Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

Superintendent Minister: Rev Andrew Kingston, Tel. 01-668 0833; 083-152 0171



Announcements on 18th 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 22nd November 10.30am

Student led Service of Worship with Fintan Lalor

Bible Study

The bible study following the President's theme 'Living Letters' will continue on **Thursday 19th November at 7:30pm - 9pm** in Room 2 (Brian's old office). All welcome.



Christian Aid

There will be a soup lunch in aid of Christian Aid after the Advent Service on **29th November 2026.**.

Thought for the week



'Don't be ashamed'

I had a haircut last Friday. There is nothing remarkable about that (except I mistakenly asked for a no.2 all over instead of my usual no.3)! I go to GB barbers in Rathfarnham shopping centre (very good, €18, by appointment – no waiting, 10 minutes walk, 10 minutes hair cut, home within half an hour). I sat down on the chair, and apologised that I hadn't taken off my Ministerial collar. I explained that the shirt I was wearing was my 'under cover' shirt. When the collar is off and the top button is open it looks like any other shirt. I explained that I was coming from doing a school assembly, and that you get suspicious looks these days when you walk around with the collar the wrong way around. I wasn't prepared for what came next. This local young man who does weight lifting in his spare time said – 'Don't be ashamed'.

What followed was a great conversation about faith. He is unapologetically a follower of Jesus. He asked me what a school assembly is, and I shared about my talk that morning about prayer (see above). All the other seats were taken and undoubtedly other barbers and customers were listening. I sensed that Ireland is undergoing another change where faith is something to be celebrated with interest in an age when many are struggling to find meaning and purpose in their lives. 'Don't be ashamed' (Romans 1:16).

Please note the evening with Holly Adams next Tuesday. Our District Superintendent would like numbers by Friday. 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. Continued...

Prayer

Lord, may we never shy away from giving a reason for what we believe. We give thanks that it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Amen

Governance Meetings

30th November 10.30am : Wesley House Executive

7th December 7.30pm : Church Council

14th December 8pm : Circuit Executive, Rathgar

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.

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 **before Friday 20th** if you plan to attend. We can organise car sharing.

The Role and Influence of the Post Office in Ireland – TONIGHT 18/11/2026 7:30pm

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.

Sky's the Limit

Tuesday December 1st 7.30pm, Wesley House -

Topic: Creative Responses to Current Issues in North-South Relations

Following from the November discussion with Dr David Gallagher on Methodists and Peacemaking in the past, Liz Parkin will lead us in an opportunity to brainstorm creatively for what may lie ahead.

Please save these dates for 2027: February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th.

All are on Tuesdays, time is 7.30pm and 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

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

Sandford Christmas Market

Saturday 5 December, 11 am – 1.30 pm in the grounds of Sandford Church.

Christmas Crafts * Deli * Cakes * Waffles * Hot Dogs * Hot Chocolate * Santa Claus * Raffle

Donations of good quality Christmas decorations and Christmas jumpers, can be left in either Sandford Church or St Philip's Church when they are open for services and events.

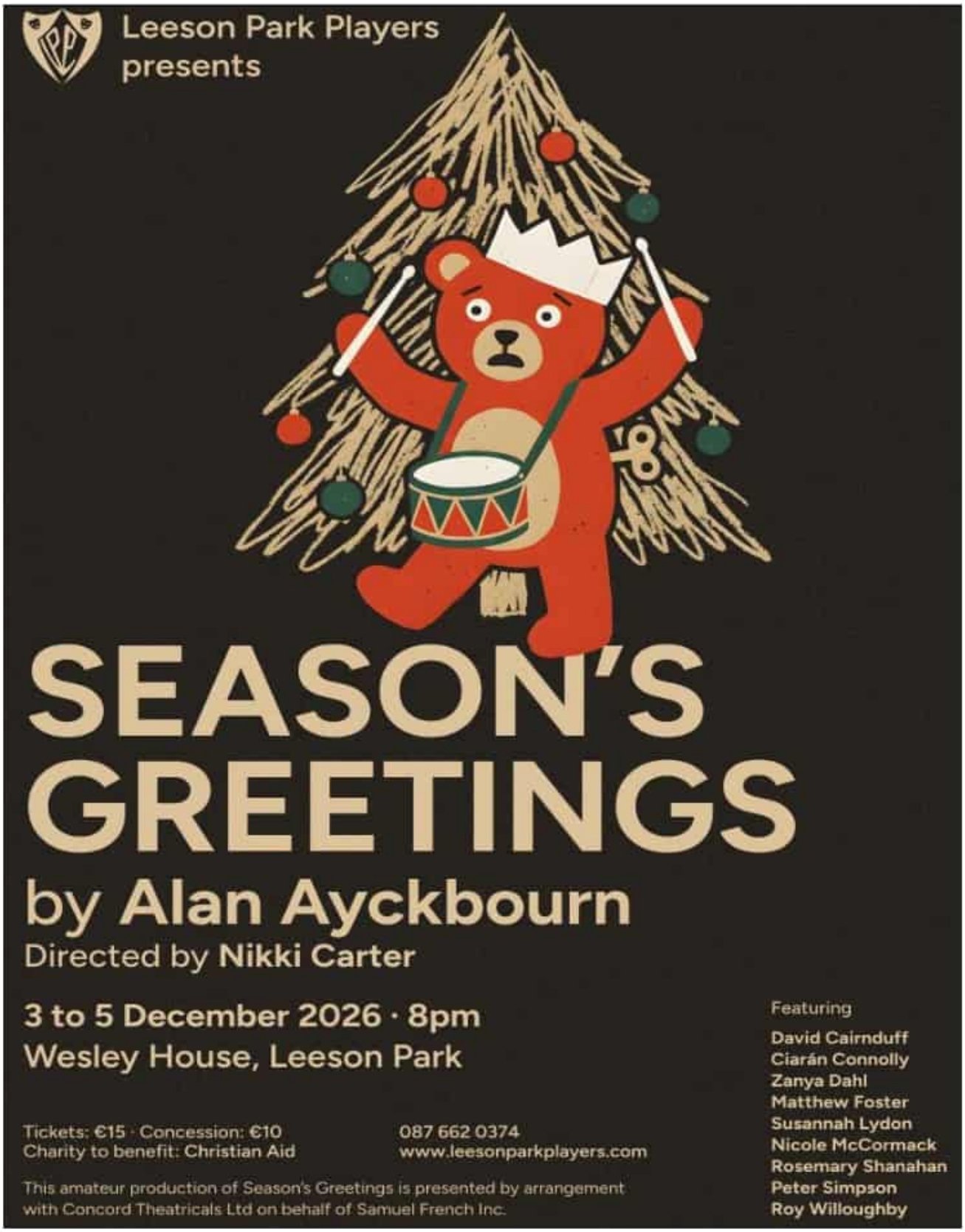
For further details contact Linda or Barbara at sandfordparishchristmasmarket@gmail.com

Leeson Park Players

Leeson Park Players present Alan Aycknoun's classic Christmas comedy 'Season's Greetings' on **Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th December 2026 at 8pm.**

Starring Susannah Lydon, Peter Simpson and Roy Willoughby.

Tickets available from Lynn and all proceeds to Christian Aid.



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.



Note for the Centenary Congregation:

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
D06 E542

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기부 이벤트 등





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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.

Forthcoming services on Sundays

Centenary at 10.30am

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 22 10.00 Tallaght Mrs Leslie Rankin

11.30 Rathgar Mr Erick Mwazonga

November 29 10.00 Tallaght Mr Erick Mwazongaf

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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Whatsapp: ***Centenary Updates***