

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

### New Church Directory

The new Church directory will be available on Sunday. This will be available on hard copy only and is confidential and for private circulation only.

## Thought for the week

Forty days and forty nights



*Photo: Flooding, Rathfarnham*

I joked on Sunday that the incessant rain was like the Biblical forty days and forty nights. Sadly that saturated ground was unable to soak any more water, and many are suffering the effects of the very heavy rain in the east of the country associated with Storm Chandra.

I had a brief conversation yesterday with one affected family, and came away inspired. The incident was turned into an adventure for their children. Affected neighbours are helping each other. There is an appreciation that it could have been worse for them but they expressed the utmost empathy for those for whose homes suffered more extensive damage. On this micro level it is great to see the grace of God in action.

However, on the macro level, there must be learnings for society as a whole. A one degree increase in global temperature is leading to a 7% increase in rainfall. That rain has to fall somewhere. We need to heed the experts. All have a part to play, be it by reducing the use of fossil fuels, the strategic planting of trees or providing spaces for water to soak away.

Also, think very carefully before lodging objections. My home town of Bandon (and our Methodist Chapel) were almost destroyed by repeated flooding. Objectors delayed flood alleviation works by years. The €30m scheme was completed in 2022 and Bandon is recovering from dereliction. The delay of the scheme in Enniscorthy due to the presence of the pearl mussel brings the cause of environmental protection into disrepute. Mussel beds would have recovered.

Back to the topic of the forty days and forty nights of rain. We read that, *'The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth and his heart was filled with pain.'* How is God feeling these days? Jesus too was moved to tears by the things that he observed, and it propelled him on his costly work of redemption.

The image of the dove of peace with the olive leaf is a symbol of peace in the midst of chaos. Take comfort that God still remembers and inclines his heart towards us.

*– Andrew Kingston*

## Prayer



Gracious God, we pray for those affected by rising floodwaters. As these waters abate, help them in all the practical tasks that lie before them. We pray for our government that you would grant them your speed for necessary flood relief schemes. We pray for a greater sense of urgency globally in caring for our common home. Equip modern day Noahs with the guidance and necessary tools for the serious tasks that lie ahead. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

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

 17 Saturday 14th February, 9.30am - 1.15pm

 Thomas Street Methodist Church, Portadown

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# 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.

## PIANO CONCERT

17 Friday 20th February, 7pm

📍 Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin



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Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin  
7pm Friday 20th Feb 2026

Órán Halligan

Soo-Jung Ann

Sin-seock Kim

Adults €12 / Children €5

“Music is the art which is most nigh to tears and memory.”

- Oscar Wilde

## Connect ... through English

17 Every Thursday, 10:30am - 12:00pm

📍 Room 1, Wesley House



Connect? Yes – the purpose of the Thursday morning gathering is to meet and connect with others who come to Ireland from all sorts of places, for all sorts of reasons.

We chat, in English, over a cup of tea or coffee, with the facilitators taking it in turn to lead the conversation.

We never know who might come and, over the last ten years, people have come from countries on all the continents, except maybe Australia.

It has been a privilege to meet everyone.

We gather on Thursday mornings in Room 1 between 10.30 and 12noon. If you might be interested in joining the facilitation team, please speak to one of us – Charles, Lesley, Liz, Lynne, Maureen, Roy and Sayjin.

If you are a relative newcomer to Ireland please come along – you will be most welcome.

We can be contacted at: [english@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto: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?*** Ross has said that no prior knowledge of science or mathematics will be needed!

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](mailto: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

February 8	Service of worship with Mrs Gillie Hinds
February 15	Service of worship with Dr Stephen Skuce
February 22	Service of worship with Fintan Lalor (Student Service)
March 1	Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

## Local preachers

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

February 1	10.00 Mrs Jean Kingston
February 22	10.00 Rathgar 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](mailto:billygiven115@gmail.com)

### 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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