

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 3rd June 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 7th June 10.30am

Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

Methodist Conference Wednesday 3rd – 6th June,

A promotional graphic for the Methodist Conference 2026. The background is a deep red color with faint silhouettes of people in prayerful poses. In the top right corner, the text reads "CONFERENCE 2026 3RD - 6TH JUNE". On the left side, the word "Intercession" is written in a large, white, serif font, followed by the text "Sign-up to pray for an hour or more throughout Conference." in a smaller white font. A large QR code is positioned on the right side of the graphic. At the bottom right, the text says "Sign-up now and learn more at: IRISHMETHODIST.ORG/CONFERENCE-2026". A small white cross symbol is located in the bottom left corner.

Thought for the week

Living

WRITTEN BY THE SPIRIT,
SENT INTO THE WORLD.

Letters

All our Churches have been asked to follow the Conference theme for the year this Sunday. The theme is Living Letters, WRITTEN BY THE SPIRIT, SENT INTO THE WORLD. It is taken from 2 Corinthians 3:3, 'You are a letter of Christ... Written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God.' 2 Corinthians 3:3

We can all tell stories of coincidences. Some of us will be going on a Wesley Pilgrimage on the 30th June. One of the stops will be in Bath where we will be staying in a Travelodge Hotel without meeting facilities. I contacted the nearest Methodist Church to see if we could avail of a meeting room in their very fine building. Almost immediately I got a reply from the Minister, Rev. Simon Topping. In the reply he said, 'My son, Andrew, who, I believe, has been attending your church in Dublin, has said that he intends to be around for your visit. So, he will be able to open up the church if no-one else is able to.'



Andrew Topping (on left) in Dublin Port last October

It doesn't stop there. One of the formative books in my early Ministry was a lovely little book by Frank Topping where he shares the guidance given to a Probationary Minister by an elderly Superintendent who lived at some distance from his remote rural charge. The book is entitled, *God bless you Spoonbill*. Simon confirmed that that book was written by his father, Frank Topping!

Here is a flavour of that exchange of letters.

*In many ways I have been privileged to officiate in your three-year baptism into the ministry. I have seen the grace of God being poured out from you and I have shared in the joy of it. Take a tip from my Aunt Emily, never get used to anything. Never grow 'old and wise', remember that you are always a child of God, and the thrill of life, the excitement of discovery and the wonder of the magnitude of God's love will enable you to start each day with the joy of those who have become as children in the heavenly Kingdom, God bless you,
Spoonbill.*

In 2 Corinthians chapter 3, Paul uses the illustration of 'living letters'. Each follower of Jesus is called to be a vibrant, living expression of God's Spirit and an 'ambassador of Christ' to others. Our existence, our words and our actions should convey a message of love, hope and life that people can read and respond to.

Prayer

As your Living Letters, may we be written by the Spirit and sent into the world. In the name of Christ, and in the power of the Spirit, Amen.

Manse Open Days for Christian Aid Week

On behalf of Christian Aid, thank you most sincerely for your generous donations of €480 to Christian Aid. Jean and I loved having you all visit your fine new Manse. Rev Andrew Kingston

Governance Meeting

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

Work on the Litton Hall roof

It is expected that work on the Litton Hall roof will commence next 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 parking 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.

Walk to Ballymore Eustace 13th June

Reminder: Walk to Ballymore Eustace on Saturday 13th June. Meeting at 10.30am at Wesley House (or 11am in Tallaght). Please contact Eric Rankin at 012694923 if you can offer a lift or would like to go!

Flower arranging volunteer(s)?

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.

If any person or group is willing, let Sonia know directly

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

Rejoice Gospel Choir (who add so much to our Easter service each year) have their summer concert alongside the High Hopes Choir (all members have been affected by homelessness in some way) on Saturday 13th June at 5pm in the Litton Hall in Wesley House. It promises to be full of joy! Featuring music by Raye, Hozier, Vulfpeck and more, alongside some favourite gospel classics, this evening of uplifting music is guaranteed to bring joy to your heart. 🎵

Please get your tickets here before it sells out!

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/to-noise-making-tickets-1984834687982?>



Mid-week Holy Communion

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.

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

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

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:

June 7	10.00 Tallaght Moba Mwanzele
June 21	11.30 Rathgar Mrs Jean Kingston
June 28	11.30 Rathgar Erick Mwazonga

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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