

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 1<sup>st</sup> April 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.

### Holy Week events

**Tonight, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 6.30pm**

United Passover/Seder and light meal, Tallaght Methodist Church.

### Good Friday

- **12md:** Ecumenical Way of the Cross. See poster on the next page.
- **3pm:** Good Friday Service. (It has been some years since we have gathered in the Litton Hall for a Good Friday service. It seems imperative to gather in worship and prayer this year as the world witnesses the cruelty of war and our hearts seek the peace of God that surpasses all understanding).
- **7-8pm:** Active Prayer, an opportunity to strive in prayer with Monday, Erick, Agbolade and others.

### Easter Sunday


- **7am: Sunrise Service,** Ticknock Forest (beside the masts) at 7:00 am followed by sausages, cereal and toast in the church kitchen. Car access available.
- **11am: Three days that changed the world.** Our United Circuit Praise Service in the Centenary Hall. See poster on following pages.

### Holidays

Rev Andrew Kingston will be on holidays for the week after Easter. Rev Dr John Parkin is available if required.

Holy Trinity Church of Ireland, Rathmines  
 Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church, Rathmines  
 St. Finian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road  
 Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park  
 Christchurch Rathgar, Presbyterian Church

# Ecumenical Way of the Cross



## GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026  
 12.00-2.00pm  
 Start in front of  
 St. Finian's Lutheran Church  
 24, Adelaide Road, D02XP21

# 3 EASTER DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

An Easter morning celebration service  
 of reflection and rejoicing through song,  
 music and word as we turn our thoughts to  
 Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park, Dublin 6  
 Sunday 5th April 2026 at 11.00am

Join with our music ensemble as we sing together,  
 and as we listen together to the story that changed  
 the world and is still changing lives today

<p>Blessed is he that comes          in the name of the Lord          Hosanna in the highest  <i>(Matthew 21: 9)</i>          Rev Des Bain</p>	<p>No one has greater love          than to give up one's          life for one's friends  <i>(John 15: 13)</i>          Rev Andrew Kingston</p>	<p>He is not here, he has          risen, come and see the          place where he lay  <i>(Matthew 28: 6)</i>          Rev Andrew Dougherty</p>
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Music contributions include: Rejoice Gospel Choir, Soo-Jung Ann (*piano*),  
 Sin-seock Kim (*piano*), Dublin Korean Ensemble, Hyelee Jeong (*soloist*), Kevin Nam (*soloist*)  
 Sunday School and Story Time available for younger children during the service  
 Retiring offering • Light refreshments will be served after the service

## Thought for the week

### Sifted?



Ministers often get asked questions like, 'Was Judas responsible for his actions as they were preordained by God?' It is a question that can only be answered through the light that scripture gives us. For example take this reference from Acts 4:27 *'Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.'* Satan clearly played a leading role in the crucifixion, corrupting Judas, puffing up Pilate with pride and fear, bolstering him through Herod, stirring up a mob, causing cruel soldiers to just follow orders... and then go beyond their commands in punching, spitting and slapping. Now note in verse 28 that the early Christians praised God that those responsible for Christ's death did what God had decided should happen. In his most daring attempt to frustrate God's plan – Satan defeated himself and performed the deed which was God's provision for our redemption. Evil always out-does itself. God can use Satan's actions to sift, purify, build resilience and extend his love and mercy. Satan is using all sorts of people these days. Each will have to stand before the judgement seat of Christ and give account for their actions, whether good, or bad. We are still accountable for our actions.

God isn't a helpless bystander. He is inspiring people in every walk of life to bring kindness and hope into all the desperate situations that we are facing these days. We can either stand for righteous and justice or go along with the mob. Simon Peter was in that position. Jesus said to him, *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail"*.

### Prayer



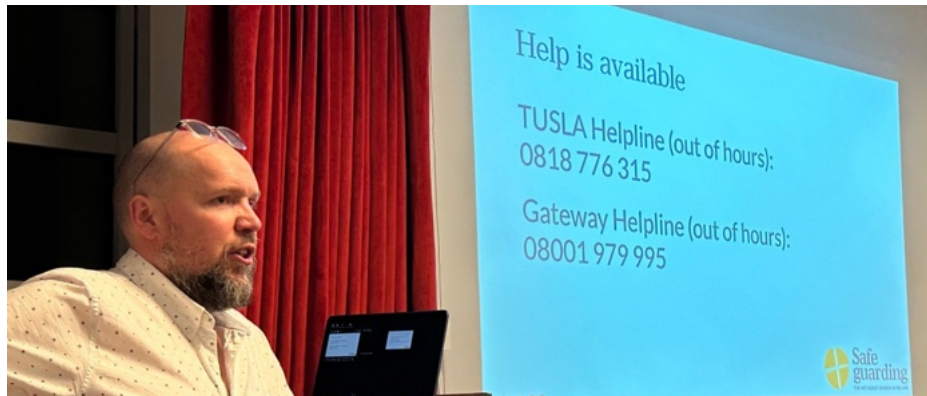
Father God, I praise you for your mysterious ways, and the salvation that we enjoy because of it. Pray for us Lord Jesus, that our faith will not fail. Guide us that we might act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you'. Amen

### World Mission Partnership — Container Ministry **date extended**

Please find below a request from the container ministry regarding items they have been asked for across the world. Normally, they get more donations than they need, but this time they have containers sitting with nothing to go in them. Please prayerfully consider if there is anything you could donate.

Rev Andrew and Jean have very kindly offered the manse as a collection point. Please ring them on 0831520171 to arrange drop off, or bring your item/s to church next Sunday and we will arrange for delivery to the manse at 7 Butterfield Court, Rathfarnham, D14 N6X3. (Note, sometimes the eircode takes people onto a private lane. Turn right onto Butterfield Court soon after turning into Butterfield Crescent).

The closing date for donations was 27th March, but this has been extended a little.



## Safeguarding training

It was great to see a good turn out to the safeguarding training last night. We appreciate the Connexional Safeguarding officer (photo) Nicky Blair who took us through the rather intense material in an engaging way, and our Designated person for the start made on renewing Garda vetting forms. There were 27 people present from all four Societies on the Dublin South City Circuit. This bodes well for the Exodus Week (12th – 19th July) and other youth work undertaken on the Circuit. For those working with children, adults or vulnerable adults within our churches, this training needs to be undertaken every three years. It is always good to be refreshed. Here are a few of the take-aways.

- Concerns should be written up (preferably hand written), signed and dated and acted upon without reasonable delay (same day if possible).
- If someone wants to share something in confidence and asks for secrecy, this cannot be assured. If what is being shared involves harm to someone we may have to pass it on.
- No under 18s from our youth groups should be on our phone contacts unless on a church related group chat that includes other leaders.
- Help is available (see photo).

Our Designated Person is Lesley Rankin, telephone 085 741 1200

## Leeson Park Players.

Leeson Park Players has kindly agreed that tickets for the production of *Judgment at Nuremberg* by Abby Mann on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April are to be sold in aid of Christian Aid. If you buy tickets from Karen Pasley, the entire ticket price will go to Christian Aid. Karen will be selling tickets in church on Sunday 12th April. Tickets may also be reserved by email to [karen\\_pasley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:karen_pasley@yahoo.co.uk)

## Litton Hall roof

The roof of the Litton Hall will be refurbished starting on 5<sup>th</sup> May. The work should be complete in September. Funding for the project is from a number of sources, including funds from the sale of Arranmore Road manse, grants from the Benefact Trust, and from Dublin City Council as well as from our roof fund accumulated from many concerts and fund raising events. Many thanks are due to Frank Harvey who is managing the project on our behalf.

## Book Club

Our book choice for March was *None of this is Serious* by Catherine Prasifka and received mixed reviews. Our choice for April is *Christine Falls* by John Banville which is the One Dublin One Book choice for 2026.

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)

## 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](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)

## Sky's the Limit

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


## Monthly Morning Holy Communion

There is normally 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. Rev Andrew Kingston will be on holidays for the week after Easter. Therefore there will be no mid-week communion next Wednesday.


## 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)

## Holy Week Oratorio Concert

 Wednesday, 1st April, 7.30pm

 Sandford Parish Church, Ranelagh



**The Passion According to St Mark**  
by Irish composer Charles Wood (1866–1926)

**7.30pm, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026**  
**Sandford Parish Church, Ranelagh**

Stuart Kinsella (Evangelist)  
Donncha McDonagh (Jesus)  
Sandford & St Philip's Choral Union & Scholars  
Peter Barley (Organ)

*Admission free, with retiring collection*

## International Workshop on Contemporary Church Music

17 1st to 3rd May, 2026

St. Finian's Lutheran Church,  
24 Adelaide Road, D02XP21



### Governance meetings

Tuesday 14th April, 10.30am: Student Residence Committee, Room 1

### Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

April 12 Service of worship with Mr Rodney Goodwin, District Lay Leader  
April 19 Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston  
April 26 Service of worship with Mrs Lesley Rankin

### Local preachers

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

April 12 10.00 Tallaght Mrs Lesley Rankin  
April 12 11.30 Rathgar 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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