

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 30th 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 4th October 2026 10.30am

Annual Service of Celebration and Reaffirmation of Local Preachers (with Holy Communion).

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.

Student meal, Wesley House

Wednesday 30th September 6.30pm:

Thought for the Week – Public Transport - Rev. Andrew Kingston



As I write this I am trundling along in the 0650 Enterprise to yet another committee meeting in Belfast. A train whizzes past in the opposite direction bringing commuters into Dublin in time for work. The suburbs are beginning to wake up but most houses are still in darkness. Trees and bushes create an almost continuous green line either side of the tracks making our railway's important wildlife corridors.

This is proving to be a very enjoyable method of travel. I cycle to Connolly Station, and then again to Edgehill from the brand new Grand Central Station in Belfast. I have overcome tech-phobia and can connect either to the (very slow) Translink/Iarnród Éireann wifi, or hotspot to my phone. Mostly I am sitting on my own and am able to get a solid two hours work done on my laptop. However, over the past month I have had three significant conversations. One was a Nigerian doctor who has moved to Portadown. I was able to signpost her to the local Methodist Church. Another was a retired farmer from Kerry whom I am praying for before he goes for surgery, and the third was a young mum who works in a nail bar. She enquired regarding the book that I was reading. Rather sheepishly I revealed the cover... 'I Believe In Preaching', by John Stott. Her eyes lit up! 'I thought so', she said. 'I became a Christian two weeks ago and God keeps sending people my way. Even my daughter insists that I read from the Bible'. She shared that, encouraged by people like Katie Taylor, there is a massive hunger for Jesus among people in Ireland in her age group.

Travelling by public transport takes a little longer, but travelling long distances in a car on my own doesn't make sense either economically, environmentally, socially, physically or spiritually. Improvements to public transport infrastructure, cycle lanes and greenways are to be encouraged.

We think of our transport system as being modern but in the Edwardian period my grandfather could employ a man to snare rabbits on Cape Clear Island. He would get the early boat to Baltimore and load a hamper of rabbits on the Cork train (Skibbereen – Clonakilty Junction – Cork Harbour). They would be sold in Liverpool market early on the following morning. Would DFS couriers do it as quickly?

In Biblical times, travel was inevitably slower and more dangerous – boat, donkey, camel (the articulated lorry), horse (the SUV), but Shanks mare (walking) was usual. Pilgrimage was usually at walking pace. Children played, women worked and gossiped while men put the world to rights! All anticipated walking

up those sacred steps to offer sacrifices, meet with God in the temple precincts and share in sacred meals eating those parts of the sacrifice not offered up.

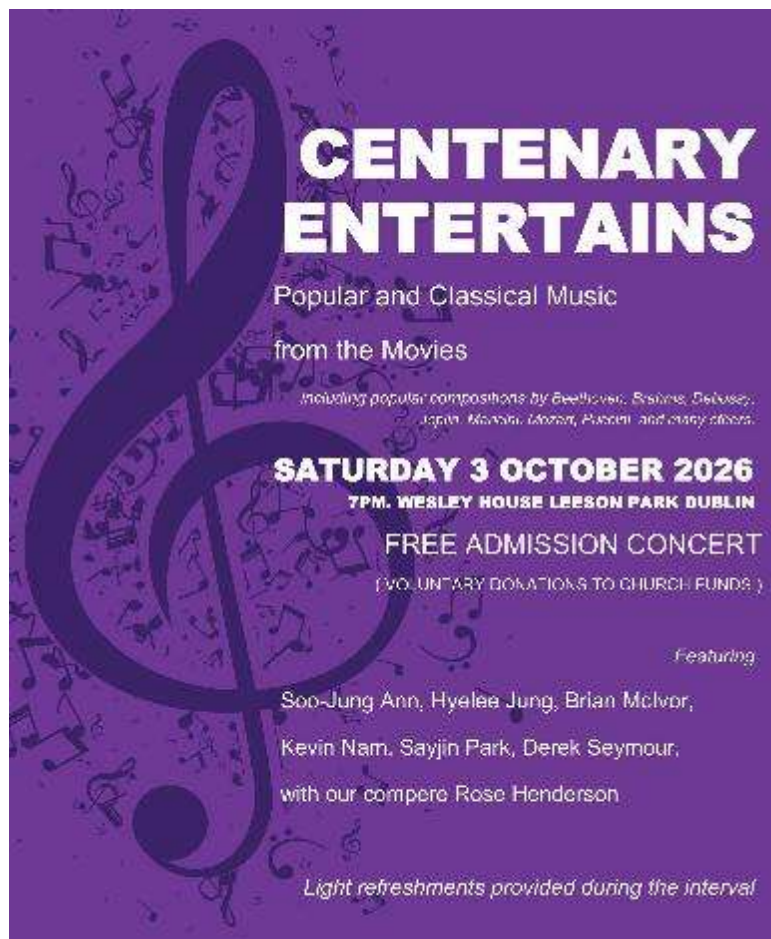
As we prepare our hearts for our Holy Communion with God on Sunday, perhaps we might slow down to walking pace with Jesus who accompanies us, and celebrate with our Local Preachers in their service of affirmation.

Prayer

As cattle graze in green fields and trees divide the pastoral scenes, as families prepare for another day and gates begin to rattle in farmyards, quieten our hearts that we might proceed at walking pace this day with you Lord Jesus. Amen.

Centenary Entertains

Our next Centenary Entertains Concert (free admission) 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.



Voluntary donations to church funds: Please could members of the congregation who have signed up for the tax refund scheme put their cash donation into an envelope with their church envelope number or name on it so that the donation is eligible for the tax refund. Members who have a physical envelope pack may use the special appeal envelope at the back of the pack. Thank you.

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

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

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

Independent Review of Safeguarding Arrangements MCI

The Rev. Dr. Heather Morris, General Secretary and Secretary of Conference, The Methodist Church in Ireland has circulated the following letter:

29th September 2026

Re: MCI Review of Safeguarding Arrangements, 2026

The Governance Board has commissioned us to carry out an independent review of safeguarding arrangements across the Church. This review is not an investigation into wrongdoing. Its purpose is to strengthen safeguarding culture, practice, and confidence throughout the Church community.

Over recent months, we have invited Ministers and Designated Persons to complete a safeguarding audit for their church or circuit. We have also spoken directly with a number of Ministers and Designated Persons to gain a deeper understanding of how safeguarding operates within groups and activities across the Church.

We are now offering the opportunity to all associated with the Methodist Church in Ireland to contribute to this review. If you would like to share your experiences, reflections, or suggestions relating to safeguarding, you are welcome to contact us directly by email at phyllis.stephenson@irishmethodist.org or claire.tobin@irishmethodist.org. We will be receiving contributions until **31 October 2026**.

Any information you provide will be treated confidentially and used only to inform our findings and recommendations. Contributions will be reflected in the final report in a way that does not identify individuals. If information is shared that indicates a current safeguarding risk to a child or an adult at risk, we have a statutory duty to pass that information to the appropriate authorities.

We appreciate your willingness to support this important work and help strengthen safeguarding across the Methodist Church in Ireland.

Yours sincerely,



Phyllis Stephenson

Independent Safeguarding Consultant



Claire Tobin

Safeguarding & Social Work Consultant

Sandford 200 - A Harvest Celebration of Faith, Flowers and Community

As part of the Sandford 200 celebrations, Sandford and St Philip's Church are hosting a Harvest Celebration of Faith Flowers and Community. The official opening, on Friday 2nd October 2026 5pm-7pm, will be performed by RTE journalist Miriam O'Callaghan.

Display open in Sandford Church on the following dates:

Friday 2nd Oct. 11 am – 3 pm

Saturday 3rd Oct. 11 am – 4 pm

Sunday 4th Oct. 10 am – 2 pm

As part of this celebration there will be a Harvest Choral Evensong on Sunday 4th October at 5pm where everyone is welcome to come and join us. The preacher will be the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Reverend John McDowell.



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

Announcements

Thursday 8th October 7.30pm, Room 1: Sharing through the Psalms. An opportunity to gather around God's word, learn from each other, share and pray.

Saturday 10th October 2-3pm: Decorating the Church for the Harvest

Sunday 11th October 10.30am: Harvest Service

Local preachers

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

October 4 th	Tallaght	10.00am Daniel Kojo Antwi
October 11 th	Tallaght	10.00am Soyoung Min
October 18 th	Rathgar	11:30am Jean Kingston

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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