

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 2nd September 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 6th September 10.30am

Rev Andrew Kingston will preside at our service of Holy Communion

Coffee Rota

Volunteers are requested for the tea/coffee rota, even just for one Sunday! The notice to sign up is on board as you go into the church.

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.

Parking during week days while the Litton Hall is being reroofed.

We are blessed to have free parking on Leeson Park from 6.30pm until 8am from Monday to Friday and 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.

Thought for the week



'Spur one another on to love and good works' Hebrews 10:24.

Saturday was a damp and dreary day, yet there was no sense of that on Brighton Road. Well supervised kids bounced in a covered bouncy castle. Burgers and hot dogs sizzled under a gazebo. People drank tea and browsed second hand books in the sanctuary. A magician cum balloon moulder kept children laughing in the hall while others decorated lamp shades and made paper puppets.

We commend our friends in Rathgar Methodist Church as they strengthen connections with their school and with the local community.

Each time we step out in faith it encourages others to try something new. We may fail or it might work, but when it is done in the name of Jesus, we will always be blessed.

In her devotional book, *Diamonds in the dust*, Joni Eareckson Tada wrote about a visit to a nursing home. 'The ugly old woman sat slumped in her wheelchair, her dirty terrycloth dressing gown was twisted underneath her. Her hair was tussled, her teeth missing. Most of the group walked passed her expecting a snarl or nasty remark. Instead the old lady smiled and said, 'My my, look at you two in your bright and lovely jumpers. And aren't you kind to come here and visit us. Thank you'.

That woman made them feel at ease, appreciated, and.... beautiful. They had visited to cheer up others and came away blessed having in turn met a beautiful human being who had developed the art of Hebrews 10:24.'

Likewise Rathgar has spurred the rest of the Circuit on to make the most of the Circuit Celebration Day on the 20th September (see attached).

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you refined the art of considering others when you walked the earth. Help me to model myself on you today. Help me to lighten someone's burden, or look for a way to lessen someone's cares. May Hebrews 10:24 be my guide too. Amen

"Mafia"

In Wesley House, usually on a Saturday evening, a group of mostly Ukrainians meets and plays "Mafia". They would be delighted if others would join them. As well as play they would be very pleased to have the opportunity to practise their English. So, if you are already a Mafia player or might be interested to try it, please contact Nikolay of the Fortuna Elite group at investios@gmail.com. He assures us that many other skills such as teamwork, critical thinking and confidence building will be developed. As well, of course, as getting to know people from different backgrounds and learning from each other.

Governance Meetings

Monday 7th September: 7.30pm, Church Council

Monday 14th September 8pm: Circuit Executive, Wesley House

Ploughing Championships 2026



Andrew is taking a car load on the Tuesday and has the offer of a second car if it is required. Let him know if you are interested in helping out on Wednesday or Thursday.

Harvesting Hope 2: Celebrating the Soil's Bounty

Gurteen College, Saturday 19th September 2026 10am – 4.15pm

Following the success of last year's one-day conference at Gurteen, our United Diocesan Council for Mission have decided to go again this year with *Harvesting Hope 2 – Celebrating the soil's bounty*. The format will be similar, the venue the same and the date will be Saturday 19th September. Our theme this year brings us to the heart of the issue of sustainable farming - a healthy well-structured soil means greater protection of crops against weather extremes (such as this current dry spell), greater resilience to disease and greater biodiversity. All this spins over into human health. Michael Hanna

PS Let Andrew know if you are interested. He will be taking a car load, and has the offer of a second car if it is required.

Would you like to visit a farm in Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow on Saturday 26th September?

Trevor and his wife Hilary and son Robert Colton are dairy and tillage farmers near Dunlavin Co. Wicklow. It is about an hours drive away. There are beautiful views of Lugnaquilla. Trevor previously spoke at Sky is the Limit. We will depart from Wesley House at 1pm and should be back by 5.30pm. Car drivers will be needed. Let Andrew know immediately if you are willing to take a car. There will be no problem in filling up those cars for an interesting and educational afternoon in the countryside. The trip will include seeing milking in progress, visiting the calf shed and discussing soil health during a short farm walk. There might even be a visit to the farmhouse kitchen 😊.

Sky's the Limit

Re-commences on Tuesday 6th October. :

October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th. Please save these dates. All are on Tuesdays, time is 7.30pm and venue is Room 1 Wesley House.

We begin the 'season' with a new voice and intriguing content. On **6th October, Peter Lydon will share *Thoughts on Tech*.**

We have a guest speaker on **November 3rd**. Dr David Gallagher will pose the question '*Were the Methodists faithful or traitors?*', drawing from his recently published book '*From Feakle to the Falls and Derry's Walls: Methodism and peacemaking, 1985-2025*.'

If you wish to read Dr Gallagher's book in advance, Maureen Rowan has copies available for sale. Price €25.00. Please contact Maureen on 0872457719 or maureen.rowan@irishmethodist.org

The Dublin South City Methodist Circuit

Welcomes you to a:
Student Gathering & Circuit Celebration

@

Wesley House, Leeson Park D06 N5P0

20th of September, 11 AM - 3 PM



11:00: Worship with Brian Hickey, Student Chaplain



12:30: Korean and Irish Food



1:00 - 3:00: Music, Magician & Face painting
(Courtesy of Dublin City Council)
Also Ice Cream Van, Bouncy Castle

Make a friend – Meet a friend – Bring a friend
All are welcome!

'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!
Isaiah 43:18-19a

Tallaght - Rathgar - Dublin Korean Church - Centenary

Centenary Entertains

Our next Centenary Entertains Concert will be on **Saturday 3 October** at 7pm in Wesley House.

The programme will comprise **Popular and Classical Music from the Movies**

Performers will include Soo-Jung Ann, Sayjin Park, Brian McIvor, Hyelee Jung, Kevin Nam, Derek Seymour. Our compere for the night will be Rose Henderson.

More details will be given closer to the date, but please make a diary note to support this **FREE ADMISSION** event (voluntary donations to church funds).

Book Club

The Book Club meetings will resume on Tuesday 8 September when we will discuss *Home Going* by Yaa Gyasi as well as any other books we may have read over the summer.

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 12 members and would be delighted to increase our numbers. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia on sylviahroddie@gmail.com

Leeson Park Players

Auditions for our next play; Alan Ayckbourn's seasonal comedy 'Season's Greetings' are on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm in Wesley House.

Soul Mates House Party in Cork (interested? Let and know)



An Autumn Concert

Soprano · Haegeum · Clarinet · Piano

Saturday 19 September 2026

5.00 PM

VENUE

Methodist Centenary Church

Leeson Park, Ranelagh, Dublin D06 E542



Hyelee Jung
SOPRANO



Jaewon Kim
HAEGEUM



Andrew Seohyeon Kim
CLARINET



Dr Soo-Jung Ann
PIANO

PROGRAMME

Chopin · Pierné · Spohr · Schubert · Korean traditional songs



FREE · DONATIONS WELCOME

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.

Ecumenical lunchtime prayer

St Finnian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road, 1-1.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

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

September 13	Season of Creation with Maureen Rowan Harvey
September 20	Circuit Celebration [at 11.00am]
September 27	Monday Egbowon (Local Preacher in Training) with Rev Andrew Kingston

Local preachers

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

August 30	10.00 Tallaght Mrs Jean Kingston
	11.30 Rathgar Mr Kevin Nam
September 27	11.30 Rathgar Mrs Lesley Rankin

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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