Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 11th November 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 15th November 10.30am

Service of Worship with Rev. Yongnam Park.

Bible Study

The bible study following the President's theme 'Living Letters' will continue on **Thursday 12th November at 7:30pm** in Room 2 (Brian's old office). All welcome.



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 COP 31 Turkiye Maureen Rowan-Harvey



It's that time of year again.

COP31*, the United Nations Climate Change Conference is taking place in Antalya, Türkiye from 9th to 20th November 2026. The aim is to bring the world together to agree on the actions to be taken to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius average compared to pre-industrial levels, help vulnerable communities adapt to the effects of climate change, and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. There are over 10,000 participants, more than 335 ministerial-level and senior delegates from 183 countries, alongside over 500 partner organizations.

Does this have any relevance to us an Eco Congregation, trying to take practical steps locally to limit fossil fuel use in an old building and support those in need globally? As geo-politics becomes more complex, and emissions from war are not counted in the reporting process, it gets harder to see the value of the estimated €660m cost of hosting COP.

I had the opportunity to put that question to a panel of experts at a recent UCD Information Seminar on COP negotiations. They accepted that, to the ordinary concerned citizen, there is much to be sceptical about. The UN's own recent climate report found that we will unavoidably slip past the 1.5-degree Celsius warming target in the next few years. The task now is to make the period of warming "overshoot" as limited as possible, bring global average temperatures back down, and implement complex mitigation and adaptation measures in the meantime. The experts accept that the COP negotiation process is slow and cumbersome, but defend it on the basis that it requires consensus and gives the same powers of veto to small island nations as to major powers. The advice from the Seminar is that local community action, including that of faith communities, continues to matter because what politicians bring to COP is based on what their own electorates are telling them.

The World Council of Churches will be among those attending COP 31 and pressing politicians to shift from promises to implementation. They reiterate that "the ecological crisis is fundamentally spiritual and moral ..... the churches are called to participate in God's work of healing relationships between humanity and the whole Living Planet, among peoples and nations, and across generations".

Prayer

We offer a prayer for all involved in this complex work:

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the beautiful world You have entrusted to our care. We pray for wisdom and courage for world leaders as they make decisions about climate change. Help them to act with compassion, justice and responsibility, protecting those most vulnerable to its effects. Guide Christian charities and communities working to safeguard creation and support those facing hardship. May we all recognise our responsibility to care for Your world and for one another, today and for future generations. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Source: Premier Christian News

*COP31 stands for the 31st meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), a landmark international treaty agreed in 1992, and parent treaty to the 2015 Paris Agreement.

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.

Wesley Walk and Gathering

Walk 10am-1pm

A walk and gathering has been organised for **Saturday 21st November**, meeting under Butt Bridge opposite the Custom House (where Rev John Wesley first set foot in Ireland in 1747). It will include significant sites associated with our story including St Mary's, Francis Street, White Friar St. The Cabbage Garden and St Stephen's Green before gathering in Wesley House at the Thanksgiving Bazaar (see notice below) for refreshments and a Slide Show of our trip in Room 1.

Members of the congregation are welcome to join at any point during the day.

Southern District Gathering

A Message from our District Superintendent Rev Andrew Dougherty

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from Mayo House!

This email is reminder of the **GATHERING** that will take place on the **24th November 2026.**

This evening is an important opportunity for us to come together as a District, to encourage one another in ministry and mission, and to give space to some important conversations about the life and witness of our churches.

This Gathering is not simply a meeting in the diary; it is an opportunity for us to listen, learn, pray, reflect, and be encouraged together as we seek to serve Christ and the people entrusted to our care.

Venue:	Mountmellick Methodist Church
Date and Time:	24th November 2026
	7:00 pm – Tea/Coffee
	7:30 pm – Gathering

An Evening with Holly Adams...
Director of Evangelism, British Methodist Church

Holly will help us think together about the challenges and opportunities of **generous faith-sharing in contemporary Ireland**, exploring practical approaches and the ways in which we can become more confident in sharing the Good News of Christ.

Please let Rev Andrew Kingston know if you plan to attend. We can organise car sharing.

Christian Aid

There will be a soup lunch in aid of Christian Aid after the Advent Service on **29th November**.

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

Oíche na hÓige 2026

Youth Night

On Friday, 13 November 2026, Leeson Park Scout Group will take part in Oíche na hÓige, a nationwide celebration of youth work.
New scouts to the group will be invested and we will have a campfire and singsong.
All are welcome, come and have a cup of tea with us and see a little of what we do in Scouts.

18.15 Friday November 13th 2026
Wesley House, Leeson Park

See you there!



leesonparkscouts@gmail.com

Sky's the Limit

Reflecting as an All-Island Methodist Church

Maureen Rowan-Harvey and Charles Richards

On Tuesday 3rd November, we had a very stimulating session of Sky's the Limit with Dr David Gallagher as guest speaker.

David shared his experiences as Lay Secretary to the Council on Social Responsibility (CSR) at a crucial period in the Northern Ireland peace process from 1990 to 2003. He also drew reflections from the longer period of troubled history which followed his father, Rev Eric Gallagher's, presence at the 1974 Feakle talks with members of the IRA Army Council. His role as Secretary extended far beyond minute taking, although his meticulous attention to that task contributes to the authoritative quality of his book *'From Feakle and the Falls to Derry's Walls'*. David was also one of the 'quiet peacemakers', in the back channels to dialogue with republicans, nationalists, unionists, loyalists as well as government representatives.

Following David's presentation, the Sky's the Limit audience raised probing questions which David answered convincingly and could have dwelled on for longer. We hope to continue with further reflections at our **next session**, which will be on **Tuesday 1st December 2026**.

If you missed the session with David, these were some questions which were raised :

- Would the Unionists have signed the Good Friday Agreement if they had known what was to come later?
- Was the CSR acting on behalf of Northern Methodists only during the peace process?
- What role will churches play in the future of the island ?
- Who is speaking for the young generation (other than Kneecap!)?
- What should young Christians be doing to maintain peace, having seen what we have seen?
- Are there many Methodists in the Orange Order?
- District Synods played a significant role in reflecting the views of Methodists during the peace process? What communication channels do we have for these in the absence of Synods?
- Should Church Councils be more active in social commentary rather than looking inwards to their own congregations?
- Should we still be talking about (only) two communities in Northern Ireland?



Roy Willoughby adding David Gallagher's book to his Peace Makers' collection

Book Club

Our Book Club choice for November was *Land* by Maggie O'Farrell. Our book for December is a lighter read, *Winnie the Pooh* by A A Milne.

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

The Role and Influence of the Post Office in Ireland

You are invited to an illustrated talk on The Role and Influence of the Post Office in Ireland to be given by Stephen Ferguson (author of The Post Office in Ireland: An illustrated history). The talk will be given in Rathgar Methodist Church, Brighton Road, Rathgar at 7:30pm on Wednesday 18th November 2026. All are welcome to what will be an engaging and fascinating talk about the story and impact of the Post Office.

Methodist Newsletter



Would you like to receive this excellent magazine. If you already receive it, there will be a note regarding reordering in the December copy. If you would like to be added to the list of subscribers for next year, Contact Margaret Horner at margarethorner13@gmail.com, or 087-623 5602

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.



Bring, buy and chat with friends over tea and coffee

(Surplus household items and gifts can be brought and donated)

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추수감사절
사랑 나눔
바자회



정성껏 준비한 물건과 먹거리로
사랑이 가득한 하루를 만들어보세요





일시 2026년 11월 21일(토) 오전 11시 반 ~ 오후 5시 반

장소 The Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin
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기부 이벤트 등





참여 바자회 물품 기부접수/ 11. 8일, 11. 15일 1시-2시,
11. 21일 10시-11시/ 교회 방문
물품 정리 및 판매 자원봉사 모집

바자회 수익금은 웨슬리 하우스 보수공사와 미션펀드를 위해 사용됩니다

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Winter Hymns



FOR GAZA

Christ Church Dun Laoghaire 3-5 Park Road A96K3C3
Friday November 20th 7:30pm

All singers and listeners welcome!

Organist - Charles Pearson
Soloist - James Richard Tennant-Gough (St Patrick's)

Come and join in a celebration of much loved hymns with a collection on the night for the Shine a Light for the Diocese of Jerusalem' Fund.

Please donate at

My Song is Love Unknown
O Come O Come Emmanuel
Wexford Carol
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
All Creatures of our God and King
Be Thou my Vision
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
In the Bleak Midwinter
Ding Dong Merrily on High
And more.....

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 & Exhibition 2026

Works available to purchase online until 12 November

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

Forthcoming services on Sundays

Centenary at 10.30am

November 15 Service of Worship with Rev Yongnam Park

November 22 Service of worship led by students

November 29 Advent Sunday service with Rev Andrew Kingston

December 6 Holy Communion Service with Rev Andrew Kingston

Local preachers

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

November 15 14.00 Korean Church Mr Monday Egbowon

November 22 10.00 Tallaght Mrs Leslie Rankin

11.30 Rathgar Mr Erick Mwazonga

November 29 10.00 Tallaght 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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