

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 5th March 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.

Sunday Worship 9th March

Student service, led by Chaplain Brian Hickey

World Day of Prayer: **Saturday 8th March 11.00am**

Let us come together for the World Day of Prayer on Saturday, March 8th, at 11am, at Methodist Centenary, Leeson Park. All are welcome.

Final service in Christ Church, Leeson Park **Friday 7th March 2.00pm**

Having fulfilled a glorious purpose in facilitating worship and supporting the female blind and other beautiful ministries in the area, Christ Church is to be sold. Our Romanian Orthodox friends have vacated the building, but are likely to be among the interested parties. As a Methodist congregation we are grateful that we were able to sojourn and worship in that building for a number of years while also developing Wesley House for the benefit of both congregations. As such we are all warmly invited by Canon Andrew McCroskery to a service of Holy Communion at 2pm on Friday 7th March. Such is the interest that the Centenary Hall has been requested for refreshments for a substantial congregation following the service.



There are many interesting stained glass windows in Christ Church and Canon McCroskery is kindly opening the Church at 1.40pm to give us a chance to examine their messages. I think that the window in this photograph is particularly beautiful. It is in memory of Mary Hyndman who died in 1872. The two scenes depicting the wife of a noble character from Proverbs 31 are from a theme often captured in glass by children and husbands thankful for a much loved mother. The text on the right is more unusual. Job was being accused by his 'comforters' of getting the suffering that he deserved for his sins. He protested, 'I was eyes to the blind and feet for the lame' (Job 29:15). Mary Hyndman would have been one of many who helped care for the female blind in the Molyneaux home, enabling them to develop skills, live full lives, and find true comfort in God. Rev Andrew Kingston

Castlewellan Holiday Week

Sat. 2nd - Friday 8th August

Start a tradition! This is a wonderful week of worship, activities and fellowship. If there is sufficient interest, we may be in the position to offer discounts from the McCracken Fund.

Conference fees early bird rate, Adult: £105 Youth & Children (3-18) £85, Children under 3: £55 plus accommodation (Caravan & camping), tents £14-£24 per night, plus food. More more information, see <https://www.castlewellanholidayweek.org/>

Interested? Speak to Andrew who is willing to lead a group and arrange accommodation, catering etc.

Thought for the Week

The sweet, and the bitter



Photo: A pilgrim (Tim Greenaway) walking through the Wadi Qelt in the Wilderness of Judea towards St George's Monastery. Jesus walked this ancient road between Jerusalem to Jericho and spent 40 days and 40 nights in these hills.

Today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Yesterday, on Shrove Tuesday, we may have had pancakes, a tradition whereby Christians eat the fatty and sweet food in their larders in preparation for 40 days of prayer and fasting. As children we loved Shrove Tuesday. My mother, and then Jean, make very good pancakes that are then enhanced by the tartness of lemon juice and the sweetness of sugar.

As Lent begins we direct our thoughts to the Judean wilderness; a dry, hard and stony place with deep valleys and dangerous escarpments. It is the place where the shepherd David encountered the valley of the shadow of death and the place where Jesus located the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is here that John the Baptist calls us to repent and to turn our attention to God and where our Lord Jesus overcame the temptation to take the easy road, and where he found the solitude and silence to prepare for ministry, death, and the redemption of humanity and the cosmos.

I pray that our prayers during Lent will include both the sweetness of thanksgiving and the agony of intercession at a time when the world is becoming increasingly unsettled.

Christ has conquered evil, and we thank him for his forgiveness and his communion. When he was in the wilderness, he was 'with the wild animals, and the angels attended him'. Those wild animals are symbols of his coming kingdom where all creation will live in peace and harmony.

Prayer



May our communion with God deepen through the weeks ahead.
May our communion with one another be strengthened as we pray together.
May our communion with creation be enriched as we are led through the wilderness, giving thanks and praise to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through whom all things were created.
Amen.

Governance Meetings

Monday 10th March, 7.30pm: Circuit Executive, Room 1 Wesley House

Ukrainian Concert **Friday 7th March 7.00pm** : ‘Spring, Hope and Love’ .

We're delighted to announce that our Ukrainian friends, a cherished part of our community through the *Connect Through English* group, are presenting another concert! Join us on Friday 7th March at 7:00 PM in the Litton Hall for ***A Review of Broadway Musicals, Jazz, and World Hits from Movies***, featuring captivating modern dance. They've graciously pledged a donation to our church roof fund. Please see the poster at the end of these announcements for the full program.

Christian Aid supporter conference

On Saturday 15th March 2025 we are invited to their Dublin office from 10am – 12.30pm. The presentation will inform supporters and volunteers about the stories behind this year's Christian Aid Week material and our upcoming 80th Anniversary commemorations. The special speaker will be Gerardo Tobar, their programme officer in Guatemala. The address of the office is 19–21 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2. D02 WT72

St Patrick's Day

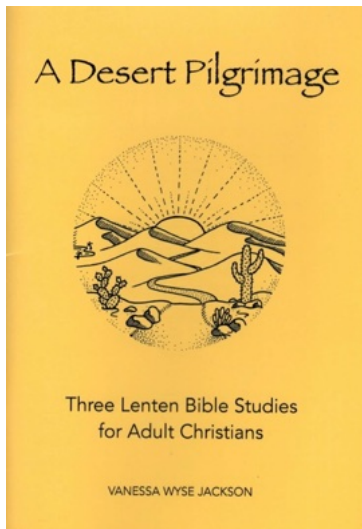
At 6.00pm on St Patrick's Day, Monday 17th March, the Annual Ecumenical Service will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral.

Autumn Soul Worship Night 12th April 6.00pm - 8:30pm

On Saturday, April 12th, from 6.00pm - 8:30pm at Dundrum Methodist in Dublin there will be an Autumn Soul Worship Night! This special evening will bring the heart of Autumn Soul to Dublin, featuring worship, prayer, and learning. Expect a guest teacher opening the Bible, a worship band leading us in song, interactive and creative prayer, discussions, and plenty of fun! The event is open to secondary school-aged young people (12+), and each group should have a leader or adult present. We're thrilled to welcome groups from across the country and would love for you to join us! If travel or logistics are a concern, please reach out—we're happy to help. Stay tuned for more details, including information on the Youth Forum happening earlier that day for older teens.

Spread the word, gather your group, and get ready for a night of faith and fellowship in Dublin!

Four Wednesdays during Lent



8pm in An Solas, Tallaght Methodist Church, Fortunestown Road (between the Mary Mercer Centre and An Cosán). There is good parking behind the Church. We will be following material by the late Rev Vanessa Wyse Jackson, 'Different kinds of struggle'

19th March – The struggle for recognition (Andrew)

26th March – The interpersonal struggle (Moba)

2nd April – The struggle for justice (Andrew)

9th April – The struggle against prejudice (Brian)

Climate Justice in Rathgar.

'Reconciliation' is the theme for the 100th anniversary of the extension to the church in Rathgar. In the run up to Easter we are considering **how we reconcile with this beautiful planet on which we live** and in which we have caused so much damage. We have arranged several events to dig deeper into this topic with some **thirty-minute talks** followed by the opportunity for discussion.

During March and April we will also host the **Climate Justice Candle** which is touring churches in Ireland as a visible reminder of the task we face in relation to our stewardship of God's Earth.

All talks are on Fridays at 10.30am with coffee available.

We welcome all members of the community to join us in these events.

March 14th: Talk by Maureen Rowan of Eco Congregation Ireland about Eco Congregation Ireland and the Climate Justice Candle.

March 21st: Talk by Rev. Yongnam Park on climate change and our church building.

March 28th: Talk by Rev. Andrew Kingston on the Bible, Eco-theology and the Biblical garden.

April 4th: Service for the children of Rathgar National School around the idea of Climate Justice. Parents and other adults are invited both to the service and to stay for coffee and discussion afterwards.

11th April: Talk by Maureen Rowan on Methodist Church policy on the Environment.

18th April: A short service of prayer and reflection with regard to reconciling with our environment.

Sky's the Limit

Sky's the Limit continues on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm in Room 1, Wesley House.

| Leader | Date | Topic |
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| Andrew Kingston | Tuesday 1 st April | The place of modern Israel in Biblical prophesy |
| Lesley Rankin | Tuesday 6 th May | A plain conversation evening where people talk about what is uppermost on their minds |

Connect ... through English

On Thursday mornings, 10.30 - 12 noon, a group meets for coffee and chat. A rotating group of four Dublin South City Circuit members meets with people who are making Ireland their home, either long or short term. We never know who will come - and over the years we have met people from near and far.

If you would like to know more, please speak to one of the current team of Charles, Lesley, Liz, Margaret, Maureen, Roy or Sayjin.

And - please spread the word.

Book Club

Our book selection for February featured works by Somerville & Ross or Edith by Martina Devlin, sparking our usual lively discussion. For March, we have chosen *Murder in Steeple Martin* by Lesley Cookman. If this book is difficult to find, any book by Lesley Cookman will be an alternative.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM in Room 1, Wesley House. Our reading choices span various genres, including biography, crime fiction, historical novels, humour, and children's literature, leading to engaging and diverse discussions. With 14 members currently, we warmly welcome new participants. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sylvia at 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. This is a good place for men and women to meet, catch up, and have some good banter.

God's Storehouse in Tallagt


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

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

 Please include your **offering envelope number** so that the church can avail of tax relief on our donations.

 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 over €17,000 last year. To register, you need an envelope number 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

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

Mar 16 Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

Mar 23 Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

Mar 30 Service of worship with Mrs Lesley Rankin

Apr 6 Service of holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston

Local preachers

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

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| Mar 2 | 11.30 | Rathgar | Mrs Lesley Rankin |
| Mar 16 | 10.00 | Tallaght | Mr Moba Mwanzele |
| Mar 30 | 14.00 | Korean | DongGyu (David) Kim |

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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 Email: news@methodistcentenary.ie

 Website: www.methodistcentenary.ie

Blessings,

Methodist Centenary Church Newsletter Team



SPRING, HOPE AND LOVE!

CONCERT

7:00 PM FRI 7 OF MARCH

FREE ADMISSION CONCERT

(Voluntary Donations to Support
Ukraine)

A musical review of Broadway Musicals, jazz and world hits from movies, as well as modern dance show

Milana Rouslana (soprano)
Olena Topolska (flute)
Veronika Lubkovska (piano)
Svitlana Rulievskia (voice)
Olesia Bahlai (voice)
Daria Lubkovska (dance)
Olha Lubkovska (dance)
Myroslava Morhai (piano)
Ensemble "UA Sunrise"

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