

Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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Announcements on 19th 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 23rd March

Service of worship with Rev Andrew Kingston

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.

Two peaks and two Estates walk, **Saturday 29th March, 10.30am**

This walk will introduce Marius and Danielle to their new surroundings in Bray. Meet at Wesley House at 9.30am, or in the main Kilruddery Car Park by Squirrel's Scramble at 10.30am. This fabulous walk includes Bray Head and Little Sugarloaf. We will walk down the drive past the pigsties before crossing the road into Manweiler's Wood and Bray Head. We then make our way along the summit with its spectacular views over Greystones before walking a stretch of quiet country road into Belmont Estate, Little Sugarloaf and back to the car park through terrain made familiar by Ireland's Fittest Family. The walk is approximately 8k with substantial elevations and we will be maintaining a moderate pace.

Thought for the Week

We were shocked this week by new lows plummeted by world leaders. Trump, the President of the most powerful nation in the world, welcomed a convicted rapist and racist to the Whitehouse on St Patrick's Day. Israel killed hundreds of women and children by bombing completely defenceless refugees trapped like fish in a barrel in Gaza. Meanwhile Trump and Putin cravenly discuss carving up Ukraine's land, assets and powerplants. Our Lectionary readings for Sunday focus on the topic of the judgement of God. The life of Jesus was constantly under threat by the despot Herod. Yet he said, 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather be afraid of the One who can destroy both body and soul in hell'.

The most troubling parable that Jesus told did not address sins of brutality, but rather sins of omission (see Luke 16:19-30). He talked about someone who lived in relative luxury compared with the poor of the world who were represented by a destitute man called Lazarus begging on the street outside his gated residence. The dogs who licked his sores showed more compassion to Lazarus than the rich man who walked past him every day.

Kenneth Bailey in his book *Jesus through Middle Eastern Eyes* says that the licking of dogs was known to aid healing. Both of these men died. The rich man went to hell and Lazarus was carried by angels to a place of honour in heaven beside Abraham, the man of hospitality. In hell the merciless now sought mercy, but would receive none because the time of God's favour had passed. He was given ample opportunities to speak up for the oppressed, to act, to show mercy and to trust in God during his lifetime. Being silent, passive and ignoring the plight of others is no excuse in the sight of God. 'Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear'.

Prayer



*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

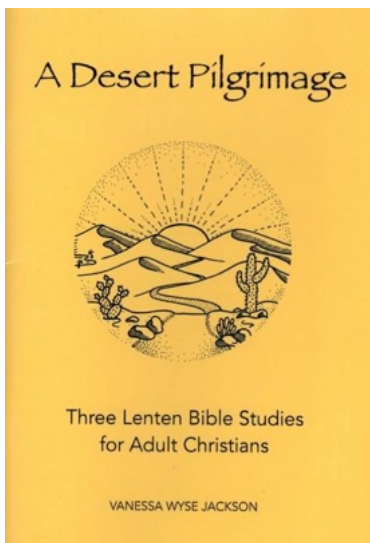
Lord Jesus, we give thanks that even those people who are the most beaten up by life are named individuals, known and loved by you. May feelings of helplessness not paralyse us nor the wickedness of those in positions of great power in the world at this time silence us. Amen

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'***

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 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
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

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 information, see <https://www.castlewellanholidayweek.org/>

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

Centenary Entertains

We are planning our next concert for Saturday 17th May at 7pm in the church. Our performers will be our church musicians with friends and supporters. More information will be provided nearer the date. In the meantime please put a note in your diary to reserve the date!. It will be a 'free admission' concert with voluntary donations mainly towards church funds

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


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

Forthcoming Services at 10.30am

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

Apr 27 Service of worship with Rev John Parkein

Local preachers

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

Mar 30	14.00	Korean	Mr DongGyu (David) Kim
Apr 27	10.30	Tallaght	Mr Moba Mwanzele
	11.30	Rathgar	Mrs Gillie Hinds

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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Blessings,

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