

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 16th 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 20th September 11am Circuit Celebration

Service of worship with Brian Hickey, Student Chaplain.

We look forward to meeting for worship, fellowship, food and fun on Sunday. Cars should be parked on the street to make room for the ice cream van, bouncy castle, Jack Flash and his face painter. The Korean Church will give us name badges so that we can get to know each other from around the Circuit, and will also hand out tokens for ice creams and food. All should be able to get one meal and one ice cream.



Thought for the Week – Faithful or Traitor?

'Traitors' has become a very popular reality TV show over recent weeks. It has proved to be a gripping and amusing game where every act of intrigue and dishonesty is dissected afterwards. This is a game, and should be treated in the same way as other games like 'Call my bluff' and 'Balderdash' (I am worryingly good at that!)

Betrayal is however a sad part of the human story and often leads to tragedy. We only have to consider the demise of Absalom and his adviser Ahithophel in the Old Testament, and Judas in the New Testament. The similarities with the game are striking. They sit around a table. They question each other, and the faithfuls are completely taken by surprise when the identity of a traitor is revealed. So much so, that when Jesus reveals that one of them is a traitor, they ask, 'Is it I Lord?' They never suspected Judas Iscariot and their self-suspicion is a recognition of human weakness. In the TV advert advertising the series Siobhán McSweeney (also known from Derry Girls) says, 'There is a traitor in everyone.'



Demas was a trusted companion of the Apostle Paul. When Paul wrote to the Church in Colossae in Asia Minor from prison in Rome he said, 'Our dear friend Luke the doctor and Demas send greetings', and when writing to Philemon at the same time he described Demas as a 'fellow worker.' Something happened between those letters and Paul's final letter to Timothy several years later. He requests the company of Timothy, 'for Demas, because he has loved the world, has deserted me'. The scriptures encourage us to remain faithful like Timothy and to avoid making shipwreck of our faith like Demas. Was he motivated by greed, or did he simply succumb to carelessness and laziness? We are aware of our weaknesses and backsliding is very easy. Someone said, 'Any ol' dead fish can flow with the current, but only a live fish can swim against the flow.'

Prayer

Empowering God, we are mindful of our weaknesses. May our love for you and for others be sincere - hating what is evil and clinging to what is good. Give us the grace to be like Timothy, fighting the good fight, holding firm to faith, and maintaining a good conscience. Amen.

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.

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.

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.

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, 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

Book Club

Our Book Club choice for October is "Mrs Harris goes to Paris" by Paul Gallico. The 2022 edition of this book also includes "Mrs Harris Goes to New York" and we hope to read both.

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

Sowing good seeds at the Ploughing Championships

Brenda, Jonathan, Monday and Elly did trojan work from 8am to 1pm at the ploughing championships yesterday serving 100s of cups of coffee, tea and biscuits. We were able to engage and pray for many people and also visited Robbie and Lynne on the Brighter Communities Worldwide stand.



Connect ... through English

Every Thursday, 10:30am - 12:00pm, Room 1, Wesley House



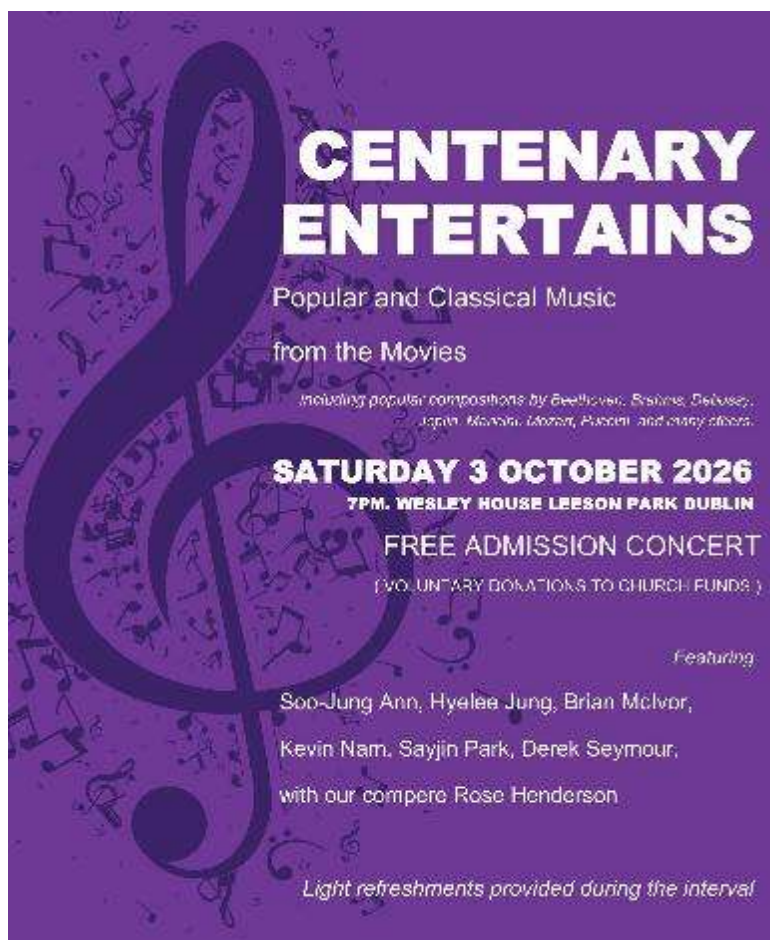
Connect? Yes – the purpose of the Thursday morning gathering is to meet and connect with others who come to Ireland from all sorts of places, for all sorts of reasons. We chat, in English, over a cup of tea or coffee, with the facilitators taking it in turn to lead the conversation.

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

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).

Celebrating as an Eco Congregation on Sunday 20th September 2026

We are all looking forward to fun and fellowship at the Circuit Event. As we do so, we will be keeping in mind the small actions that ensure we do no environmental damage as we celebrate. We will aim to avoid food waste, avoid single-use plastic, minimise what goes in the general waste bin and ensure that only suitable items go to recycling.

Not wanting to spoil anyone's fun, but, after enjoying your food, please keep in mind what goes where:

Plates, cutlery and drinks cups – all are washable and re-usable, including the plastic ones - please do not put any in bins;

Compostable napkins – these go in the food waste/compostable waste bins;

Any food left over – this can be taken home – containers will be provided;

What can go in recycling bins:

dry paper/cardboard, tetra-pak cartons, plastic containers/wrappers, food cans – **provided they are washed, clean and shaken dry**;

Bottles and cans with the Re-turn  symbol - there will be a separate bin so that they can be taken away for refunds;

Glass bottles and jars – please put these in the glass-recycling bin

Non-recyclable, non-compostable waste – this goes in the general waste bin e.g. food-soiled plastic, wet cardboard or paper:

Please avoid single-use coffee cups (ouch!) – if you find one, please put it in in the general waste bin unless it is clearly marked compostable!

We are taking a controversial step of avoiding plastic bottles of fizzy drinks and offering jugs of diluted squash instead! Unfortunately, plastic, even when recycled, eventually becomes a major pollutant. Minimising the amount we put in any bins is a symbolic way of expressing our commitment to the environment. 😊😊😊

Ice cream cones are free and redeemable with the tokens handed out (one per person).

Slushies and candyfloss must be paid for (and are not encouraged 😊😊).

Have a great day!



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

Forthcoming Services

Sunday September 20 **11am** Circuit Celebration

Sunday September 27 **10:30am** 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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