

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 8th 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.

Sunday 12th April

Service of worship with Mr Rodney Goodwin, District Lay Leader

Leeson Park Players **next week.**

Leeson Park Players present
**JUDGMENT
AT NUREMBERG**
BY ABBY MANN
Directed by John Hurley
Centenary Hall, Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6
Thursday 16th April, Friday 17th April, Saturday 18th April
starts 8pm Tickets €15 adults, €10 concessions
Book Your Tickets on www.leesonparkplayers.com
This amateur production of JUDGMENT AT NUREMBERG is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

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

Thought for the week

During the celebration of 'Three Days that Changed the World' on Easter Sunday at Centenary we felt truly blessed with the gifts that were shared. The Ministers' messages on victory of life over death, hope over despair, and the promise of new beginnings were intensified and made visceral by the talent of the instrumentalists, soloists, choir and praise group. Afterwards, there was warmth and fellowship as our diverse, intergenerational community enjoyed the hospitality provided by the Korean Church. Moving from this fellowship back to the wider world, it was harder to radiate Easter joy.

I have a habit of listening to radio and podcasts while I cook. On Sunday, I was disturbed by the discussion of how Pete Hegseth, US self-styled Secretary for War, had violated biblical language and core Christian tenets of atonement and forgiveness with his prayer for "overwhelming violence of action against those who deserve no mercy". But, by contrast, I also heard, Astronaut Victor Glover, speaking from the Artemis II, more than a quarter of a million miles from earth as he encouraged people, regardless of religious belief, to use Easter as a moment to reflect on connection and coexistence. "This is an opportunity for us to remember where we are, who we are... and that we've got to get through this together," he said. Between these two extremes of darkness and light, I heard another discussion with Nóirín Ní Riain, the singer and theologian. She emphasised the cosmic significance of Easter and its timing on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. The alignment of the stubborn unchanging sun with the waxing and waning moon is a time to seek balance in conflicts and reach towards resurgence and new life.

By the time the lamb was cooked, and I turned off the audio, I felt able to wish others a Happy Easter again. It was not because everyone and everything was okay around the world, but because the day as a whole was a summons to rise from despair. Easter people seemed called more than ever to prevent distortion of the Christian message and share talk of healing rather than vengeance. The words we prayed when we sang 'Beauty for Brokenness' on Sunday morning have been a bulwark during the week against the further profanity and threats to destroy a civilisation that we are hearing from the USA.

Maureen Rowan-Harvey

Prayer



Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Governance meetings

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

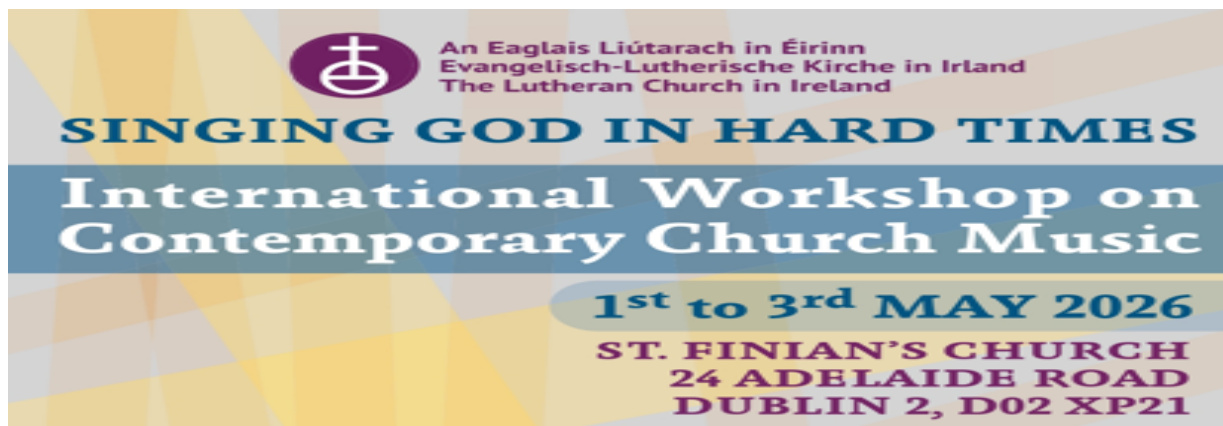
Book Club

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

Holidays

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

International Workshop on Contemporary Church Music



Music, sacred music in particular, through the ages has been a powerful source of spiritual renewal, nourishment and expression. Martin Luther in particular believed that music had a profound spiritual impact and was a powerful tool for worship and teaching. "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

The church music scene of our day and across the globe is very vibrant and a lot of new music and hymns are composed and written. It is important that people of faith get a chance to experience its vibrancy first hand so that our hearts and minds be lifted out of the depressing scenarios of our days and re-energised to continue our mission of proclaiming God's love in the world in word, music and deed.

On the May Bank Holiday Weekend, 1st to 3th May 2026, St. Finian's Lutheran Church opens its doors for this exciting and timely workshop exploring the invigorating role of Church music, sacred music facilitated by some outstanding international and local practitioners, musicians, composers, arrangers and musicologists. They come from different corners of the Christian church and have engaged with different musical traditions

Some Programme Highlights

1st May, Friday:

18.15 Introduction to the workshop Jochen Arnold (D),

19.30 Opening concert with local musicians and choirs

2nd May, Saturday:

10.00 input: Fritz Baltruweit (D), Rev. John Bell (Scot), and Andy Bouman (USA)

14.00 Irish Panel: Kerri Houston, Blánaid Murphy, Kiran Young Wimberly

16.00 Round Table: Singing God in Hard Times

3rd May, Cantate Sunday:

11.00 Morning Eucharist Service with new music learnt during the workshop, sermon by John Bell (Scot)

Registration is at <https://forms.churchdesk.com/f/UJLrYQtElm>

Sky's the Limit

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

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](mailto:andrew.kingston@irishmethodist.org)


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.


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

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

April 19	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
April 26	Service of worship with Mrs Lesley Rankin
May 3	Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston
May 10	Service of worship with Rev Yongnam Park

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
May 3	10.00 Tallaght	Moba Mwanzele
May 10	11.30 Rathgar	Mrs Lesley Rankin
May 17	10.00 Tallaght	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 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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