

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 12<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> March

Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

### Christian Aids supporter conference **15th March**

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

### Rathfarnham Castle Walk **Friday 21st March, 11am**

This is a repeat of the walk that Eric Rankin led recently. A number of people were disappointed to miss the last walk. The entrance fee is €4. Meet at the reception area in the Castle. Included in the historical tour is a ceramics exhibition and an exhibition of photographs of David Bowie. Refreshments will be available after the tour at the cafe on the premises.

## St Patrick's Day **17th March**



Photo: Church leaders photo taken prior to the 2024 St Patrick's Day Service

Saint Patrick's Day has taken on a great political, tourist and cultural significance. I wonder what this humble missionary would have made of it all! You are invited to join in a service on St Patrick's Day (Monday 17th March) at 6pm in the Cathedral that bears his name. Following in the footsteps of John Parkin, I will be the voice of Patrick again this year, and representatives from many Christian Churches in the city will be participating. Getting to the Cathedral is not easy at this time, but it is worth the effort, even if you have to walk. Attendance, particularly for those new to Ireland, is highly recommended. There are many really interesting things to see in the Cathedral built close to an early Irish Church, reputedly built by a well where Patrick baptised first generation Christians. With permission, I will endeavour to lead a short tour of this ancient Cathedral after the service.

### **Castlewellan Holiday Week**

**Sat. 2nd - Fri. 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

Dear member,

I don't know if it is good or healthy to have favourites...but I do have! On the previous Sunday we had our student service and throughout our calendar, this is always my favourite service. This student-led service, for those who haven't had the chance to experience it, is entirely run by the students of our accommodation (Wesley House/South Hill). They take care of everything—from the welcome and prayers to worship, the sermon, and even serving tea and coffee.

It is my favourite service for two reasons.

Ecclesiastes chapter three tells us that there is a time for everything and the 7th verse of this really describes the two reasons. ***“A time to be silent and a time to speak”*** The first is I remember when I was 18 and I was given the opportunity in my former church to give the sermon. The path that has set me on that I am now sitting here in my office writing a thought for the week for a church that I now work for. It was such a significant time for me, whether I knew it or not and it set me on a path that would lead me here. My time in Urban Junction was certainly a time of formation for me but it was also a time to speak. Throughout my journey into ministry I have come to learn though that sometimes my most effective work is done when I shut up. In my role as a chaplain I have come to become comfortable with myself being quiet while practicing listening, which isn't something you just do straight away, it is a gift to be learned.

When I first floated the idea of a student service last year this thought was very much in my mind. I am aware I can lead a service, I am aware I can do a sermon but maybe, just maybe I need to leave space for me to be quiet and be in silence and allow those who I serve to take the lead. I am a firm believer that everyone has a gift or ability that they can bring to the local church, and thankfully we have been blessed with some wonderful students in my time here, who have got something to say and their words do carry weight.

Thinking of last Sunday, I am remembering Rachel's prayer where she left a good chunk of silence as our own prayers came to mind. I didn't know I needed that, but the Lord worked through her in the writing of her prayers to leave that space for us and me! I am continually blown away by our preacher from that day, Conor, who brought us a word from Philippians 2. Within his sermon he asked the question, about whether the Gospel had failed in Philippi because of all the issues they had. Conor gave a resounding NO! It was powerful to me. The Gospel endures in spite of everything that is going on in our generation. It was a timely reminder for me.

Let me gently encourage you then as you go forward into the rest of your week, to consider the places and space you operate in, and think about where you need to speak, but also where you need to be silent and allow others to do it. You'll be surprised at how blessed you will be!

– Brian Hickey

## Prayer



Dear Lord,

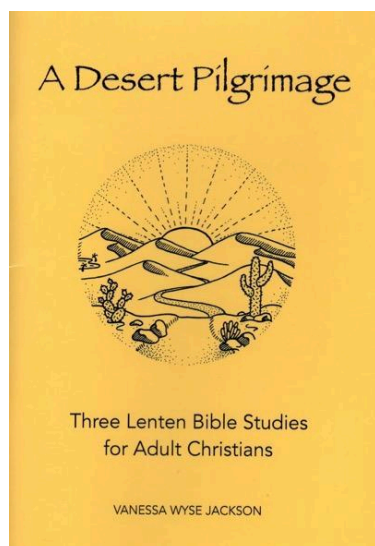
Thank you that you have made us all uniquely in your image, and that we all have different gifts and abilities to serve you and others. We pray to you Lord that we will be a people who always strive to build up the next generation and give them the keys to build your kingdom here, not just in Centenary but in the wider Dublin area, in Ireland, in the world. Remind us Lord that those who are young have a voice, allow us the humility to step back and allow them to use it. Amen.

### **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'***

19<sup>th</sup> March – The struggle for recognition (Andrew)

26<sup>th</sup> March – The interpersonal struggle (Moba)

2<sup>nd</sup> April – The struggle for justice (Andrew)

9<sup>th</sup> April – The struggle against prejudice (Brian)

### **Climate Justice in Rathgar.**

'Reconciliation' is the theme for the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>:** Talk by Maureen Rowan of Eco Congregation Ireland about Eco Congregation Ireland and the Climate Justice Candle.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Talk by Rev. Yongnam Park on climate change and our church building.

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

**April 4<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**11<sup>th</sup> April:** Talk by Maureen Rowan on Methodist Church policy on the Environment.

**18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### **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 choice for March was *Murder in Steeple Martin* by Lesley Cookman and it received a mixed response. Our choice for April is *Packinko* by Min-Jin Lee.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM 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 14 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)


### **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 Tallaght

 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](mailto:billygiven115@gmail.com)

## Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

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

Apr 13 Service of worship with Mrs Lesley Rankin

## Local preachers

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

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](mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie). The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

## Stay Connected

✉ Email: [news@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie)

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## Blessings,

Methodist Centenary Church Newsletter Team

# St Patrick's Day March 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

## For we do not lose heart

An ecumenical celebration  
in word, song and music

at 6 pm on March 17<sup>th</sup>  
in St Patrick's Cathedral

[www.dublincouncilofchurches.ie](http://www.dublincouncilofchurches.ie)

