

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 20th May 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 24th May

Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

Bible Study, Tonight

Happening from 7.30pm, Room 1

Governance Meeting

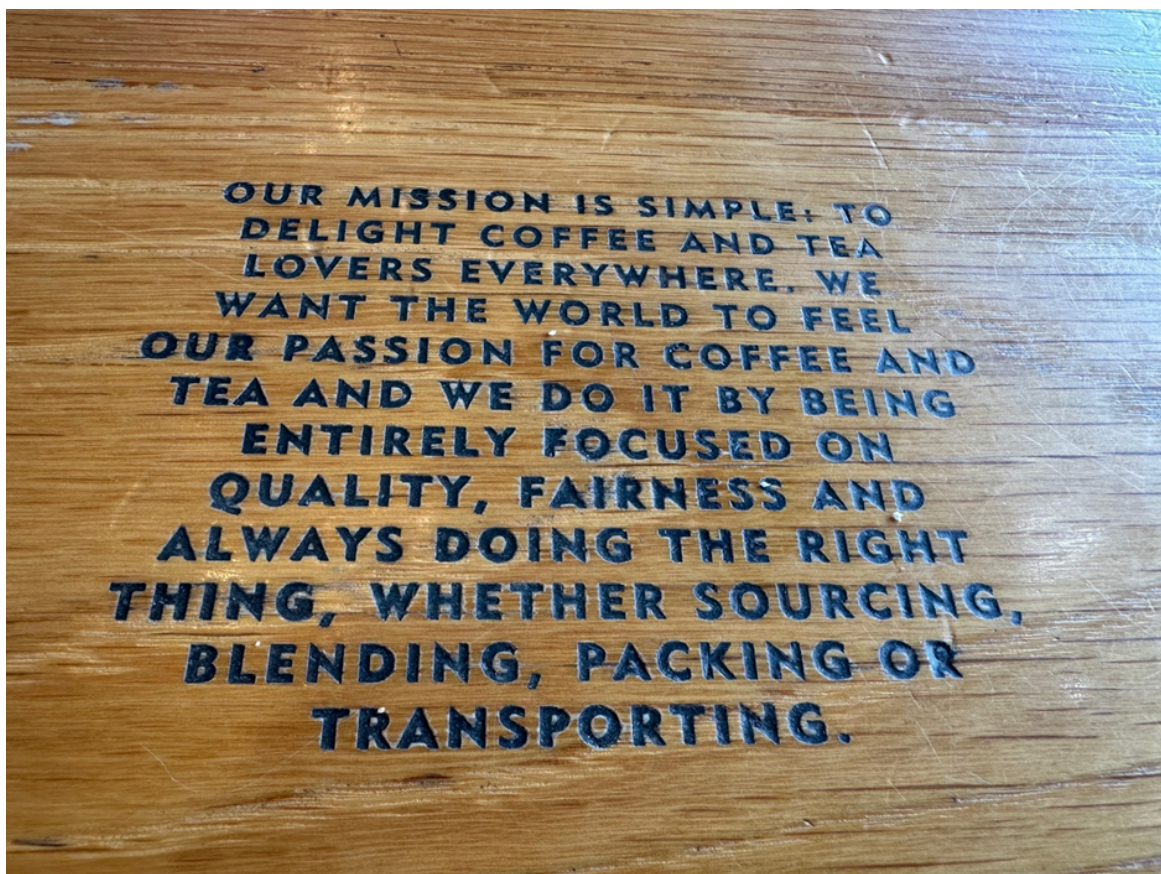
Monday 25th May, 7.30pm, Church Council

Thought for the week

Our mission



Tim Dunwoody, Tawanda Sungai, Beverley Barbour, Yongnam Park & David Nesbitt



Mission of Java Republic Café and Roastery

There was a small gathering of Ministers and Church leaders last week. We met with Tim Dunwoody (World Development) and David Nesbitt (World Mission Partnership) in Java Republic/ Ballycoolin Café and Roastery. The small factory that processes the coffee beans into a premium coffee can be seen through windows at the side of the coffee shop. As we sat discussing the mission of our Church, we noticed the mission of the shop indented into our table. In many ways our mission is equally simple, that is - 'Living wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world.' This was adopted by the Methodist Conference in 2021 as our vision statement.

David asked me what it was like cycling through Dublin. He was surprised when I said that cycling in Dublin is good because of the many cycle lanes, and that most drivers are courteous to cyclists. *'The secret'*, I said, *'is to cycle with confidence, purpose and direction using clear hand signals and giving the impression that you know where you are going.'* He replied. *'A bit like ministry then 😊'*.

Prayer

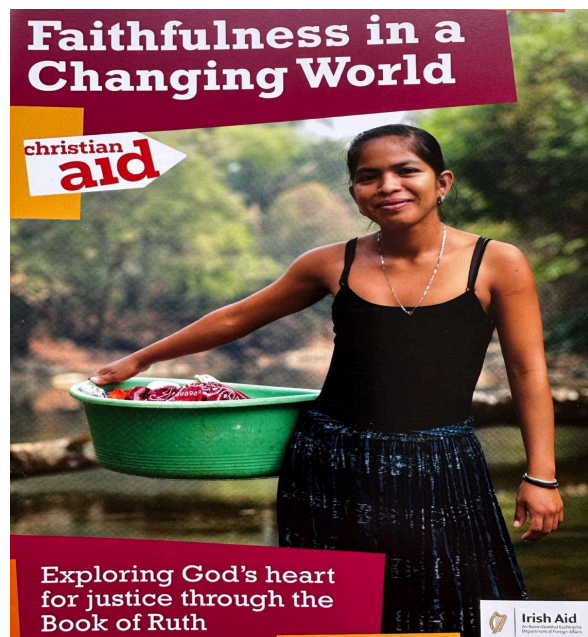
Gracious God, we give you thanks that you didn't leave us as orphans, but sent your Holy Spirit to guide, and to inspire us in mission and service. Help us not to complicate your clear instruction to love you, our neighbours, one another, and even our enemies, **Amen**

Christian Aid Bible Study, Room 1

7.30pm, each Wednesday in May

Faithfulness in a changing world

Four lessons from the Book of Ruth



Manse Open Day

For those who were unable to attend, and would like to see the new Manse, there is a further Open Day for the other Churches on the Circuit on Saturday 30th May between 11am and 3pm. **The address is 7 Butterfield Court, Rathfarnham D14 N6X3.** Refreshments will be served. Donations if desired to Christian Aid. Please note that sometimes the eircode directs people passed Butterfield Court and down to a private lane at the end of Butterfield Crescent called Owendore Avenue. Please avoid this.

Governance Meetings

Monday 25th May, 7.30pm, Church Council

Wednesday 3rd – 6th June, Methodist Conference

Monday 8th June, 8pm, Circuit Executive, An Solas, Tallaght Methodist Church.

Pentecost Praise, May 24th



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

Christian Aid Chief Executive Visit, May 25th

The logo for the Lutheran Church in Ireland, featuring a cross with a circle inside, set against a purple background.

An Eaglais Liútarach in Éirinn
Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Irland
The Lutheran Church in Ireland

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

The Christian Aid logo, featuring the words 'christian aid' in white on a red arrow pointing right.The Oikoumene logo, featuring a cross with a circle inside, set against a purple background.

Vhi Women's Mini Marathon, Sunday 31st May 2026

The route includes Leeson Street, the Morehampton Road and the Stillorgan Road as far as UCD. Endeavour to approach the from Ranelagh.


Monthly mid-week Holy Communion

These 10am communion services will now cease as numbers were small. There is a Communion Service every Tuesday lunchtime in St Ann's Church, Dawson Street from 12.45-1.15pm. City-centre workers, parishioners, and visitors like us are all welcome to join this service.

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

Book Club

Our book choice for May was *Heart on my Sleeve* by Andrew Porter and our choice for June is *Murder Before Evensong* by Rev Richard Coles.

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

Connect ... through English

 **17** 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

PRAYERS OF SOLIDARITY, May 2026

The Methodist Church in Ireland's prayers for the world

As part of Christ's world church, we pray for our partnerships through both World Development & Relief and World Mission Partnership, as well as issues affecting people everywhere.

A Prayer for our World Development partners

Twice a year, our World Development & Relief partners submit reports to update WDR staff and committee on the progress of the work currently being funded. These reports provide insight into the work but also paint a bigger picture of the context our partners are working in, and the challenges they face. Your support makes their life-changing work possible.

In recent reports from partners, we have noted a few common themes appearing; Funding from donors is more difficult to find and secure, and the cost of living continues to increase, especially with ongoing global conflicts. The poor are disproportionately affected by global crises, and we must continue to play our part to make the world a fairer place, for all of God's people.

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, We lift up our WDR partners across the world as they work faithfully alongside their communities to see people freed from poverty. Strengthen and encourage them as funding becomes harder to secure globally, and as rising costs of living place added pressure on individuals, families and NGOs alike. When they feel discouraged or disheartened by the challenges they face, may they know your presence with them and be confident and emboldened in their work. Help our partners continue to bring dignity, hope, and transformation to those they work with. Grant wisdom, provision, and perseverance in every challenge they face. Thank you for their servant hearts, and our shared vision for a fairer world. Thank you God that our Church is actively responding to tackle global poverty, as you call us to.

God, we pray that you will continue to inspire us and move us to action.

In your name, **Amen.**

Flower arranging volunteer(s)?

If any person or group is willing, let Andrew know

Message from Canon Sonia Giles: Sandford Church (and national school) is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. As part of the celebrations we are planning a harvest flower festival & exhibition on the first weekend of October 2026. Part of the theme of the festival is about celebrating the life of Sandford Parish, and all those connected with the parish. We are asking various *groups/communities* associated with, or have links with the parish if they would consider providing an arrangement and we'd very much like if Centenary Methodist would be involved and create an arrangement. If you are willing to be involved I could pass your details (or a nominated person) to a member of the organising committee, who could then provide more details and talk through any practicalities and/or ideas.



Message from Heather Baillie, Children and Family Ministry Co-Ordinator Irish Methodist Youth & Children's Team

I am writing to let you know about a wonderful opportunity for developing our understanding of children's ministry.

Created by the Children's Ministry Network, (part of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland), the Children's Ministry Essentials course is an introduction to mission and ministry with children, whatever context you're based in.

There are 10 modules which can be taken in isolation or together, online or face-to-face, as a regular group or at your own pace. The modules cover topics like The World of a Child, Pastoral Care, Spiritual Styles, and Participation.

You can find out more about it here: <https://theologyx.com/courses/>

Throughout the past year, IMYC facilitated Connexional in-person sessions at Moira Methodist Church and online sessions via Teams. With several people completing the course at their own pace online, 22 people from across the Connexion have now engaged with this course. It has been a truly enlightening and beneficial experience, with each of us gaining a better understanding of children and their spiritual development, whilst also learning new techniques and tools to equip us in our children's ministry.

We are planning to start a **second online cohort on Monday nights from 22nd June**. At present, it'll be running until October, (roughly 2 sessions per month), but dates will be confirmed after people have signed up and we check availability. Please note there is no pressure to attend all of the sessions. You can choose to do a mixture of self-paced and join the facilitated sessions whenever suits.

As members of the Children's Ministry Network there are discounts available when the course is purchased through IMYC.

We also have a small number of partially funded spaces left, on a first-come first-serve basis.

If you would rather not complete the entire course, it is also possible to register for individual modules at £10 per module.

I would be grateful if you would circulate this amongst your congregations and children's teams, and please let me know if you/anyone are interested in joining either the online cohort or working through the course self-paced.

Testimonials:

'Every children's worker would benefit from this course.'

'The course has met my expectations by giving insight from how a child sees things and how you can be inclusive so all children can engage and have fun regardless of special needs.'

'I've learnt the importance of intentional discipleship, understanding developmental stages of the children, inclusion and seeing ministry as a long-term relational journey, not just about one-off events (although these are great too).'

'I have probably felt a little unsure about stepping into Children's work again, but with the positivity generated through this course, I am definitely feeling more confident about the whole process.'

Thank you!

Heather

Heather Bailie

Children and Family Ministry Co-Ordinator

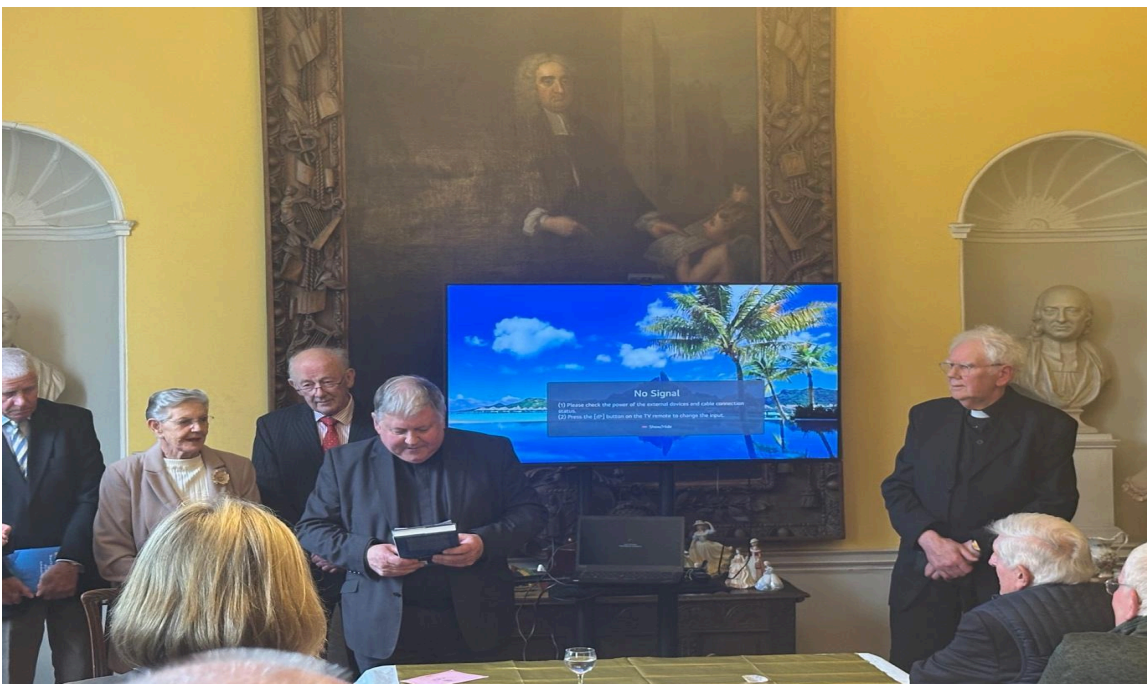
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Rathgar Methodist Church congregational meal, 17/5/26



*Book launch last night in St Patrick's Cathedral Deanery. The present Dean William Morton launched the book, **Benjamin Culme, D.D. Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin 1625-1657 An Overlooked Dean.** The publisher Ross Hinds is to the left of the Dean, and the author Robert Kingston to his right. The book is available from Hinds Publishing.*

Statement following the death of Yves Sakila in Dublin

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Mayo House!

I am forwarding the statement below from the Southern Executive of the Council on Social Responsibility following the death of Yves Sakila in Dublin.

This has been a deeply distressing event, especially for the Congolese community here in Ireland, and many people are feeling shock and sadness at what has happened. The statement is a call not only to prayer, but also to honest reflection about the kind of society we are becoming (or have become!) and the kind of witness we offer as churches and followers of Christ.

I encourage you to read it carefully and prayerfully and make it available within your congregations and wider communities. It is important that ALL of us are willing to challenge prejudice, careless language and attitudes that diminish the dignity of others, and instead model the compassion, courage and reconciling love of Christ.

Please continue to remember all those affected in your prayers in the days ahead.

Kind regards,

Rev Andrew J. Dougherty

Southern District Superintendent

The Methodist Church in Ireland

"The death of Yves Sakila in Dublin is shocking and so sad. We pray that those closest to him in DR Congo and in Ireland would know God's peace and strength at this time. The Congolese community here in particular are in shock. And an elderly man has been seriously injured and lost his mobility. May he receive the healing needed to regain his full strength.

The nature of Yves' death is being, and needs to be, investigated thoroughly. Such investigation will need to look at all the evidence, well beyond what any of us can see. That said, the video being circulated online is highly disturbing in terms of the people on top of him as well as the onlookers. It resonates with many people of colour who are subjected to labelling, discrimination and fear-inducing language.

What is also disturbing is the extreme and hateful language being expressed on posts about his death, and the scale of it. Most people in society are simply and profoundly shocked that a man could die on our streets in this way and are expressing their concern and sympathy. However, there is also a significant minority that feels emboldened to say the most hateful things.

As a society we need to reckon with the hate that we have allowed to fester. There has been worrying growth in racism, the labelling of some people as of less value than others and the scapegoating of others to excuse our own angst. These things are being fueled by the careless language of those with influence in our own land as well as the words and actions of selfish and unaccountable politicians on the global stage and online influencers. And all of us with influence, the church in particular, must confess our silence at different times when hate and violence must be called out. In these days we stand with the hurting and we recommit ourselves as enablers of reconciliation and life-giving compassion."

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

May 31	Service of worship with Mrs Jean Kingston
June 7	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
June 14	Service of worship with Mrs Jean Kingston
June 21	Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

Local preachers

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

May 25	11.30 Rathgar Mrs Soyoung Min
May 25	10.00 Tallaght Rev Yongnam Park
May 31	11.30 Rathgar Rev Andrew Kingston
May 25	10.00 Tallaght Egbowon

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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