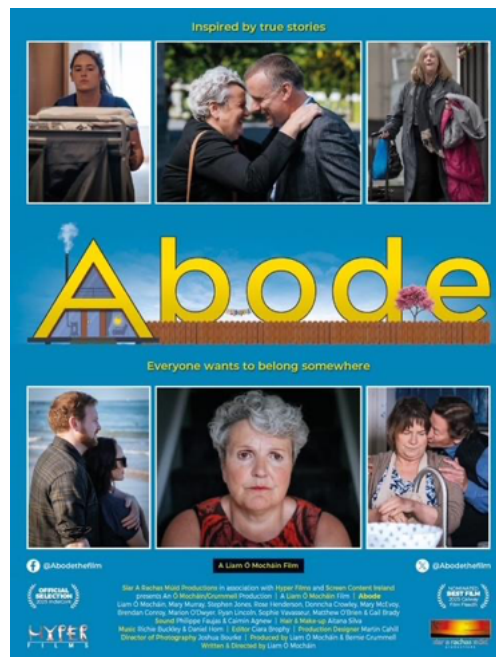
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ABODE Movie 🎬🍿

Given the recent church discussions/sermons on homelessness/ "they came home" /housing, some of the congregation may be interested in Rose Henderson(Seymour)'s (rosehendersonseymour@gmail.com) latest movie ABODE which is in cinemas at the moment. (IMC Dundrum, Tallaght, and Dun Laoghaire) Five stories on the meaning of home. Written and directed by Liam O'Mochain.



Thank You 🙌

Thank you to all who worked, supported and contributed to the Coffee morning on Saturday. Over €1300 was raised towards the reroofing of the Litton Hall, and a good time was had by all.



Book Club

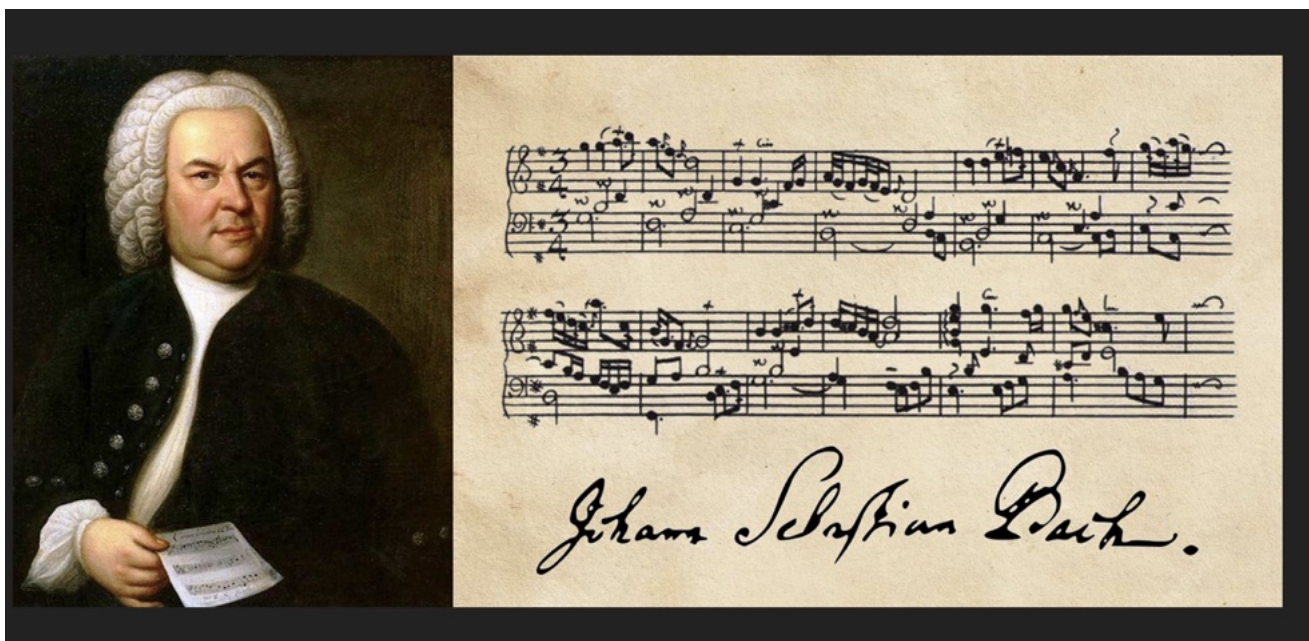
Our book choice for November was *James* by Percival Everitt and received mixed reviews. Our choice for December is *The Names* by Florence Knapp.

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 14 members and would be delighted to increase our numbers. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia on sylviahroddie@gmail.com

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.

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 Dubin

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 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)

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

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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 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
December 14 Service of worship with Lesley Rankin

Local preachers

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

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. The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

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