

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 14th January 2026

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.

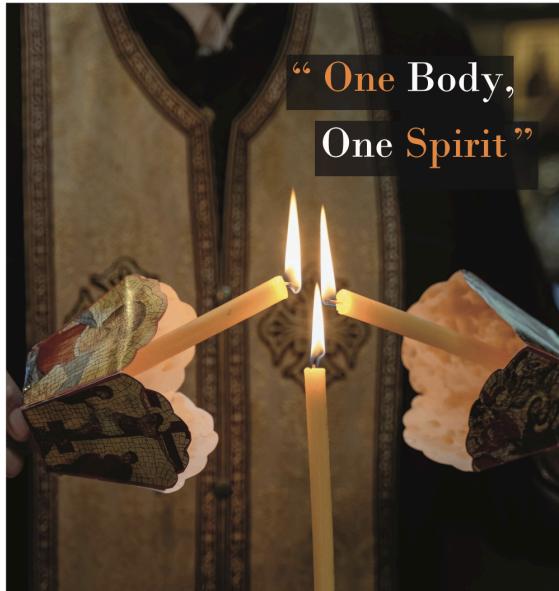
Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Don and to Ian Black on the death of their elder brother Gordon. '*The Lord is close to the broken hearted*'.

Sunday 18th January

10.30am: Morning worship, led by Jean Kingston.

8pm: Opening Service of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church Malankara House, Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown, Dublin 20, D20 VP97. We are delighted that the community of the Indian Orthodox Church under the leadership of Fr. Stanly David James are hosting us in their brand-new and beautiful church in Palmerstown. The liturgy has been prepared by the Armenian Apostolic Church and we welcome Bishop Hovakim Manukian, the Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Great Britain and Ireland to give the address. (see attached poster).



“One Body,
One Spirit”

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026
Opening Service Sunday 18th January at 8pm
at
St. Thomas Indian Orthodox Church
Malankara House, Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown, Dublin 20,
D20 VP97

This service has been organised by the Dublin Council of Churches. (dublincouncilofchurches.ie) Antiochian Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Church of Ireland, Greek Orthodox, Jacobite Syrian Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Religious Society of Friends, Roman Catholic, Romanian Orthodox, St. Thomas Indian Orthodox, Salvation Army

Tuesday 20th January, 1pm

Lunchtime Prayer Special for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in St. Finnian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road. You are invited to bring from your personal "treasure chest of faith" spiritual gifts (a prayer, a Scripture passage, a meditative text, a chant, a song, a silence, etc.) which we will share during the prayer in order to give witness to the manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit poured out in the Body of Christ for the healing and the building up of our broken community in Christ.

Wednesday 21st January, 7:30 pm

Tallaght Deanery Ecumenical Prayer Service, Held at Firhouse Roman Catholic Church, Ballycullen Avenue (D24 N5WC). *Speaker: Rev. Andrew Kingston.*

Sunday 25th January 10.30am

Armenian Christian Dr Paul Manook will be our guest preacher in Methodist Centenary in our closing service for the week of Christian Unity

Series Return: View from the Other Side – From Listening to Action

 **Tuesday, 27 January 2026, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

 **Online via Zoom**

Last autumn, Belfast South and Dun Laoghaire Methodist Churches listened as voices from the margins shared what life looks like to them. Now, they ask: *What can we do about what we heard?*

They invite you to the next phase of the series, as they move from listening to responding, starting with a focus on **Migrants**.

Join in to ignite your social conscience and put a human figure on our religious impulse.

- **Topic:** What can be done for/with Migrants?
- **Guest Speaker: Colin Flinn.** A former lawyer and advocate for the welfare of marginalized groups, Colin is deeply involved with the *Belfast City of Sanctuary*. Known for his lucid advocacy and outspoken integrity on issues of public life, Colin will help us probe for answers.

How to Join: Login details will be sent the week before each seminar. To sign up or request information, please email thinkingaloudseminar@icloud.com.

Save the Dates:

- **24 Feb:** What can be done for/with Persons with Disability?
- **24 Mar:** What can be done for/with the LGBTQI+ Community?



Thought for the week



This week I have been preparing to contribute a short talk at the Creation Care Conference in Newry on 17th January - outline at the back of the Announcements. The morning session has high-profile speakers on eco-theology, agricultural research, reconciliation ecology and government. In the afternoon, four of us 'ordinary folk' who work on the ground for climate action by faith communities will share our experiences. I took the topic of volunteering because I felt it was worth exploring the challenges it presents.

I have enjoyed the voluntary work I have been allowed to do for climate action in MCC in the past two years. It is encouraging to see that the combination of the efforts of the volunteers in the Refurbishment Group and what I have been able to add on by getting state grants has led to a significant reduction in emissions from gas usage, and cost reductions also.

In thinking about the subject of volunteering, I was keen to explore more about the dedicated work by congregation members in the past. I had fascinating conversations about the various eras since the burning of the church in 1968, the move to Leeson Park, the effects of the financial crash, the strategic approaches needed to secure funds for preservation of the buildings. Those conversations also led me to wonder how we can sustain volunteering for the challenges of the future. One of several devoted leaders in the move to Leeson Park was 35 years old and had three children at home when the church burned.

down. We would not want young parents nowadays to take on such all-consuming work. Nor would we expect their partners to carry all the family responsibility.

Thankfully, there are now ways to contribute that are not so disruptive to personal life. We may hate Zoom meetings but they allow people to attend with the camera off as they put their children to bed. It is a delight to see a two-year old arriving on a cargo bike with a parent getting things done at Wesley House. (We need better parking for cargo bikes – that's another project). What matters in the future, I feel, is flexibility in allowing talent and energy to flow through new channels, not always through the structures and committees that served us well in the past. In Corinthians 1:12 we read:

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."

– Maureen Rowan Harvey

Prayer



Lord, We come to You today seeking the quiet strength of humility. Teach us that true lowliness is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of You more—standing in awe of Your greatness and Your love. May our reverence for You be the foundation of our lives. Grant us the spiritual riches of Your presence, the honor of being called Your children, and the fullness of life that only You can give. In Jesus' name, Amen.

G.I.G.G.L.E.S

 Saturday 14th February, 9.30am - 1.15pm

 Thomas Street Methodist Church, Portadown



AN ALL IRELAND EVENT

 METHODIST CHURCHES OF IRELAND

 G.I.G.G.L.E.S

Girls In God, Growing, Learning, Eating & Sharing

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2026

JOY IN THE Conference Programme JOURNEY

A morning filled with laughter, creativity, and encouragement, growing together in faith and friendship.

THOMAS STREET METHODIST CHURCH, PORTADOWN
9.30AM TO 1.15PM

CREATIVE HEARTS. JOYFUL SOULS. ONE AMAZING JOURNEY.

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

Sky's the Limit

We will resume on Tuesday **3rd February 2026, 7.30 pm**

Room 1, Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park, D6

Ross Hinds will launch our 2026 discussions with the challenging question: ***The Universe – What do we know?***

Sky's the Limit continues on 3rd March 2026, and 5th May 2026 (no session on the Tuesday after Easter). Please save the dates.

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.

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.

Methodist Newsletter for 2026

The newsletter is published 10 times during the year and costs only 28 euro from Margaret Horner. Speak to Margaret if you would like to be a subscriber.

Book Club

Our book choice for December was *The Names* by Florence Knapp which received very high reviews. In January everyone is invited to talk about a book read over Christmas.

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

God's Storehouse in Tallaght

 Please put donations of non-perishable food in the basket in the Coffee Bar at Wesley House

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

January 25 Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

February 1 Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

February 8 Service of worship with Mrs Gillie Hinds

Local preachers

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

January 25 10.00 Tallaght Mrs Soyoung Min

February 1 10.00 Mrs Jean Kingston

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

 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 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 to Billy Given. You can contact him at billygiven115@gmail.com

Text for Announcements

Text for inclusion in the Announcements should be sent to news@methodistcentenary.ie. The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

Stay Connected

 **Email:** news@methodistcentenary.ie

 **Website:** www.methodistcentenary.ie

 **Whatsapp:** [Centenary Updates](https://chat.whatsapp.com)

Let Justice Flow Like Rivers": All-Island Creation Care Conference
Hosted by the Irish Council of Churches, the Inter-Church Meeting, and the Church leaders

Date: Saturday 17th January 2026

Location: Canal Court Hotel, Newry, Co Down

Time: 10.00am to 3.30pm (Lunch 13.00 – 13.45)

Booking: Tickets cost £10 and can be purchased at
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1870086843089?aff=oddtdtcreator>



Morning Session - Keynote speakers:

Dr Hillary Marlow, researcher, writer and tutor on theology and the environment, Girton College, Cambridge

Dr Jim McAdam, environmental and agricultural researcher in the government sector in Northern Ireland and Queens University, Belfast

Dr Gail Heffner, author of *Reconciliation in a West Michigan Watershed* and co-founder of Plaster Creek Stewards

Andrew Muir MLA, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, will attend, alongside a government representative from the Republic of Ireland.

Throughout the day, there will be discussion, prayer, reflection and music.

Further info from: info@irishchurches.org

Afternoon Session: "What contributions can and do churches make to Creation Care?"

An opportunity to hear about, and discuss, how the practical work of creation care is being done in local churches

Topics and Speakers:

Eco Congregation Ireland (ECI) – How Members are Contributing to Creation Care - Jim Farrell, Chair, ECI

Creation Care in a Minority Church – Roy Douglas, Moravian Church and Queen's University Belfast Emeritus Professor, School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and CSO of Catagen Ltd, a Net-Zero Technology Company

Measuring Impact of Creation Care in the Archdiocese of Dublin – Róisín Nic Cóil, Technical Project Manager

Volunteering for Creation Care - Experiences from Methodist Centenary Church (MCC), Dublin 6 - Maureen Rowan, Eco Congregation Coordinator at MCC

There will be a short Q&A after each presentation