

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 21st 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 25th October

10.30am Service of Worship with Rev Andrew Kingston.

Sharing through the Psalms.

Thursday 22nd October 7.30pm, Room 1: An opportunity to gather around God's word, learn from each other, share and pray. Agbolade will share a meditation from Psalm 27 before opening up for a time of sharing and prayer. **There will be no Bible Study on Thursday 29th October.**

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.

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.

Thought for the week

Running the race

'Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us' Hebrews 12:1b



Dublin Marathon local route, 25th October 2026

I can't say that the Dublin Marathon fills me with joy. It annoys me that our city thinks so little of the worship of God that it finds it acceptable to cordon off countless places of worship on the Lord's Day. If we live outside of the cordon, we have four options regarding getting to church on Sunday.

Walk or cycle

Drive to Stillorgan and come in under the UCD flyover on the N11

Get the Luas to Ranelagh Station

Join Rathgar who will meet at 7pm or Tallaght who meet at 10am

Don't get me wrong. The whole concept of the marathon is great. People exercising, raising funds for good causes, the camaraderie, the sense of achievement and the sheer joy as those on pavements cheer the runners. This concept is mentioned in the Bible verse quoted above when it says that as we run our race of faith we are inspired by a great cloud of faithful witnesses who have gone before us.

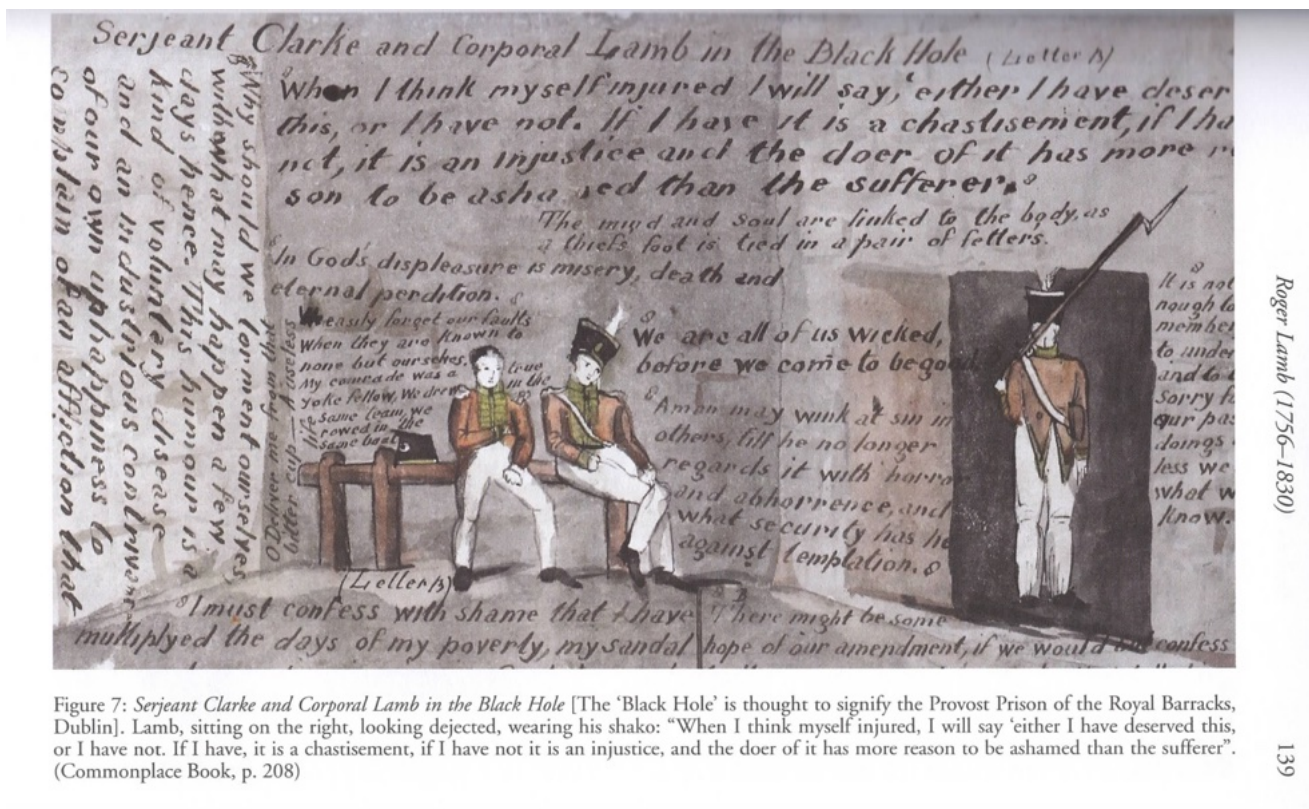


Figure 7: Serjeant Clarke and Corporal Lamb in the Black Hole [The 'Black Hole' is thought to signify the Provost Prison of the Royal Barracks, Dublin]. Lamb, sitting on the right, looking dejected, wearing his shako: "When I think myself injured, I will say 'either I have deserved this, or I have not. If I have it is a chastisement, if I have not it is an injustice, and the doer of it has more reason to be ashamed than the sufferer'". (Commonplace Book, p. 208)

For those who can battle through to Wesley House on Sunday, we will be considering what we can learn from our Methodist heritage, focusing particularly on one predecessor. Roger Lamb was a wild soldier in his youth. He was demoted because of a misdemeanour, and thrown into the black hole in what is now Collins Barracks. He fought in the American war and was taken prisoner twice, escaped twice and on his return to Dublin he heard John Wesley preach, committed his life to Christ and became the Master of the Free School that was part of the very first purpose built Methodist preaching house on Whitefriar Street. Our congregation is a continuation of that Society. He wrote three illustrated books that were used in the 2025 BBC series, 'The American Revolution'.

Sometimes we have to battle through the wall. Marathons teach us perseverance but as we run the race of faith, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, encouraged by the example of those who have gone before and keep looking forward to Jesus who guides us to the finishing line.

Rev Andrew Kingston

Meditate and pray using Hebrews 12:2 & 3.

'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.'

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

Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 October

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.

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.

God's Storehouse in Tallaght

Please put donations of non-perishable food in the basket in the Coffee Bar at Wesley House

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>

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

Forthcoming services on Sundays

Centenary at 10.30am

- 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
November 22 Service of worship led by students

Local preachers

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

- 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
November 22 11.30 Rathgar Mr Erick Mwazonga

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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