

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>th</sup> May**

Service of worship with Mrs Gillie Hinds

### **Bible Study, Tonight**

Happening from 7.30pm, Room 1

### **Governance Meeting**

Wednesday 3rd – 6th June, Methodist Conference

## Thought for the week

### Scaffolding



Scaffolding reminds me of the vision of Ezekiel. It is like a skeleton, but without flesh and breath there is no life. The Church is the people, not the structure. It is what is on the inside that matters. This is what the Bible says.

**'When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come through: death has been swallowed up in victory'. 1 Cor. 15:54.**

Buildings are like our mortal bodies – without refurbishment they won't last forever. Presently we are fighting against the deterioration of the Litton Hall. It is the latest in a series of battles against the elements that we have waged over the last few years. The Hall has stood nobly and usefully for generations. Next year marks the sesquicentennial; it will be 150 years old in 2027. The time has come for a new roof and the scaffolding is expected to go up this week. The slates are old and are getting very thin. They were second hand in 1877. The nails that hold them are rusty, and the battens that those nails are hammered into are weak – a bit like our mortal bodies with our bad backs and joints, memory loss, dulled hearing, dicky hearts, sight issues, cancer and so on. Time takes a toll. We were all born into sin and need a refurb. **'The perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality.'**

CH Spurgeon explained it the best. ***'At present we wear our bodies (scaffolding) on the outside and our souls on the inside. But in heaven, we shall wear our bodies on the inside and our souls on the outside'***. Those souls are refurbished like a beautiful garment through the righteousness of Christ and that is then what God sees. Our bodies likewise are renewed and made imperishable.

### Prayer

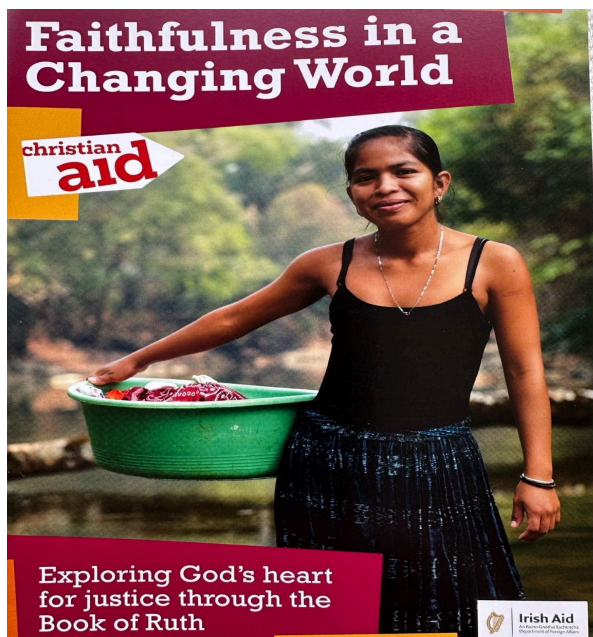
Lord of Resurrection, I cannot begin to comprehend what it means to, one day, be clothed with the imperishable. By your Spirit, begin that work now clothing us with your compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. We know that buildings, even those made from Wicklow granite, will not last forever, but may many find victory over sin and the faith in Christ that makes all things new in this place, **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.

## Vhi Women's Mini Marathon, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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

## Governance Meetings

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

## Work on the Litton Hall

It is expected that work on the Litton Hall roof will commence on Tuesday after the Bank Holiday Monday. Of course builders don't always arrive exactly on time, but this is what we are hoping for. The work will commence with the erection of scaffolding. This will curtail our parking until the work is completed in early September. The area to the right as we enter through the barrier will be completely closed off and parking on the grass will be available for the licensees who have paid to park during the working week.

## Parking during week days

We are blessed to have free on Leeson Park from 6.30pm until 8am from Monday to Friday and free parking all day on Saturday and Sunday. It is a yellow zone (€4 per hour) in front of the Molyneux Building and a red zone (€3.50 per hour) in front of the Litton Hall. For those who are in church groups and ministries, keep receipts and our Facilities Administrator Don Black will reimburse claimants.

## 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.

## Rejoice Gospel Choir Concert, 13th June, 5pm, Litton Hall

The Rejoice Gospel Choir and High Hopes Choir will perform a joyful, uplifting summer concert at Wesley House on Saturday, June 13th at 5pm




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

## 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

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
June 28	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 31	11.30 Rathgar Rev Andrew Kingston
May 31	10.00 Tallaght Mr Monday Egbowon
June 7	10.00 Tallaght Moba Mwanzele
June 7	11.30 Rathgar Rev Yongnam Park

## 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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