

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 8th January 2025

### 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.

### Back to Church Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January with the Lay Leader Mrs Elaine Barnett

12<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am – 2pm. Family service followed by a light lunch and party

Now that the work of this stage of the Wesley House Renovations has reached Practical Completion we are acting on the excellent suggestion of the Church Council that we have a special back to church family service early in the New Year.

The Lay Leader of the Methodist Church in Ireland Mrs Elaine Barnett, and her husband John will add the dignity that this occasion merits.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>, 8pm:** Opening Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Dublin. Venue, Abbey Presbyterian Church, Parnell Square. Speaker, Bishop Dónal Roche, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. Your attendance will be appreciated.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am:** Dee Huddleston will be our preacher in Methodist Centenary for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As a Lay Reader for the Church of Ireland, Dee is part of the pilot project that has seen exchanges with our Local Preachers also preaching in local Anglican Churches. Dee works for Christian Aid Ireland.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1pm:** Lunchtime Prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, St Finnian's Lutheran Church, Adelaide Road

## Thought for the Week

I received an interesting email on Saturday. John Kirwan and his father had been removing an old fireplace in his new home in the late 1990s. It had previously been the property of the late Winifred Bailey. They discovered a Methodist Centenary Church Envelope dated Christmas Eve, 1933 (which happened to be a Sunday) behind the mantel piece. Inside the envelope was a 1930 silver sixpence from the reign of King George V (see below left). Sixpences were made from real silver until 1947. Irish and British coinage were of equal value and interchangeable at that time in Ireland. Mr Kirwan estimated that the equivalent monetary value of the sixpence in today's money would be €30. One wonders if anyone was blamed for stealing the envelope!



Eric Rankin and I met John at Wesley House on Monday morning at 11am (above right). He felt that the artifact might be of interest and he has given it to the congregation. We were delighted with the gift. It reminded me of the story that Jesus told of a woman who had ten silver coins and lost one. She turned the house upside down to find it. Not only was a drachma worth a day's wages, it would have been part of her dowry, worn like a wedding ring on a string across her forehead. To be missing one would indicate that the family was going through hard times, suggesting that her husband was not providing for the family adequately. It would have been like losing a front tooth! Everyone would notice.

This is a great illustration of the value that God places on each one of his children. The Hebrew Scriptures also emphasise this. Every migrant, orphan and widow is precious.

This Sunday from 10.,30am until 2pm is our Back to Church Sunday following extensive renovations. Elaine Barnett, Lay Leader of the Methodist Church in Ireland will address us in our all age service and officially reopen the building. We will hear about the work and celebrate together over a meal and a party. Every member of our community is equally important. I hope that you can be there.

## Prayer



Father God, we thank you that you care deeply for all. Just as the sixpence bears the image of a king, so each person bears your image and likeness. As we meet this Sunday in celebration, the words of the woman in the parable resonate with us. 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost coin'. Give us we pray a heart for others that we may value each person as you do, in the Name of Jesus, Amen

## Church Governance

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Room 1:** A Special Church Council to discuss a possible extension regarding the position of Chaplain, Church Development Worker

## Book Club

Our choice for January is *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier and we will be back in Room 1 Wesley House.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 12.30-2.00pm. 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 13 members and would be delighted to increase our numbers. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia on [sylviahroddie@gmail.com](mailto:sylviahroddie@gmail.com)

## Piano Recital

Yuri Levkovych, from Ukraine, will perform music by a broad range of Classical and Modern Composers at a concert in Wesley House on Saturday 25 January. A poster with the programme is at the end of these announcements.

## Sky's the Limit

Sky's the Limit continues on the first Tuesday of each month from January to May 2025, inclusive. Charles Richards and Maureen Rowan are the coordinators for the programme. The current programme is as follows:

Leader	Date	Topic
Arnold Horner	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Are 'Southern Irish Protestants' a distinctive species? And are they in need of (or do they deserve) preservation?
Lesley Rankin	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	A plain conversation evening where people talk about what is uppermost on their minds
Andrew Kingston	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	The place of modern Israel in Biblical prophesy
Charles Richards and Maureen Rowan	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Travel – To go or not to go?

## Connect through English

*Connect through English* will resume shortly in Wesley House. If you might like to join the facilitation group of Charles, Lesley, Liz, Lynne, Margaret, Maureen, Roy and Sayjin, please speak to one of us to find out what is involved. Currently participants come from countries as far apart as S. Korea and Venezuela, Zimbabwe and Ukraine and others in between.

## Mid Week Communion

Our Mid Week Communion will resume in February.

## God's Storehouse in Tallaght

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

## **Giving to the church**

### **Standing order or bank transfer**

The details for giving to the Church by bank transfer or standing order are:

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.

### **Tax Back Tax Relief Scheme**

A tax payer 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 €362.32, and pro rata for donations of over €250. This scheme brought in over €17,000 last year. To register, you need an envelope number from Peter Grantham and 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, quoting your envelope number, to Billy Given. You can contact him at [billygiven115@gmail.com](mailto:billygiven115@gmail.com)

## **Forthcoming Services at 10.30am**

Jan 19 Service of worship with Dee Huddleston, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan 26 Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

Feb 2 Service of Holy Communion and of celebration and affirmation of Local Preachers with Rev Andrew Kingston

Feb 9 Service of worship with Mrs Soyoung Min

Feb 16 Service of worship with Mrs Gillie Hinds

## **Local preachers**

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

Jan 26 11.30 Rathgar Mr Kevin Nam

Feb 9 11.30 Rathgar Mrs Gillie Hinds

## **Text for Announcements**

Text for inclusion in the Announcements should be sent to [news@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie). The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

# CONCERT

25 January  
7:00 pm



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