

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 15th 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 19th April

Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston.

Leeson Park Players **this 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.com

Leeson Park Players has kindly agreed that tickets for the production of *Judgment at Nuremburg* on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April are to be sold in aid of Christian Aid if bought from Karen Pasley.

Tickets may be reserved by email to karen_pasley@yahoo.co.uk

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bernard and Hilary Lee on the birth of their third daughter Chloe Doreen Lee yesterday. Children are such a blessing from the Lord, and a message of hope for the future.



Proud father Bernard with baby Chloe

Thought for the week

Anxiety verses hope

'I tell you, do not worry... see how the lilies of the field grow'.

Words of Jesus from Matthew Chapter 6



Jean and I had a lovely break in Newry for a three days last week. We explored and climbed Slieve Gullion and the conspicuous ring of hills that encircle it. These are all that is left of a massive volcano that collapsed during a violent eruption some 60 million years ago. The phenomenon is known in geological terms as a ring dyke, and it is perhaps the finest example of its type in Britain and Ireland. Just 5k from Newry is the Quaker model village of Bessbrook, and there is a cross border walk along an old railway line between Newry and Carlingford. Each are spectacular in their own right. That railway line was a feat of engineering, creating the Newry canal and an elaborate lock system on one side, with Carlingford Lough beneath the line at the other side.

As I looked at the ingenuity of infrastructure in Bessbrook and the nearby fourteen arch railway viaduct, there were two emotions. One was admiration and gratitude, the other intense sadness at the wanton destruction of infrastructure in Gaza, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan and elsewhere. Decades of toil in the building of schools, universities, water treatment and desalination plants, bridges, homes, hopes and dreams needlessly destroyed at the whims of power hungry tyrants.



This was brought into sharp focus in Ireland last week when ports and our only oil refinery were blocked. We thank Don, Jean and others for ensuring that worship and prayer continued despite our District Lay Leader Rodney Goodwin being blocked on his way to Methodist Centenary. I found myself getting very anxious about the irresponsibility of these actions and the state of the world. Our Taoiseach put it well when he spoke of an act of national sabotage.



The Bible speaks a lot about anxiety. On one occasion Jesus drew attention to the wild flowers whose beauty surpasses anything that we create. He instructs us not to worry about those things that are outside of our control. There is an old picture that hangs on a wall of our farm house in West Cork. 'If you worry, you don't trust. If you trust, you won't worry'.

Rev Andrew Kingston

Prayer

Dear Lord, we sometimes find ourselves worrying about many things. Help us not to be paralysed by anxiety, but instead, by prayer and petition, to present our requests to you, the God who answers prayers. We pray that you would make us instruments of hope and peace in a world that is hell bent on destroying itself, we pray this in the lovely name of Jesus. Amen.

Book Club

Our book choice for April was *Christine Falls* by John Banville which received mixed reviews. Our choice for May is *Heart on my Sleeve* by Andrew Porter.

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

Sky's the Limit

Tuesday 5th May 2026, 7.30 pm - Wesley House

Lesley Rankin will lead us in an open conversation about whatever is on our minds.

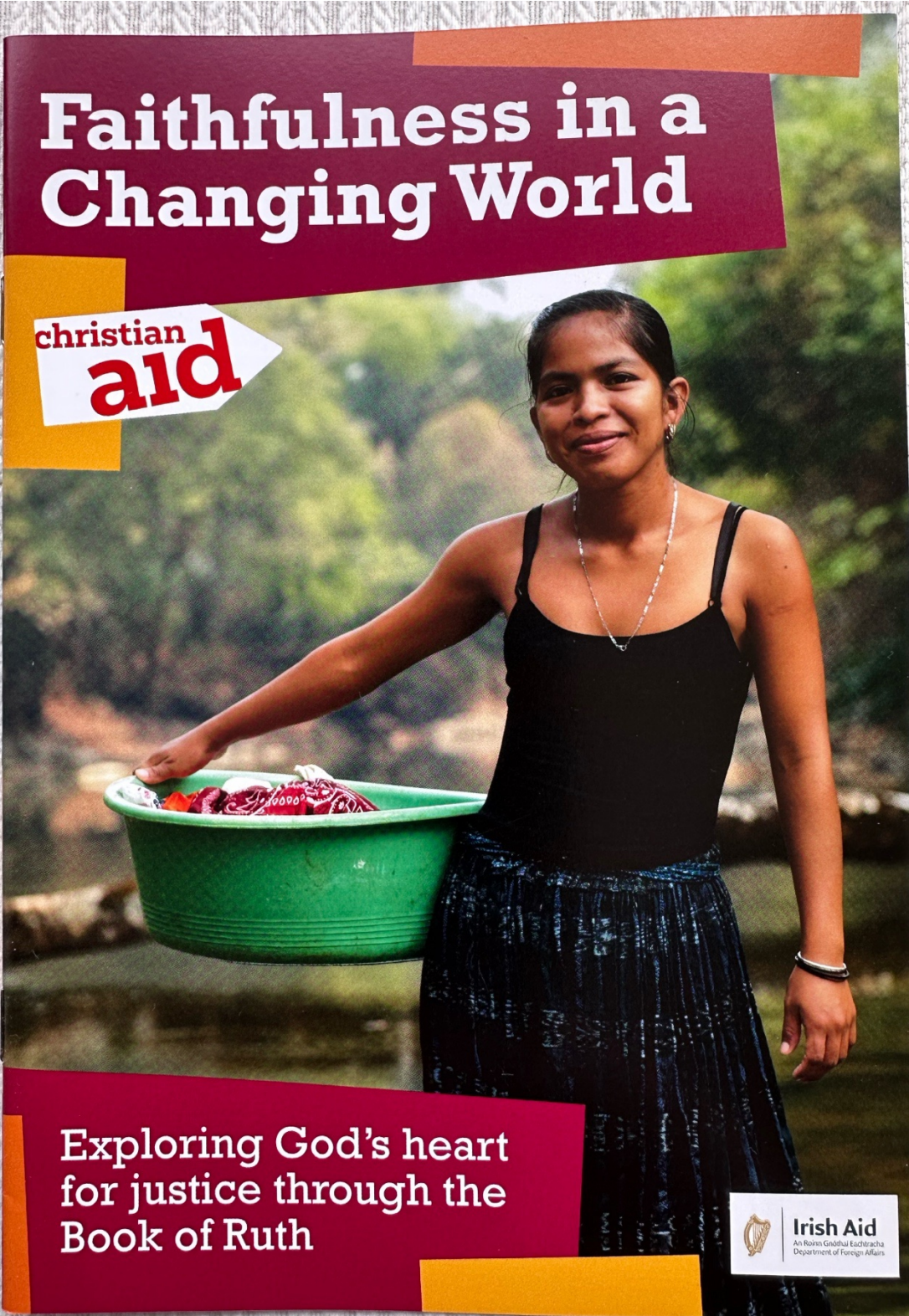
This will be the last session of the current 'season'. We will allocate some time at the end for suggestions on topics and approaches for September onwards

Christian Aid Bible Study

7.30pm, each Wednesday in May

Faithfulness in a changing world


Four lessons from the Book of Ruth



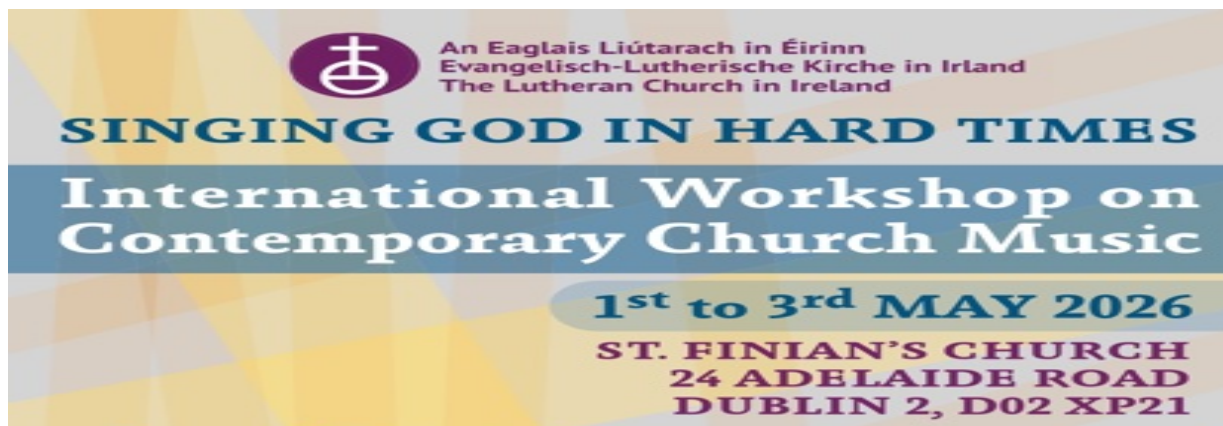
Faithfulness in a Changing World

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Exploring God's heart for justice through the Book of Ruth

 **Irish Aid**
An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

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. **John Bell is the author of 43 hymns in *Singing the Faith*, and the composer or arranger of 53 tunes.**

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>


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 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
May 17	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
May 24	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
May 31	Service of worship with Mrs Jean Kingston

Local preachers

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

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

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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