

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 4th March 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 8th March

Service of worship with Rev John Parkin

Active Prayer Meeting, 7-8pm, 6th March

This is a form of active prayer where we move around, and pray in unison may not be familiar to some, but it is powerful, and when we participate wholeheartedly we wonder where the hour went. All Welcome.

World Day of Prayer Saturday 7th March

Our local service is at 11.00am in St Bartholemew's Clyde Road (followed by refreshments).
The service was prepared by the women of the Nigerian WDP Committee.

Governance Meetings

Circuit Executive, Monday 9th March 7.30pm, Rathgar

Church Council for 2026

Any member of the Church Council may be approached to bring suggestions or issues of concern to our meetings, which normally occur on the first Monday of March, June, September and December (with the exception of the June meeting which is brought forward a week to avoid the Whit Weekend Bank Holiday).



Front from left: Lesley Rankin (ex-officio, Circuit Steward), Meriel Rankin, Valentine Kegeha, Sylvia Roddie (Secretary), Maureen Rowan.

Back, from left: Monday Egbowon, Andrew Kingston (Minister), Alan Perry (Treasurer), Erick Mwazonga, Rory O'Ferrall.

Missing from the photo: Don Black (Society Steward), Katy Horner, Craig Rankin (Manse Steward (ex-officio)).

Thought for the week

Building security

Our wonderful Saviour said, 'Peace I leave with you... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid' (John 14:27). Many things can disturb our peace - illness, circumstances, war, climate change... we live in a chaotic and volatile world, and we do our best to create a safe space in Wesley House where we can meet, worship, socialise and learn. There is the crux. How do we maintain both a welcoming and a safe space? In the last few weeks we have had a number of men who disturbed the peace of this space. We are conflicted. We want to be kind, but we don't have the specialised facilities or expertise to help these various needs, specifically alcoholism, mental illness and homelessness.

Our Church Council discussed this matter with great sensitivity. We thank God that there are services in the city that we can direct people to. The Mendicity Institute and Merchant's Quay Ireland both provide laundry facilities, showers and toiletries. Merchant's Quay Ireland and also The Light House, Pearce Street provide hot food. There are sheets on top of the Book Case inside the main door with the addresses and phone numbers of these services so that we can redirect people. These charities deserve

our support. Personally I prefer to give to these organisations than handing out cash but that is a personal decision.

The Garda have been very helpful and our local Donnybrook Station is particularly good. Community Garda Barry Duffy Finn and his colleague Paul toured the building yesterday and will include us on their rounds. They emphasised that we shouldn't hesitate to call 999, and to de-escalate rather than confront (do as I say and not what I do!).

We are suggesting the following steps:

- Remove outdoor seating for the time being.
- Door Stewards to appoint a marshal and equip them with a high viz vest to de-escalate and redirect intruders to places that offer food/wash facilities. Fliers will be on top of the book case. We will gather a few of our younger men for instruction. If a person refuses to leave the premises phone 999 and request Garda. Give the Eircode of Wesley House, D06 N5P0, (or for Student Residence, D06 KD63).
- The Sunday club will switch inside the door to exit only. Any other users will have to pass the stewards.
- When there is sparse usage, press exit only on the outside door, and install an internal doorbell. There will be times when there will be no access to the building without a fob.

– Andrew Kingston

Prayer



Loving God who brings a peace that passes understanding, we give thanks for the peace that you bring to our troubled hearts. We pray for the hospitals and services in our city. Help us to support them as together we seek to share the healing and wholeness that only you can give, we pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Amen.

Lenten Bible studies, Wednesdays, 7.30pm, Room 1

Just Like Jesus Lenten Bible Studies, commenced on Ash Wednesday, 7.30pm, (18th 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.

International Women's Day

 17 Friday 8th March, 4pm
 Rathfarnham Parish Church,
Main Street, Rathfarnham.



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.

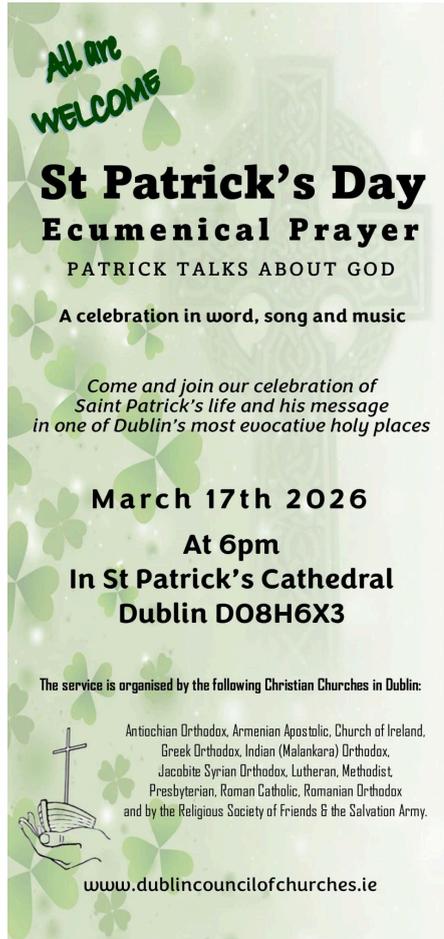


 International Women's Day

St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Prayer

 Friday 6th March, 6pm

 St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin



The poster features a green background with a faint image of a cathedral and a large shamrock. At the top left, the text 'ALL ARE WELCOME' is written in a green, hand-drawn font. The main title 'St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Prayer' is in a large, bold, black font. Below it, 'PATRICK TALKS ABOUT GOD' is in a smaller, black font. A line of text reads 'A celebration in word, song and music'. A quote follows: 'Come and join our celebration of Saint Patrick's life and his message in one of Dublin's most evocative holy places'. The date and time are 'March 17th 2026 At 6pm'. The location is 'In St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin D08H6X3'. A list of participating churches is provided, along with a small illustration of a hand holding a cross. The website 'www.dublincouncilofchurches.ie' is at the bottom.

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PATRICK TALKS ABOUT GOD

A celebration in word, song and music

Come and join our celebration of Saint Patrick's life and his message in one of Dublin's most evocative holy places

March 17th 2026
At 6pm
In St Patrick's Cathedral
Dublin D08H6X3

The service is organised by the following Christian Churches in Dublin:

Antiochian Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Church of Ireland, Greek Orthodox, Indian (Malankara) Orthodox, Jacobite Syrian Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Romanian Orthodox and by the Religious Society of Friends & the Salvation Army.

www.dublincouncilofchurches.ie

Safeguarding training and Garda vetting for youth work

Room 1, Wesley House Tuesday 31st 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 12th – 19th 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.

Wesley Pilgrimage

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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

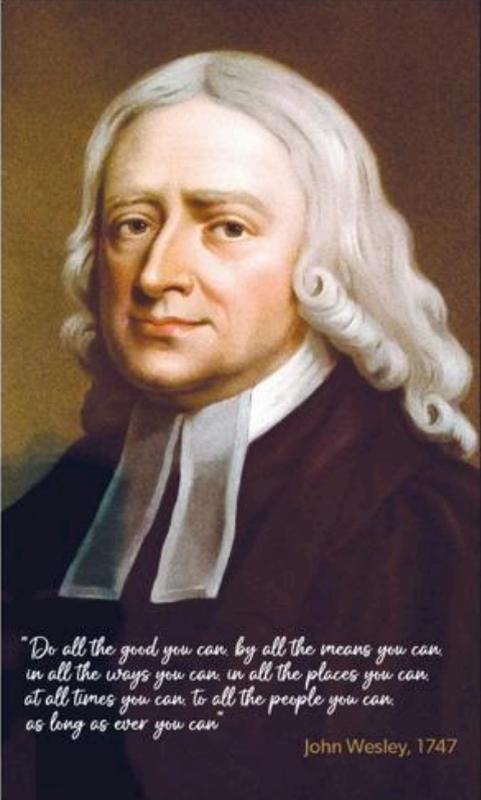
Leaders: Gillian Kingston (Tipperary), Rev Andrew Kingston (Dublin)

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

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

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

Church Walk

Loop walk at Ballymore Eustace, Co. Wicklow

Meeting at Wesley at 10.30am on Saturday 21st March for the drive to Ballymore Eustace. The walk of approximately 5/6km should take 1 ½ to 2 hours. We will finish at a local coffee shop but do feel free to bring your own picnic and wet gear. Good footwear is essential.

Eric Rankin

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

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

 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.

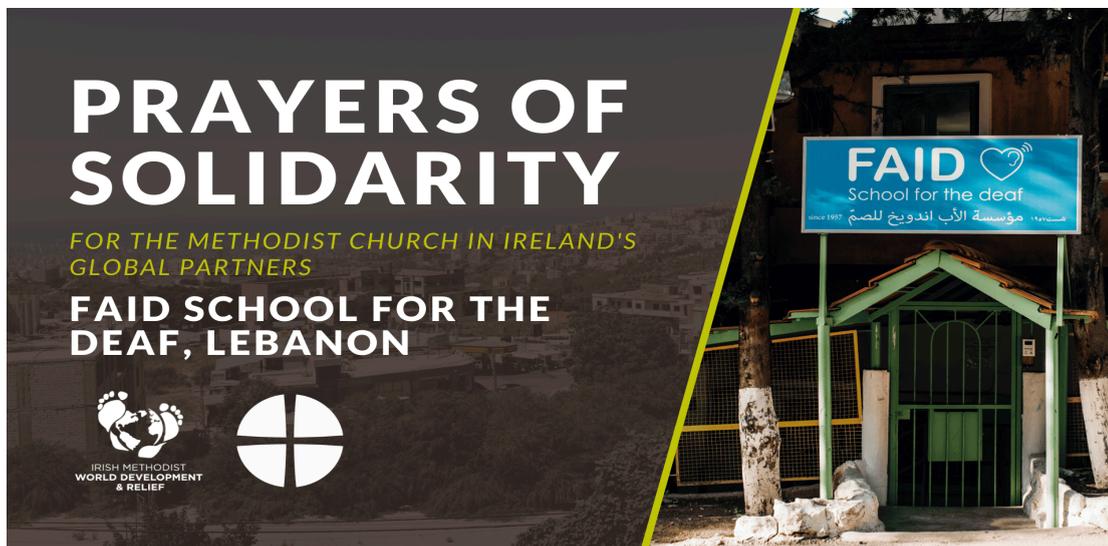
If you are a relative newcomer to Ireland please come along – you will be most welcome. We can be contacted at: english@methodistcentenary.ie

Sky's the Limit

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

Prayer of Solidarity: FAID School for the Deaf, Lebanon

This month, please join us in praying for our WDR partner FAID School for the Deaf in Lebanon. Find the prayer [here](#)



MEET 2026 THE GAMBIA

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IRISH METHODIST
WORLD MISSION
PARTNERSHIP

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
- Build lasting relationships with our world church family
- Provisional dates 24th October – 1st November

Email: worldmission@irishmethodist.org

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

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
April 5	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:

March 15	14.00 Korean Church Mrs Jean Kingston
March 29	10.00 Tallaght Mrs Gillie Hinds
April 5	11.30 Rathgar Rev John Parkin

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

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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 Website: www.methodistcentenary.ie

 Whatsapp: [Centenary Updates](#)