

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 22<sup>th</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.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Service of worship with Mrs Lesley Rankin.

### Quaker Peace Witness Saturday 2 May

There will be a Quaker Peace Witness, in the form of a silent Meeting for Worship, on Saturday 2nd May at 11.30am until 12.30pm outside the Grafton Street gate of St Stephen's Green in Dublin. All are welcome. If standing for an hour is challenging, please feel free to bring along a portable seat, or to take part for a short time instead.

### Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith's life and hymns

Timothy Dudley-Smith is the author of such well known hymns as 'Tell out my soul' and 'Lord for the years'. This year is the centenary of his birth so Sunday's BBC *Songs of Praise* will be celebrating his life and hymns in a television broadcast at 2.00pm (later on BBC Northern Ireland). Participating in the programme will be Revd James Dudley-Smith, recalling memories of his father's writing of hymns, even during shared family holidays whilst in Cornwall, and of his self-discipline and deep love of scripture. Anne Harrison, a member of the editorial team for the 2013 edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, will examine Bishop Timothy's craftsmanship in hymn writing, from his careful use of rhyme to his sensitivity to the relationship between words and music. Timothy Dudley-Smith was a Vice President of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

## Thought for the week

### My sheep here my voice

As I write this thought I am sitting in the farmhouse kitchen in Cork. Two lambs are bleating outside the window in the yard. They have heard the voice of my sister-in-law Rosie who bottle feeds these two pet lambs whom she has named Lily and Lucy. Their mothers had three lambs each and a sheep can only rear two lambs successfully. Those lambs take no notice of me or my mother, but as soon as they hear Rosie they come running.



Rosie coordinates a busy foodbank for Bandon town from our church premises. She also loves crafts, and her painted stones adorn many homes. Her Minister, Jeremy Nichol gave her permission to paint one for everyone at the Easter Sunday service in Bandon. She prayed that they might be a blessing – even to one person. There were some left over and Jeremy took them to Clonakilty. Later his wife Judy contacted Rosie to say that one woman took an extra one for a friend who works with her in the yogurt factory. Though not a church goer the friend burst into tears. Written on the stone were the words, ‘He is risen’. Her friend said, ‘I knew all the time that Jesus is looking out for me’.



Rosie and her friend Olive at work in Bandon Foodbank. Note the fruit and vegetables in both English and Ukrainian.

## Prayer



Dear Lord, help us to hear your voice, act accordingly, and cast our cares on you in the knowledge that you care for us. Amen

### Christian Aid Bible Study

7.30pm, each Wednesday in May

#### Faithfulness in a changing world

Four lessons from the Book of Ruth

The image shows a book cover with a central photograph of a woman in a black top and dark skirt washing clothes in a green tub outdoors. The cover has a maroon and yellow color scheme. Text on the cover includes the title 'Faithfulness in a Changing World', the Christian Aid logo, and the subtitle 'Exploring God's heart for justice through the Book of Ruth'. The Irish Aid logo is also present in the bottom right corner.

**Faithfulness in a Changing World**

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

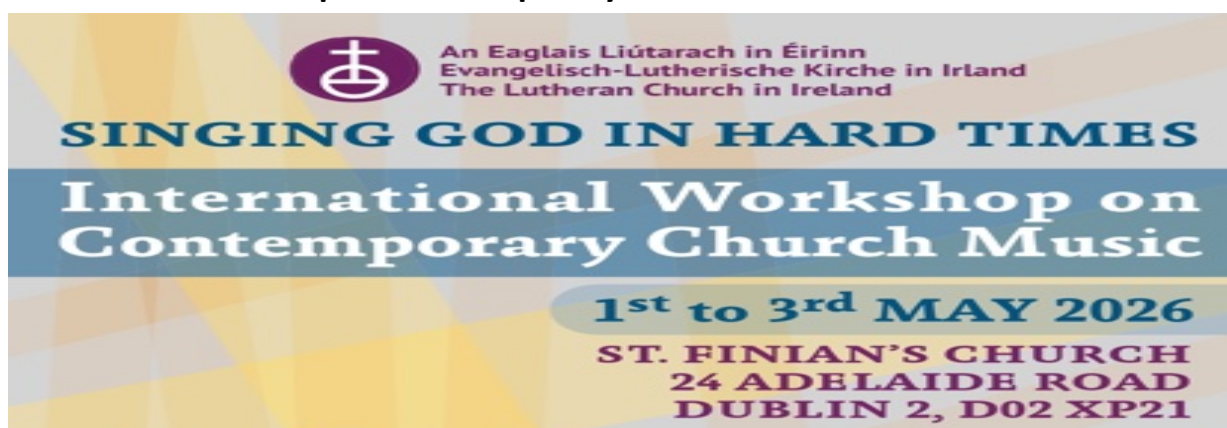
**Irish Aid**  
An Roinn Gnóthaí Eacraíochta  
Department of Foreign Affairs

## 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](mailto:sylviahroddie@gmail.com)

## 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**

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

## Sky's the Limit

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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


## 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](mailto:english@methodistcentenary.ie)

## Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

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](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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