

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 25<sup>th</sup> February 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> March

Sacraments of the baptism of Andrew James Teeling and Holy Communion

### Lunchtime Prayer

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 1pm, Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road.

### Sky's the Limit

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, 7.30 pm

Room 1, Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park, D6

### Recently Arrived in Ireland - what life is like for those of us who came to live in Ireland a short time ago.

Lynne Pasley will chair a panel discussion with members of our congregation and friends who have arrived recently in Ireland.

Sky's the Limit continues on 5th May 2026 (no session on the Tuesday after Easter). Please save the date.

### World Day of Prayer Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Our local service is at 11.00am in St Bartholemew's Clyde Road

The service was prepared by the women of the Nigerian WDP Committee.

## Thought for the week

### Put on the full armour



Many of us are still basking in the outstanding achievements of the Irish rugby team on Saturday. Like the student body above, the players were drawn from across the provinces and from the two jurisdictions that make up this island. Those who scored tries were rightly praised, but the match would not have been won without the outstanding defensive display. In the photo above Ulsterman Stuart McCloskey sprinted half the length of the pitch in order to intercept an almost certain intercepted try by Marcus Smith. Here he licks his lips as he closes in 😊. I laugh out loud each time I watch the YouTube link of the tackle.

Paul writing to the Ephesians calls us to 'Be strong in the Lord', and he illustrates this by itemising the armour worn by a Roman soldier... possibly the one who was guarding him while on house arrest in Rome at the time. Some of the items mentioned were for attack – the sword of the Spirit, feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. Satan is real and we need to take the fight to the spiritual forces of darkness that are causing such misery in the world today.

However the defensive items are of equal importance. During these days of Lent, 'Take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one'.

In the life of the individual, and of the church, maintenance and mission are two sides of the same coin.

### Prayer

Dear God, help us to stand our ground in the secret place of prayer this day, with the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness and helmet of salvation in place - and the sword of the Spirit at the ready so that we can share the gospel of peace. Amen.

### Lenten Bible studies

***Just Like Jesus*** Lenten Bible Studies, commenced on Ash Wednesday, 7.30pm, (18<sup>h</sup> Feb.) for six weeks. These short studies from Max Lucado's book, *Just Like Jesus* should help us draw nearer to our Saviour as we approach Holy Week. 'God loves you just way you are, but he refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be just like Jesus'. We will also spend some time praying for countries where the persecution of Christians is fiercest using the Open Doors Worldwatch list for 2026.

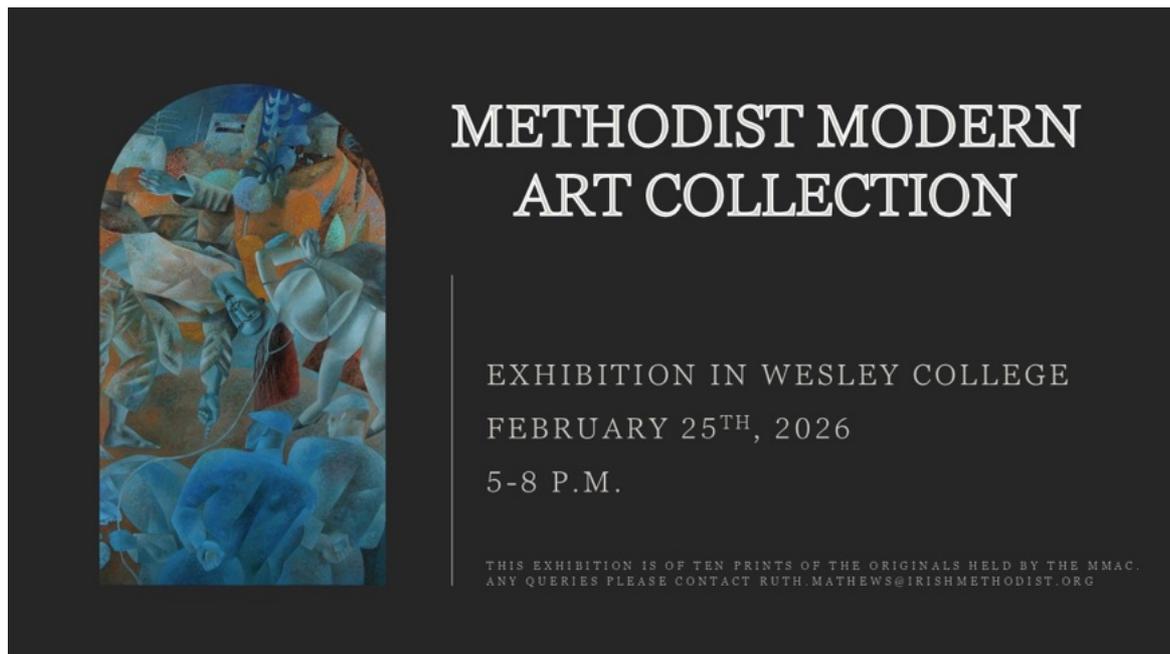
## Thank you

It was a real joy and inspiration to be led by our students on Sunday. Especial appreciation must be conveyed to Fintan Lalor who coordinated the service and preached a challenging message from the readings set for the first Sunday in Lent. I include the names so that we can pray for each by name.



Rev Andrew Kingston, Sydney Kennedy Sharpe (south Wicklow), Anne Venables (Cork), Cindy Bii (Kenya), Fintan Lalor (Kildare), Rachel Wood (Cork), Ayanda Malinga (Eswatini) Macie Walker (Donegal), Luke Walshe (Laois), Amélie O'Kelly (Waterford), Conor Lewis (Down), Seraphina Emerson (Cork), Benny Moise (Romania), Tim Mullaney (west Co. Dublin), MCI

**This afternoon 5.00 to 8.00pm**



**METHODIST MODERN  
ART COLLECTION**

EXHIBITION IN WESLEY COLLEGE  
FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
5-8 P.M.

THIS EXHIBITION IS OF TEN PRINTS OF THE ORIGINALS HELD BY THE MMAC.  
ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT RUTH.MATHEWS@IRISHMETHODIST.ORG

# ORGAN RECITAL



Join us to celebrate International Women's Day  
**ON SUNDAY 8th MARCH AT 4pm**  
with an organ recital presented by  
Rathfarnham Parish Church, Main Street, Rathfarnham.

The very accomplished and established organists,  
**PATRICE KEEGAN** and **CAROLE O'CONNOR**,  
will play works appropriate to the occasion.

*Tickets €15 / €10 concessions to include refreshments afterwards.*



International Women's Day

## Safeguarding training and Garda vetting for youth work

Room 1, Wesley House Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 7-9.15pm with Nicky Blair, Connexional Safeguarding Officer

We have accepted a generous offer of an Exodus Team (4 adult leaders and approximately 8 young people) who will lead a summer scheme with us from the 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026. We are asking that all involved in youth work within the congregation attend the training, even if you have done the course before. It is a requirement that it is refreshed every three years. Come early to fill in your Garda vetting forms. The Exodus Week will involve the whole Circuit. Please speak to Andrew if you are willing to help with any aspect of the programme, be that involvement in activities, or the dropping off of meals to Wesley House for our guests. They will be living in our student accommodation for the week.

## Governance Meetings

Church Council: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm, Room 1

Circuit Executive, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm, Rathgar

## Wesley Pilgrimage

*Wesley Pilgrimage*

**Tuesday 30 June – Sunday 5 July 2026**

**Travel:** by boat (Dublin – Holyhead) and coach

**Accommodation:** Cliff College (Peak District), Travelodge (Bath, Windsor) and Premier Inn (Lichfield)

**Guide:** Dr Stephen Skuce

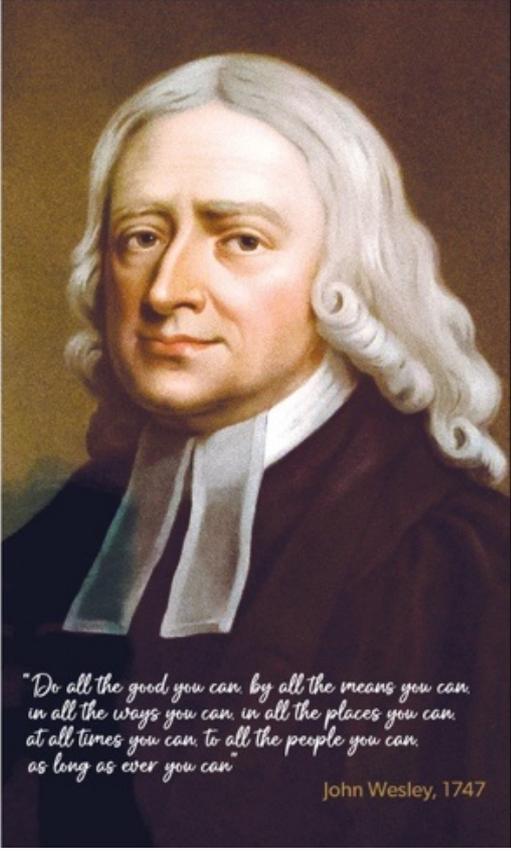
**Leaders:** Gillian Kingston (Tipperary), Rev Andrew Kingston (Dublin)

This pilgrimage will involve guided walking tours in Epworth Old Rectory, Oxford, Bristol, London, and more – exploring the places that shaped John and Charles Wesley and the Methodist movement. Along the way, you'll grow in spiritual formation, connect with the roots of our Wesleyan faith, and share in community.

**Cost:** €850 (single supplement + €115). Concessions available if required. Deposit of €100 secures.

**For a booking form and full itinerary email**  
[andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org](mailto:andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org)

**40 places, closing date for bookings, 15 May 2026**



*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can"*

John Wesley, 1747

When booking, please put your name in the payee section of the bank transfer, insert 'Wesley Pilgrimage' as payee message and send the completed application form to [Andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org](mailto:Andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org)

## Book Club

Our book choice for February was *What we Left Unsaid* by Winnie M Li and proved to be a popular choice. Our choice for March is *None of this is Serious* by Catherine Prasifka.

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)

## Church Walk

10.30am, Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> March

This may seem foolhardy. Valentia in Co. Kerry has had rain for 46 consecutive days. Still, this walk led by Eric Rankin looks lovely. Meet at Wesley House for a 5k loop walk from Ballymore Eustace through woods by the Liffey, Poulaphouca Reservoir and Blessington lakes. We will invite our friends from Leeson Lodge etc.

## Bookings for Castlewellan Holiday Week 2026 are now open!

Check out the new booking system on our lovely updated website. You can now book and pay all in one go! If you missed out on a caravan pitch for the forest park, you can book the Carrigs Road site from our website too. And while you're on the website, you can find information on our speakers this year. Check back over the next few months for more information. Lastly – please take a look at the attached **video** taken on our 40th anniversary last year. Feel free to share it, to give people a glimpse into all that goes on at Castlewellan Holiday Week! So **click the link below, get booking and start your countdown to 1st August!** <https://www.castlewellanholidayweek.org/booking>

*Laurence Graham (Chair)*

## 'Compelled' - A Daily Devotional for Lent:

'For the love of Christ compels us.' – 2 Corinthians 5:14

Lent is a season for thought and reflection as we journey towards Easter; a time when we can examine ourselves and invite God to bring transformation afresh to our lives.

This Lent, we are inviting everyone to join us daily on a 46-day journey (Wednesday 18 February – Sunday 5 April, 2026). In the Scripture passages and reflections prepared, we want to explore the nature of Jesus and how he transformed the lives of all those he encountered; taking to heart the challenge of how we are to live well for Christ in this world.

To aid us, we've invited voices and thoughts from people across our Connexion and beyond to dwell in the Gospel stories of Jesus.

A [pdf of the booklet](#) is available – this can be printed out or used on your digital device, whichever you find more accessible.

As an alternative, but with the same content, [a daily audio podcast](#) will also be available (through our 'Living Wholeheartedly' Podcast channel) – Listen out for some familiar voices!

**For full details visit: [irishmethodist.org/lent](http://irishmethodist.org/lent)**

## 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.

## 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.

## God's Storehouse in Tallaght

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

## Connect ... through English

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

 Room 1, Wesley House

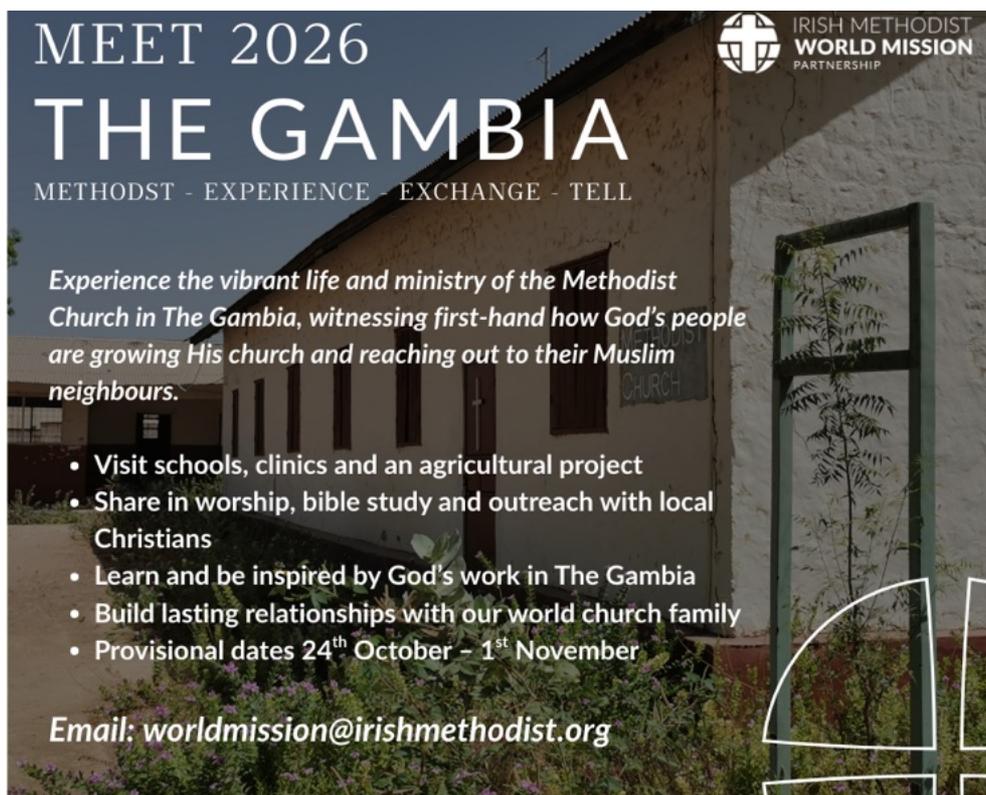


Connect? Yes – the purpose of the Thursday morning gathering is to meet and connect with others who come to Ireland from all sorts of places, for all sorts of reasons. We chat, in English, over a cup of tea or coffee, with the facilitators taking it in turn to lead the conversation.

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)



**MEET 2026**  
**THE GAMBIA**  
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*Experience the vibrant life and ministry of the Methodist Church in The Gambia, witnessing first-hand how God's people are growing His church and reaching out to their Muslim neighbours.*

- Visit schools, clinics and an agricultural project
- Share in worship, bible study and outreach with local Christians
- Learn and be inspired by God's work in The Gambia
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**Email: [worldmission@irishmethodist.org](mailto:worldmission@irishmethodist.org)**

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## Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

March 8	Service of worship with Rev John Parkin
March 15	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
March 22	Service of worship with Mr Rodney Goodwin, District Lay Leader
March 29	Service of worship 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 15	10.00 Tallaght Ms Mary Peters
February 22	10.00 Rathgar Mrs Jean Kingston
March 1	10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele
March 15	14.00 Korean Church Mrs Jean Kingston
March 29	10.00 Tallaght Mrs Gillie Hinds

## 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 almost €20,000 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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