

ROUND THE CHURCHES 106: Dundrum Methodist Church, Dublin

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In 1973, after some years of planning, Dundrum Methodist Church, Dublin, started services in September. This major step had been prompted by the very large increase in house building in the area, coupled with the move of Wesley College from St Stephen's Green to Ballinteer. Support was concentrated in an area within two miles radius of Dundrum cross roads, and most of our members still live within this area.

For the first four years Taney Church of Ireland Parish Council kindly agreed to the use of their parish hall for Sunday morning services. Right from the beginning

the full gamut of normal church activities commenced in homes and a great spirit of involvement, enthusiasm, and sacrificial support from a large variety of people was evident. Different denominational backgrounds were represented and many inter-church marriage couples found their spiritual homes.

After a prolonged search a site for a building was found, and bought from Wesley College. The building was opened in January 1978 in the presence of Dr Patrick Hillery, President of Ireland, and 400 other people. The building includes a multipurpose 'church hall', which is used,

with other rooms, for the many activities, some of which are community-based.

A list of church and community activities includes two Sunday morning services (which Wesley boarders attend), Sunday School, many Bible study and prayer groups, MWI and Cameo, Open Door, Evergreens, two Mother and Toddler groups, two Bowls Clubs (including an Active Retired Association club), Christian Endeavour, Boys' and Girls' Brigades, Community Girl Guides, Youth Club, Summer SU Holiday Club, League of Health and Alert, Play School, Wesley College Christian Union and Judo, Car boot sales, etc.

An extension of two rooms, a nice porch and another kitchen were opened last year, facilitating all the activities.

We have seen God blessing many people through this part of His world-wide Church, and the witness to the difference which Jesus Christ makes to the lives of people spreads into the surrounding communities and the city and county of Dublin. We give Him all the praise.