

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 10th April 2024

Our Mission Statement

Our Mission is to receive God's love and to share it with others.

Sunday 14th April

Worship led by Rev Andrew Kingston

Appeal for baby clothing

Appeal from a family in need. Clothes for a baby boy of 12-18 months. Contact Rev Andrew Kingston if you can help.

Circuit Executive meeting next Friday by Zoom

Friday 12th April 7.30pm: The work on the major project of repair and renovation to Wesley House is reaching the final decision stage necessitating a special Circuit Executive. The zoom link will be forwarded to members by email.

Leeson Park Players 'Present Laughter' by Noel Coward

Leeson Park Players are performing 'Present Laughter' by Noel Coward on Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm in the Centenary Hall. A poster is at the end of these announcements. Lynne Pasley is selling tickets on behalf of Christian Aid and, thanks to the support from LPP, the full amount of the ticket price will be donated to Christian Aid. Please contact Lynne on 087 942 9508 or at lynnepasley@gmail.com to buy tickets. Ticket price is €15 (concession €10).

St Philip's Vintage Afternoon Tea

Following on from its success last year it was decided to host the St Philip's Vintage Afternoon Tea again this year. It will be held in St Philip's Hall on Saturday 13 April from 2 -4pm. It is €10 per person and rsvp is required to Craig at sandfordandstphilips@gmail.com or 0860386432. See attached poster for more details.

Thought for the Week

If you didn't know, I have been doing an MA in chaplaincy and Pastoral Work in DCU for the past year. Yesterday I am glad to report that I finished lecturers. I have been getting quite reflective over my experience in university, but my primary thought has been, one thing is ending...so what next? I think in our journeys we tend to reach a point and settle there, but I get the impression that God doesn't operate like that.

When Peter and John heard the news of Jesus' body not being in the tomb, Peter ran with all this might to see this for himself, although John was obviously faster and beat him to the tomb! What strikes me about this section of the Easter story is that the disciples didn't stay at the tomb, they left it. There was nothing to see here other than rocks and folded linen cloths. They moved on to the next thing. Jesus wasn't there anymore; he was on the move. While Easter might have been celebrated two weeks ago, we still celebrate it now. I was delighted to see in John's PowerPoint from Sunday that he had an image of the garden tomb with the message, 'He is risen'. Jesus' resurrection is not meant for just one weekend in the year. It should be a daily thing we live out. The tomb is still empty! And we can move from it with that knowledge.

This coming Sunday we will be launching our updated vision for the church, which has taken months of work to get to this point. We will begin a four-week series looking at the 'pillars' of what we stand for as a church. I personally can't wait to get this series rolling, but what I am finding myself more interested in, is what we do after it. We might have a polished vision statement, we might have a new shiny logo, and a new PowerPoint background, but the work that comes after it is what interests me now. It is not just about the words on a poster, or the words from our mouth, but our actions. I hope you will join us on this four-week journey, but I also hope that we go from words to action, from thoughts to practicalities. I hope you will join us in asking the question ... so what next?

Brian Hickey

Prayer



You may have noticed that our brothers and sisters from the Romanian Orthodox Church celebrated Easter last Sunday. I thought I would share a prayer from their tradition.

Our Lord and Saviour, You became man and laboured with Your hands until the time of Your ministry. Bless us as we begin this work. Help us to bring it to completion. Lord, enlighten our minds and strengthen our bodies, that we may accomplish our tasks according to Your will. Guide us to bring about works of goodness to Your service and glory. Amen.

Brian Hickey

World Health Day

World Health Day was yesterday. Here is a prayer from World Development and Relief.

Let us pray that this year many more people will have access to the vital healthcare they need.

Father,

We thank you for your provision and your love for us. We pray for those afflicted by disease across our world, that you would comfort and heal them. We thank you for healthcare professionals and volunteers who provide vital care and support to those who are suffering. We pray for our partners as they seek to support the health of their communities and provide solutions to create healthy environments for all.

Amen.

Eco Congregation Notes

Dandelions



Shared by Global Action Plan, a Ballymun-based non-profit organisation, aiming to help individuals and communities develop solutions to the environmental and climate crises.

Things You Might Not Know About Dandelions - from Anita Sanchez, author of *The Teeth of the Lion*

Whether you love them or hate them, dandelions are among the most familiar plants in the world. They're one species that just about anyone can identify at a glance. Dandelions are, quite possibly, the most successful plants that exist, masters of survival worldwide.

Before the invention of lawns, people praised the golden blossoms and lion-toothed leaves as a bounty of food, medicine and magic. Gardeners often weeded out the grass to make room for the dandelions. But somewhere in the twentieth century, humans decided that the dandelion was a weed. Nowadays, they're also the most unpopular plant in the neighborhood – but it wasn't always that way.

Dandelions are good for your lawn. Their wide-spreading roots loosen hard-packed soil, aerate the earth and help reduce erosion. The deep taproot pulls nutrients such as calcium from deep in the soil and makes them available to other plants. While most think they're a lawn killer, dandelions actually fertilize the grass.



Book Club

The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 12.15-1.45pm 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. Our April book choice was *The Raptures* by Jan Carson, which led to an interesting discussion with the group. Our choice for May is *Snowflake* by Louise Nealon. We currently have 10 members and would be delighted to increase our numbers. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia on sylviahroddie@gmail.com

Monthly Morning Holy Communion

There is a monthly morning Holy Communion Service on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.00–10.30am in Room 1 followed by the Friendly Room.

Friendly Room

The Friendly Room meets at 10.30am on Wednesdays in Room 1, Wesley House. All are welcome for a relaxed chat and coffee.

Connect through English

The Connect group meets on Thursday mornings between 10.30am and 12 noon in Room 1 in Wesley House. If you know anyone who would like to join our morning chat and coffee, which we share with people who have come to Ireland from many countries, please let them know. Fliers are available in stands around Wesley House. Please take one. We have plenty, and if you can help with spreading them we would be very grateful. Contact: english@methodistcentenary.ie.

God's Storehouse in Tallaght

Please put donations of non-perishable foods in the basket in Wesley House.

Giving to the church by cheque

Those who cannot come to church are asked to please post your donations by cheque, quoting your envelope number, to Billy Given. You can contact him at billygiven115@gmail.com

Giving to the church by standing order or bank transfer

If you wish to give to the Church by standing order or bank transfer, these are the details:

Bank Name: AIB Bank plc, 7/12 Dame Street, Dublin 2

Account Name: Methodist Centenary Church Council No. 3 Account

BIC: AIBKIE2D; IBAN: IE89AIBK93122526909346

So that the church can avail of tax relief on our donations please include, with your donation, the number on your offering envelopes. Contact Alan Perry with any questions.

Giving to the Church by 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.

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

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| April 14 | Worship with Rev Andrew Kingston |
| April 21 | Worship with Brian Hickey |
| April 28 | Worship with Rev Andrew Kingston |
| May 5 | Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston |

Text for Announcements

Text for inclusion in the Announcements should be sent to news@methodistcentenary.ie. The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

A detailed black and white line drawing of a vintage tea set. It includes a large teapot with a high handle, a sugar bowl with a lid, a creamer, and several cups and saucers. There are also small cakes and a candy on a tray in the foreground. The entire set is arranged around a central circular text area.

St Philip's **Vintage Afternoon Tea**

Saturday 13 April 2-4pm

**St Philip's Hall
Temple Rd, DO6 AX71**

Raffle

**Spot Prizes
for the
Best Hats**

**All proceeds
to St Philip's
Parish Funds**

€10 per person

Bookings

email: sandfordandstphilips@gmail.com

Phone: Parish Secretary Craig 086 0386432

Bookings close 8th April

LEESON PARK PLAYERS PRESENT

PRESENT LAUGHTER

BY NOËL COWARD

PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS



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DIRECTED BY
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THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
18TH 19TH & 20TH APRIL 2024
CENTENARY HALL • LEESON PARK • 7.30PM

CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY LORETO FOXROCK PAST PUPILS UNION
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TICKETS: €15, CONCESSION €10 • BOX OFFICE: WWW.LEESONPARKPLAYERS.COM 087 662 0374