

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 9th 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 13th September 10.30am

Service of worship with Maureen Rowan Harvey.

Coffee Rota

Volunteers are requested for the tea/coffee rota, even just for one Sunday! The notice to sign up is on the 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 10.30am 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.

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.**

Thought for the Week – Season of Creation - Maureen Rowan Harvey

The past two months have brought a disturbing succession of reminders that the climate and ecological crisis is accelerating. Extreme heat, drought and wildfires have devastated parts of Europe, while catastrophic flooding in Nepal has brought death and destruction to communities already vulnerable to a changing climate.



1. Heatwave

A bleak report from the United Nations Environment Programme last week stated that earth is soon going to exceed the safe temperature threshold and is facing decades of increased weather-related disasters.



2. Flooding

Instead of giving up however, the new strategy envisions getting back below the limit by ending fossil fuel use and developing a way to suck industries' carbon dioxide out of the air.

What has all this got to do with us as a church?

Church leaders globally remind us that it has everything to do with our Christian calling to be good stewards of the earth.

Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical event running from **1st September to 4th October**, during which Christian churches (including Methodist) are called upon to pray and act together to strengthen

their commitment to the work of solving the environmental crisis. No one sector can do it alone. Politicians and scientists are vital but behaviour change or 'conversion' is an area where faith communities can play a vital role.

The theme of this year's Season of Creation is "Living Water". Inspired by the vision of the prophet Ezekiel, water flows from the temple, bringing life and healing wherever it goes. The image of Living Water is ultimately one of hope: water bringing life to places that have become barren. But hope requires action. That includes prayer and personal choices. We will reflect more on this during our service on Sunday morning.

Prayer for Season of Creation

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honour the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations. May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

Governance Meetings

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

Wesley House Security

There has been a number of thefts from the building. Access to the building will now be via the keypad at the door. The code is 1977.

Ploughing Championships 2026



Andrew is taking a car load on the Tuesday (15th) 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.

"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.

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

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 meets 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

The Dublin South City Methodist Circuit

Welcomes you to a:
Student Gathering & Circuit Celebration

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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

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 12.45pm-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 10.30am 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:

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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