

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 14th 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 18 October

10.30am Service of Worship with Rev Peter Morris.

3.00pm Songs of Praise – see the poster below for details.

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

What is Enough?

Travelling to Sweden this week was an opportunity to catch up on the many messages from Eco-Congregation networks that back up in my inbox. One of them was a report from a Belfast conference exploring the idea of the Economy of Enough. In Swedish airspace, I began to think of the concept of *lagom*, which the Swedes translate as "not too much, not too little", a cultural philosophy that promotes balance, equality, and sustainability in everyday life.

The impact of *lagom* is visible in many aspects of Swedish life. Fika is a light snack, rather than a large meal over which to socialise, work-life balance is practiced widely, there is an exodus to the countryside when the light returns after the dark winter, children traditionally eat sweets only once a week, homes are uncluttered but cozy, off-licences close from Saturday afternoon to Monday, net greenhouse gas emissions are reducing at a rate twice the EU average.

But this cultural philosophy has not created a utopian society. For many decades of social democratic rule 'the Swedish model' provided a comprehensive welfare model and high progressive taxation. In recent years however, the rise of the radical right has forced the entire political spectrum to harden its stances. Harshness towards the vulnerable and protection of the wealthy is as evident as *lagom*.

Back to the Belfast conference and the Economy of Enough. The gathering did not identify simple solutions to the question of how to move from an economy driven by endless consumption to one 'grounded in sufficiency, solidarity and the common good'. It did however emphasise the need for action at both the system scale and the community scale. Communities practising moderation and joyful respect for the planet's limits also need to be activists for policy that reshapes how decisions are made on the fundamentals of wellbeing such as housing, education, health, care for the vulnerable, energy and waste.

Being vigilant against the decline of compassion and the growth of extractive behaviour makes demands on our time, energy, and decision-making. Proverbs 30:8-9 (NIV) provides us with a prayer to sustain us in the challenge:

*Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.
Otherwise, I may have too much and
disown you
and say, 'Who is the Lord?'
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonour the name of my God.*

Maureen Rowan Harvey



Prayers of Solidarity: World Mission Partnership and World Development & Relief

Through World Mission Partnership (WMP) and World Development & Relief (WDR), the Methodist Church in Ireland is connected to partners across the world. Prayer is one of the most important ways we can support those partners.

Prayer for South Africa

South Africa is sadly no stranger to violence, but the events of the last few weeks have shocked the nation.

Last week at least 27 people lost their lives in two separate mass shootings just hours apart near Cape Town and Johannesburg. The news of this tragedy broke as the body of a woman was discovered in Ekurhuleni (eh-koor-hu-LEE-nee), east of Johannesburg, the 12th female victim to be found in the area so far since July.

In a statement from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa (MCSA), Presiding Bishop, Rev Pumla Nzimande shared her condemnation of these crimes, "We condemn these killings in the strongest possible terms. Every human being bears the image of God, and every life is sacred. Violence against women and girls is an assault on their God-given dignity and has no place in our homes, streets, communities, churches or society."

The statement goes on to say, "These deaths cannot be treated as isolated tragedies. They point to the wider and persistent crisis of gender-based violence and femicide in our society - a crisis sustained by silence, victim-blaming, harmful notions of power and masculinity, and failures to recognise, prevent and respond to danger. The loss of these women must therefore compel us not only to demand justice, but to confront the conditions that allow such violence to continue.

We appeal particularly to men and boys to examine and challenge attitudes, language and behaviours that demean, control or dehumanise women. Silence in the face of misogyny and abuse is not neutrality. Men must speak up, hold one another accountable and help cultivate relationships and communities grounded in respect, equality, dignity and peace.'

This is a message that resonates with us here in Ireland, as across this island, women's lives are under threat, often from men they know and think they can trust. We see the rise in misogynistic views and ideas of unhealthy power-dynamics taking root in the minds of our young men. This is an issue which we must confront, and we must do it together with our brothers and sisters around the world. The problem is a global one, so the solution must be global too. Today, we kneel with our world church family and pray for a safer future for women and girls in our societies.

As we pray, let's meditate on these verses. Let us pray for an end to violence and oppression, and that those who have been left broken-hearted by these events would receive the support and comfort they need.

Ezekiel 45:9 – Put away violence and oppression, and do what is just and right.

Psalms 34:18 - The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Let's pray,

Heavenly Father, we come before you with broken hearts for the lives lost in South Africa, both men and women. We think of the families and friends of those whose lives have been taken so callously, we pray for comfort for the grieving, and peace for hearts that are full of anger.

We pray especially for the women of Ekurhuleni (eh-koor-hu-LEE-nee), who are living with the knowledge that another woman's body has been found in their area. We pray that this violence would end, that justice would be reached in every case and that not one more life would be lost.

We pray for this crisis of femicide in South Africa and beyond, we pray that good, godly men would rise up and stand with women as they speak out against the discrimination and violence inflicted on women across our world.

Your word teaches us that all lives are precious, that oppression and brutality have no place in the Kingdom of God. Change the hearts of those who are filled with hate and revenge - heal those who are broken and in need of restoration.

In Jesus Holy name, Amen.

Sharing through the Psalms.

Thursday 15th October 7.30pm, Room 1: An opportunity to gather around God's word, learn from each other, share and pray. Jeanette will share a meditation from Psalm 23 before opening up for a time of sharing and prayer.

Songs of Praise 18 October 2026 3.00pm



**SONGS
of
PRAISE**

Sunday 18th October 2026 at 3pm
Methodist Centenary Church
Leeson Park, Dublin 6

Join in with lots of traditional and contemporary singing

Led by our band ensemble

MUSIC CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDE:
Derek Seymour (*Music Director*)
Soo-Jung Ann (*piano*) • Rejoice Gospel Choir • Hyelee Jeong (*soloist*)
Sayjin Park (*piano*) • Janyce Condon (*soloist*)
Dublin Korean/Centenary Male Voice Choir

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Rev Peter Morris

Retiring offering
Light refreshments served after the event

kipranger / www.firepit.com

Book Club

Our Book Club choice for October was *Mrs Harris goes to Paris* by Paul Gallico and was a very popular choice. Our book for November is *Land* by Maggie O'Farrell.

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

500th anniversary of Tyndale's translation of the New Testament into English

A two day conference will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the publication in 1526 of William Tyndale's translation of the New Testament from Greek into English. Dangerous for him to do, Tyndale's skilful and courageous work proved to be a watershed moment in the history of the Bible in English. Today, we read the Bible in translation in a range of formats and media – including online: a powerful forum for global distribution and impact, much like the printing press of Tyndale's times. Tyndale's vision was that anyone should be able to understand the Bible for themselves in their own language. Tyndale's effective turns of phrase – “let there be light”, “the spirit is willing”, “signs of the times” – made their way into later translations, especially the King James Version, and thereby into common parlance. This conference will also be an occasion to bring together scholars, clergy, and laypeople to learn and reflect critically and imaginatively about the Bible in general. Special attention will be given to the Bible's translation, distribution, and impact – past, present, and future. The following will be considered:

- William Tyndale's life, work, and legacy;
- Translation: motivations, theories, histories, challenges, and possibilities;
- Distribution: formats and media, past and present, by which people encounter the Bible.
- Impact: how the Bible is related to the religious, political, and social contexts of its interpreters.

The conference will run from 9.00am to 8.00pm on both Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 October. There will be an extra Tyndale-themed tour in nearby Oxford on the morning of Friday 30 October, followed by a free commemorative concert at Corpus Christi College (see link below). In-person attendees will be welcome to join in daily worship at the college throughout the conference.

The event will be hosted at Ripon College Cuddesdon, a Church of England college founded by Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, son of the abolitionist William Wilberforce MP. Situated 7 miles from Oxford in the beautiful and peaceful Oxfordshire countryside, the college is an ideal venue for study and reflection.

The detailed programme is at

<https://www.rcc.ac.uk/short-courses-retreats/tyndale-tiktok-bibles-translation-distribution-and-impact#main-content>

Online access for two days is 25 pounds and reservations can be made at this site.

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

Sky's the Limit

Tuesday 3rd November 2026, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6, D06N5P0

The next session on **Tuesday 3rd November** will be led by our special guest, Dr David Gallagher - details in the poster attached. Please encourage fellow congregation members of all ages to attend and invite your friends from nearby Methodist churches.



Dr David Gallagher will talk on 'Were the Methodists faithful or traitors?'

There will be opportunities for Questions and Answers and to purchase his recently published book *From Feakle to the Falls and Derry's Walls: Methodism and peacemaking, 1985-2025*.

Price €25.00/£20.00. Contact: Maureen Rowan: 0872457719 / maureen.rowan@irishmethodist.org

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

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:

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>

Forthcoming services on Sundays at 10.30am

Centenary

- October 25 Service of Worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
November 1 Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston
November 8 Service of Worship with Rev Andrew Kingston
November 15 Service of Worship with Rev Yongnam Park

Local preachers

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

- October 18 10.00 Tallaght Mrs Jean Kingston
October 25 11.30 Rathgar Mr Monday Egbowon
November 1 10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele
November 8 10.00 Tallaght Mrs Jean Kingston
11.30 Rathgar Mrs Lesley Rankin
November 15 14.00 Korean Church Mr Moba Mwanzele

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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