

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 7<sup>th</sup> October 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 11 October 10.30am Harvest Service

We bring our Harvest Offerings for World Development and Relief. Come, ye thankful people come.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm: Decorating the Church for the Harvest.** The theme is 'the harvest of the soil'.

### Friendly Room

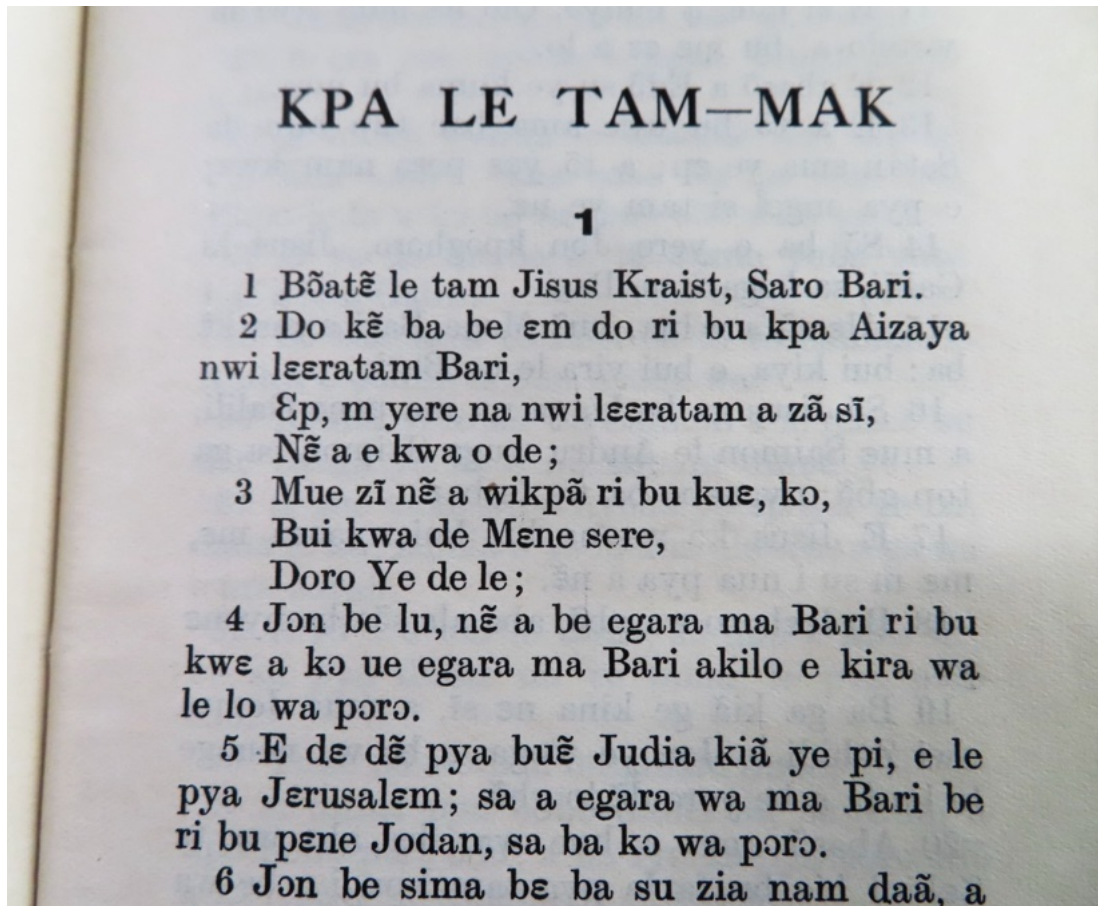
The Friendly Room meets on Wednesdays in Room 1, Wesley House. If you are free, do drop in for a cuppa and a chat between 10.30 and 12 noon. All are welcome—it's a great spot to catch up, enjoy good company, and share a bit of banter.

### 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

### The living word



Ogoni translation of Mark's Gospel by Paul Kingston (A)

The book of Hebrews reminds us that 'the word of God is living and active'. Let me tell you a story that confirms this. I am on the Board of the Bible Society, Ireland, and on the invitation of Dr. Luke Macnamara OSB, another Board member, we met in Maynooth College last week. He lectures there. We had the opportunity to view the magnificent St Patrick's College Chapel that in my view exceeds any Dublin Church in its symbolical illustrations of the gospel. We also visited the Russell Library and viewed the beautifully illustrated 15<sup>th</sup> century Book of Hours, a first edition Erasmus Bible (1516), a first edition of Bishop Bedell's Irish Bible (1685) and other ancient Bibles.

However of particular interest was seeing Paul Kingston's translation of Mark's gospel into the Nigerian Igbo language. The language had not yet been put into writing when Rev Paul went as a missionary to Nigeria where he served from 1926 until 1960. In order to make the translation he had to first put the language into a written form.

When Paul was a boy, he was 'mitching' school one day, and wandered the roads near his home in Meenies, Drimoleague when he heard a quarry man on his knees praying at the other side of the ditch. He stopped, intrigued, and this led to his own spiritual awakening. In time his son, also called Paul (B), would become a Methodist Minister and missionary to Nigeria. His daughter Heather is our Secretary of Conference, and her son Peter is our preacher on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October in the morning service and at the Songs of Praise at 3pm on the same day. He is one of many descendants of Paul (A) who continue to faithfully serve God today).

### Prayer

Living God, we give thanks for the power of your Holy Spirit to transform hearts and the power of your word to bring understanding and purpose to our lives, In Jesus Name, Amen.

## Sharing through the Psalms.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Room 1:** An opportunity to gather around God's word, learn from each other, share and pray. Mark Duggan will open the first of these four evenings as he shares from Psalm 13, a Psalm that has a deep significance for him.

## Songs of Praise 18 October 2026 3.00pm



2 October 2026

## Book Club 13 October 2026

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](mailto:sylviahroddie@gmail.com)

## Sky's the Limit

Our guest speaker on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 087 245 7719 or [maureen.rowan@irishmethodist.org](mailto:maureen.rowan@irishmethodist.org)

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

## 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.

## 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](mailto:english@methodistcentenary.ie)

# St Philip's Art Sale In-Person & Online



**Opening in the Hall  
and online from  
29th October.**

Sale catalogue online from 29th October  
at 2pm all works available to purchase  
online until 12th November.

**St Philip's Parish Hall  
Temple Rd. Dartry  
D06 AX71**

**Hall Opening times:**

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| Thurs 29th Oct | 2pm–8pm   |
| Fri 30th Oct   | 10am–6pm  |
| Sat 31st Oct   | 10am–6pm  |
| Sun 1st Nov    | 12.30–4pm |



<https://sandford.dublin.anglican.org/art-sale-and-exhibition>

## 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](mailto:billygiven115@gmail.com)

### Text for Announcements

Text for inclusion in the Announcements should be sent to [news@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie). The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

### Stay Connected

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