

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 29th 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 3rd May

Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston.

Quaker Peace Witness Saturday 2 May **this week**

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.

Sky's the Limit **next week**

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

Thought for the week

'Peace to this house', Luke 10:5



Dedication of 7 Butterfield Court as a Manse

Members of the Circuit Executive and Manse committee met with the District Superintendent Rev Andrew Dougherty last Wednesday to dedicate 7 Butterfield Court, Rathfarnham, D14 N6X3 as a Manse on the Dublin South City Circuit of the Methodist Church in Ireland. Rev Dougherty spoke of how our Lord Jesus Christ instructed his disciples to speak words of peace as they would enter homes. *"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him."* (Luke 10:15).

The new Manse is proving eminently suitable. It is very central, allowing good access by car, bicycle or public transport, while also close to schools, shops and parks. The accommodation is perhaps a little on the large side, but the good thing is that it will be able to facilitate a young family or persons that may have mobility issues (there is a downstairs wet room, and the room that is presently used as a study could easily be a downstairs bedroom again). An extension or alterations should never be required. There is good parking, adequate space for meetings and a low maintenance garden. The feeling is that the Manse Committee, Church Council and Circuit Executive chose well. The house was built in 1988 and the survey recommendations have all been acted upon, including resetting the ridge tiles, earthing work to the electrics and some minor repairs.

We feel very blessed to have a place that we can call home for the present time, something that, in the midst of a serious housing crises, we do not take for granted. Indeed, what is even more important is to have a happy and safe space. The book of Proverbs affirms this. *'Better a meal of vegetables where there is love than a fattened calf where there is hatred.'* (Proverbs 15:17).

Jean and I are inviting you to a **Manse Open Day on Saturday 9th May, 11am-3pm**. Bring your friends. It is your Manse. Refreshments will be served and there will be garden tours. Many Biblical plants have migrated from the previous manse and each has a lesson to teach. We invite you to make a donation to Christian Aid so that we can contribute towards the needs of others.

Perhaps you would like to use the following prayer from the Dedication Service to pray for your place of residence.

Prayer



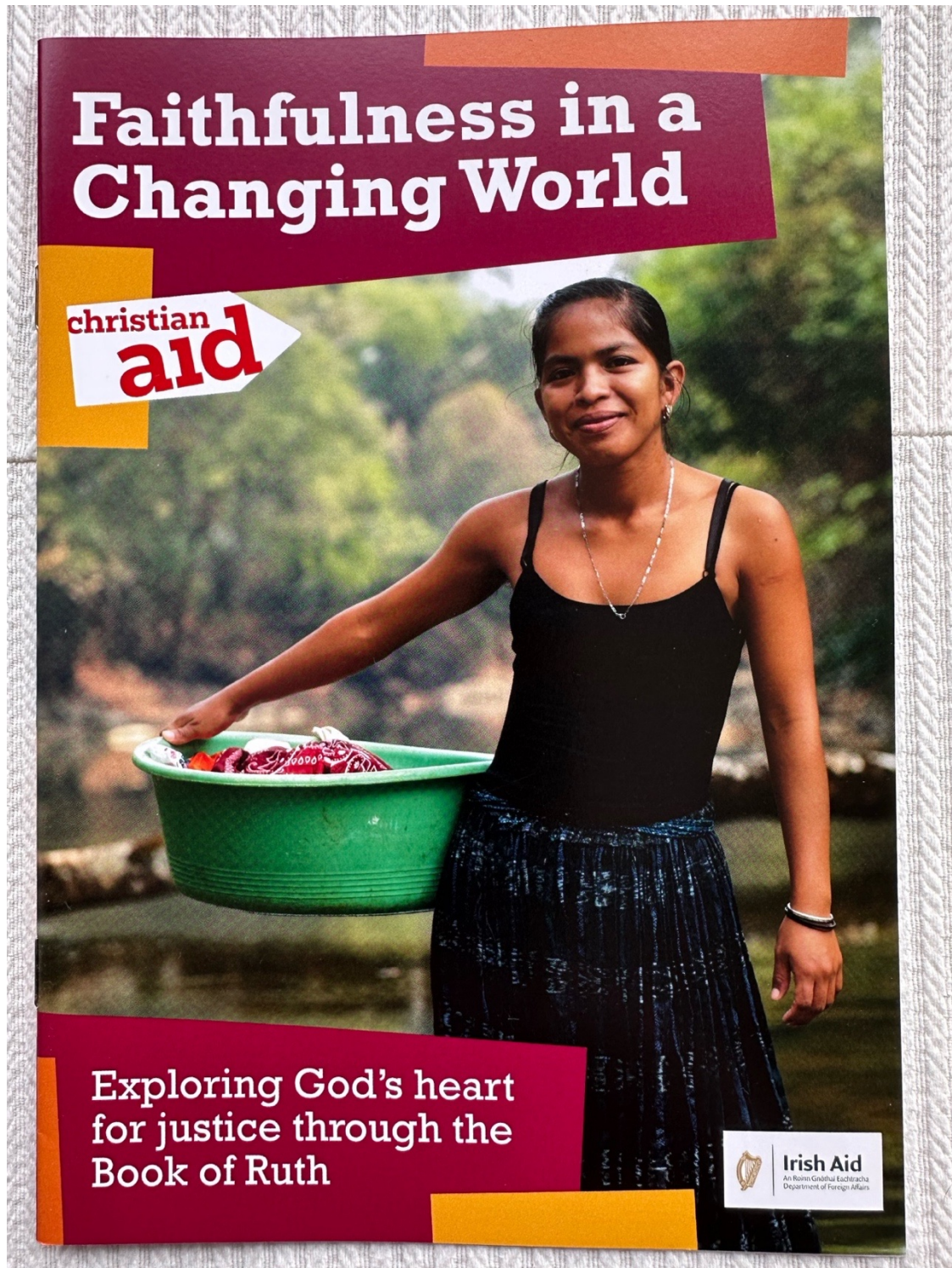
Living and gracious God, you are the source of every good gift and the giver of every true home. We thank you that you make your home among your people. Pour out your Spirit upon this home making it a place of prayer, a place of rest, a place of wisdom, a place of hospitality, a place of witness. Guard all who live here. Bless all who visit. And let your presence never depart from this place, Amen.

Christian Aid Bible Study

7.30pm, each Wednesday in May

Faithfulness in a changing world

Four lessons from the Book of Ruth



Manse Open Day

Saturday 9th May, 11am – 3pm. Refreshments will be served. Donations if desired to Christian Aid.

Bible Society Bible Study tonight (Wednesday, April 29th) from 8:00 to 9:15 PM.

It is informal, relaxed and interactive - the only requirement is a wondering mind open to the beauty we find in the text and in each other. This first session is a taster session, and the next session will be on Thursday May 28th. This first session is free, and thereafter there is a suggested donation of 10e per session, which will go towards the work of the **Iranian Bible Society in Diaspora**, supporting Iranian, Afghani, and Persian-speaking refugees.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88068955650?pwd=XlaqNCNhbmQiOokBbp26UOQ3zJsaH4.1>

Meeting ID: 880 6895 5650 Passcode: 047328

Christian Aid Chief Executive visit 25 May



An evening in support of Christian Aid

Date: Monday, 25 May, 7 pm
Location: 24 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2

We are delighted to welcome Rosamond Bennett
(CEO of Christian Aid) to the event. Light refreshments
will be served.

In co-operation with members of Adelaide Road
Presbyterian Church and St. Bartholomew's
Church of Ireland



Secondary School grants

Rev Ruth Mathews sent this message regarding grants for secondary students: This is just a reminder that if you haven't already contacted me or shared this information with relevant people then now is the time. I would need information by **April 30th** so that I'm not discounting anyone. SEC letters have now been received by families so they will know if they are in receipt of it. Yours in His Service,
Rev Ruth Mathews 087 415 1435

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



Spring Bazaar

Saturday 16 May 11am-2pm



St Philip's Parish Hall & Grounds
Temple Rd. Dartry, D06 AX71



Cakes Toys Books • Designer Clothes/Accessories
Plants Bric-A-Brac & More!

Entertainment for children & BBQ
Great raffle prizes • **Super fun family day out**

Admission Free



Pentecost Praise:



We want to invite you to the upcoming prayer evening in Dublin for **Pentecost!** We are partnering with [24/7 Prayer Ireland](#) and [Alpha Ireland](#) in this event.

We'll gather with churches and people from across the city to pray and worship from **7.30pm on Sunday, May 24th** in [Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines](#).

Hope to see you there! 😊

Blessings,

Anne & the Praxis Team

Family History research

Introduction to Family History Research by Rachel Richardson.

Wednesday 13th May at 10.30 am in Sandford Church.

Rachel Richardson will give a presentation on how to start researching your family history in Ireland and the key sources of useful information including the recently published **1926 Irish Census**.

There will be refreshments served and everyone is welcome

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 Tallagt

🛒 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

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 10	11.30 Rathgar Mrs Lesley Rankin
May 17	10.00 Tallaght Mrs Gillie Hinds
May 25	11.30 Rathgar Mrs Soyoung Min

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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