



# Welcome!

It is such a delight to be able to gather and worship together in church, to see each other and pray with one voice. Together, whether physically here or online, we are united in love and connected in spirit.

**You and your animals are very welcome this morning!**

## Greeting

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognise his presence with us.

Jesus Christ, we assemble with all your creatures in this circle of life. ***We ask you to join our circle and celebrate with us.***

As God's people we have gathered: ***let us worship him together.***

God speaks to us  
***in the riches of creation;  
in the stories of Jesus;***

***in the lives of other people;  
in words and ways that we can understand.***

The Lord is here  
***God's Spirit is with us.***



## Hymn for Pentecost - Hymn No. 318 (Abbot's Leigh)

Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and live;  
height and depth beyond description  
only life in you can prove:  
you are mortal life's dependence:  
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
yours is every hour's existence,  
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for others,  
we, your people, make our prayer:  
help us love - as sisters, brothers -  
all whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
where no selfishness can sever  
where your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
wind and flame of Pentecost,  
fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
to regain what we have lost.  
may your love unite our action,  
nevermore to speak alone:

God, in us abolish faction,  
 God, through us your love make  
 known.

### The Penitence

As we gather to celebrate all the  
 creatures of the planet, we recognise  
 that we have not cared for our  
 environment and all who live in it.

... for our lack of care for the world  
 you have given us.

**Sorry, Lord.**

... for the ways in which animals have  
 been mistreated, in the testing of  
 products for our use.

**Sorry, Lord.**



... for our failure to protect animals  
 who live in appalling conditions or who  
 are bred for human beings'  
 entertainment.

**Sorry, Lord.**

... for our selfishness in not sharing  
 and protecting the earth's resources.

**Sorry, Lord.**

God, you sent your Holy Spirit to us,  
 to help us know what is right and  
 what is wrong. May we listen to the  
 voice of the Holy Spirit; a voice that  
 teaches us and forgives us. **Amen.**



### Circle of Praise - A Version of Psalm 148

All dogs and cats, large and small:

**Praise the Lord!**

All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:

**Praise the Lord!**

All goldfish, guppies, and swimming  
 creatures:

**Praise the Lord!**

All robins, wrens, and singing birds:

**Praise the Lord!**

All racoons, squirrels, and deer:

**Praise the Lord!**

All horses, cows, and sheep:

**Praise the Lord!**

All lizards, snakes and creeping  
 things:

**Praise the Lord!**

Every animal in the sky, the sea, and  
 the forest:

**Praise the Lord!**

### Hymn of Praise

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord!

Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Alleluia!  
Praise ye the Lord!  
Alleluia!  
Praise ye the Lord!



### The Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in  
tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to  
preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your  
truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of  
your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

### The Word of God

Let us listen for the Word of the  
Lord.

### The Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

*(The Message Bible Version)*

*The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles,  
chapter 2, verses 1 to 21.*

2When the day of Pentecost had  
come, they were all together in one

place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven  
there came a sound like the rush of a  
violent wind, and it filled the entire  
house where they were  
sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire,  
appeared among them, and a tongue  
rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them  
were filled with the Holy Spirit and  
began to speak in other languages, as  
the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from  
every nation under heaven living in  
Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the  
crowd gathered and was bewildered,  
because each one heard them  
speaking in the native language of  
each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they  
asked, 'Are not all these who are  
speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it  
that we hear, each of us, in our own  
native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes,  
Elamites, and residents of  
Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and  
Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of  
Libya belonging to Cyrene, and  
visitors from Rome, both Jews and  
proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in  
our own languages we hear them  
speaking about God's deeds of  
power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and  
perplexed, saying to one another,  
'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others  
sneered and said, 'They are filled  
with new wine.'

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the  
eleven, raised his voice and addressed

them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



### Hymn - All of God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir by Bill Staines

*All of God's creatures got a place in the choir*

*Some sing low and some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire*

*Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they've got now*

*All of God's creatures got a place in the choir*

*Some sing low and some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire*

*Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they've got now*

Listen to the bass it's the one at the bottom

Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus

Moans and groans in the big tattoo  
And the old cow just goes "moo"

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle

Where the honey bee hums and the cricket fiddles

The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
And the old grey badger sighs oh

*All of God's creatures got a place in the choir*

*Some sing low and some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone  
wire  
Some just clap their hands or paws or  
anything they've got now*

*Listen to the top with the little birds  
singing  
And the melodies and the high notes  
ringing  
And the hoot-owls cries over  
everything  
And the blackbird disagrees  
Singing in the night-time, singing in  
the day  
And the little duck quacks and he's  
on his way  
And the otter hasn't got much to say  
And the porcupine talks to himself*

*All of God's creatures got a place in  
the choir  
Some sing low and some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone  
wire  
Some just clap their hands or paws or  
anything they've got now*

*It's a simple song, a little one sung  
everywhere  
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly  
bear  
The dopey alligator and the hawk  
above  
The sly old weasel and the turtle-  
dove*

*All of God's creatures got a place in  
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## The Sermon

### An Affirmation of Faith for Pentecost

We say together in faith:

*We believe in a loving God,  
whose Word sustains our lives  
and the work of our hands in the  
world.  
God is life.*



*We believe in God's Son amongst us,  
sowing the seed of life's renewal.  
He lived with the poor  
to show the meaning of love.  
Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit of Life,  
making us one with God,  
renewing our strength with her own.  
The Spirit is love.*



### **Hymn No. 50 (Genesis)**

Think of a world without any flowers,  
think of a world without any trees,  
think of a sky without any sunshine,  
think of the air without any breeze.  
We thank you, Lord, for flowers and  
trees and sunshine.  
We thank you, Lord, and praise your  
holy name.

Think of a world without any animals,  
think of a field without any herd,  
think of a stream without any fishes,  
think of a dawn without any bird.  
We thank you, Lord, for all your living  
creatures.  
We thank you, Lord, and praise your  
holy name.

Think of a world without any people,  
think of a street with no one living  
there,  
think of a town without any houses,  
no one to love and nobody to care  
We thank you, Lord, for families and  
friendships.  
We thank you, Lord, and praise your  
holy name.



### **The Intercessions for Whitsunday**

Let us pray.

Spirit of the living God,  
you have been gently and powerfully  
at work in us, in every creature  
and in every part of creation.  
Help us to care for all of this  
beautiful world... all plant-life, all  
sorts of creatures and birds.  
We thank you, God,  
***for the wonderful gift of all  
creation.***

Spirit of the living God,  
breathing life into all that lives and  
loves,  
inspiring work and choices, guiding  
and moulding,  
you are still gently and powerfully at  
work, in us and through us and, many  
times, despite us.  
We thank you, God,

*for the gifts that you use in each of us.*

Spirit of the living God,  
 even when we find it hard to see you  
 or hear you, you are gently and  
 powerfully at work in our lives;  
 through those who do little things  
 that make a big difference;  
 through those who put their own well-  
 being and lives at risk to care for  
 others;  
 through those who carry the weight  
 of responsibility and decision-making;  
 We thank you, God,  
***for your presence through family  
 and friends, and even strangers.***

Spirit of the living God,  
 we thank you for all who give us  
 friendship and companionship in our  
 lives.  
 We thank you for the animals that we  
 have share our lives with, those  
 animals that are our pets;  
 we thank you for the time that we  
 spend with them and all that we enjoy  
 with them.  
 We thank you, God,  
***for all people and all creatures who  
 enrich our lives.***

Spirit of the living God,  
 we ask for your holding of those  
 parts of your creation; those places,  
 those creatures, those people who  
 are in need of your special love and

care, at this time. We bring them to  
 you now in the silence of our hearts...

Spirit of the living God,  
 refresh us, renew us,  
 open our eyes to the things that need  
 to be done;  
 may we use our abilities to carry out  
 the work of caring for all of  
 creation... people, creatures and the  
 environment, through Jesus Christ  
 our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

The disciples, empowered by the Holy  
 Spirit, were able to speak in many  
 different languages, to bring the  
 gospel message, to different peoples.  
 We come from different backgrounds  
 and nationalities, with diverse  
 cultures and language, yet united in  
 God by the Holy Spirit. We join  
 together in the prayer which Christ  
 has taught us, in our native language,  
 whatever that may be...

***Our Father,  
 who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those who trespass  
 against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation but  
 deliver us from evil.***

*For thine is the kingdom the power  
and the glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

*Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh  
go naofar d'ainm,  
go dtaga do ríocht,  
go ndéantar do thoil  
ar talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.  
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu,  
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,  
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna  
féin.  
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,  
ach saor sinn ón olc.  
Óir is leatsa an ríocht, agus an  
chumhacht, agus an ghlóir, trí shaol na  
saol. Áiméan.*



*We have resumed taking up collections. But  
we do recognise that many people give  
online and via Standing Order. If you wish  
to donate to the church online or  
electronically, the treasurers would be  
happy to give you the required details.*

### **Hymn No. 5 (Butterfly Song)**

*If I were a butterfly,  
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me  
wings.  
And if I were a robin in a tree,  
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing.  
And if I were a fish in the sea,  
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with  
glee,*

*but I just thank you, Father, for  
making me 'me'.*

*For you gave me a heart  
and you gave me a smile.  
You gave me Jesus  
and you made me your child.  
And I just thank you, Father, for  
making me 'me'.*

*If I were an elephant,  
I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my  
trunk.  
And if I were a kangaroo,  
you know I'd hop right up to you.  
And if I were an octopus,  
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks,  
but I just thank you, Father, for  
making me 'me'.*

*If I were a wiggly worm,  
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could  
squirm.  
And if I were a crocodile,  
I'd thank you, Lord, for my big smile.  
And if I were a fuzzy-wuzzy bear,  
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzy-  
wuzzy hair,  
but I just thank you, Father, for  
making me 'me'.*

### **The Blessing of the Animals**

*Heavenly Father, bless all creatures.  
Bless the animals that live on the  
land, the birds of the air, all the  
creatures of sea, river and lake. May  
we recognise your hand in every  
aspect of creation and protect those*



creatures with whom we share this planet. We pray this in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**



### The Blessing

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky, who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water, lead us, guide us, and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator now and through all eternity.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the words and works of God: and the Blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those whom you love, and all the creatures of our planet, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

### The Dismissal

God of fire and beauty:  
**warm us.**

God of peace and justice:  
**disturb us.**

God of wind and wonder:  
**amaze us.**

God of Pentecost:  
**kindle your love in our lives**

### Hymn for Pentecost - Sudden from out the Air (Moscow)

*Words by Leith Fisher*

Sudden from out the air  
to those becalmed in care  
blows wild the wind:  
with strong and powerful sound,  
with dancing fire around,  
the Spirit comes to ground  
in every mind.

Spirit of then and now,  
teach us, your people, how  
to wait on you;  
send now your living fire;  
our minds and hearts inspire,  
that we may never tire  
on the way true.

Explode in power and light  
upon the darkened sight  
of each and all;  
unblock our deafened ear,  
remove our cautious fear,  
among your people here  
awake your call.

Send us out to the street,  
where people pass and meet,  
with words to say  
of freedom and release,  
of hope and love and peace:  
through us may you increase  
Christ's living way.

*All are very welcome to this  
Service with their animals.*

*We ask you to keep your animals under control as we do not want any unplanned eating episodes!!!!*

*Pooper-scooper rules apply!!!  
Please clean up after your animal.*



## Pastoral Care of the Parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne is looking after the parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice, until 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne  
01-2806596 or 086-3467920

*Parishioners who are in hospitals or in residential care will be looked after by the chaplains of those establishments.*

# FORTHCOMING SERVICES

*No Midweek Service on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>  
May 2023*

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**9.30 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

*No Midweek Service on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
June 2023*

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**9.30 NB Time** Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**9.30 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

*Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023*

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**9.30 NB Time** Service of the Word and Sunday Club Prize-giving in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church

*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Services in July and August 2023**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 NB Time** United Service in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).



Our Sunday Clubs will be taking a break over the summer months and will resume again in September but both Sunday Clubs will have prize-giving soon:

**St Philip and St James' Sunday Prize-giving at the Blessing of the Animals today**  
and

**St Thomas' Sunday Club Prize-giving at a Service of the Word on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm—4.10pm  
In-person meetings in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre but we will meet occasionally via Zoom.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423  
[irene.reid1052@gmail.com](mailto:irene.reid1052@gmail.com)

**Healer Prayer**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**19.30 hours via Zoom**

**MOUNT MERRION**  
**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**  
**MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**  
**19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**  
**20.00 HOURS IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**

**Autumn Fair Meeting**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
**19.00 hours in St Philip and St James' Church**

**Sponsor a Chair**  
*for*  
**St Philip and St James' Church**

If you would like more information about donating or sponsoring a chair, please contact the Honorary Treasurer, Quentin Teggan at [qteggan@gmail.com](mailto:qteggan@gmail.com) or the Rector. The cost of a chair is €275 (including the brass plaque and engraving).



### **Services in July and August 2023**

First Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Second Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 NB Time** Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Third Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Fourth Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 NB Time** Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Fifth Sunday of the month (only applies in July): 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 NB Time** Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

***Wednesdays in July and August 2023***  
***As announced***

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