



Face Masks

As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe social-distancing whilst doing so.

Contact Tracing

We are obliged to get the contact details of everyone who attends this service. These will only be used in the event of someone attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. Please complete the form which is available at the church doors and drop into the box provided. If they are not required for Contact Tracing purposes, they will be destroyed after 28 days.

Hymn Singing

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to sing in church this morning. Charles Pearson, our organist, is going to play the tune of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet as you listen to the music.

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of harvest time,
we gather together in church and online today,
as your people and your church to celebrate and to give thanks for the harvest we have been fortunate enough to share in. Enable us to be fruitful in our worship, eventhough, we are apart, and to praise you with joyful hearts.
Amen.



During the first hymn, parishioners are invited to bring forward their items for The Alice Leahy Trust and the Capuchin Day Centre, and to place the items on the altar rails.

Hymn No. 37 (St. George)

[Verses 1 and 2]

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all is safely gathered in

ere the winter storms begin;
 God our Maker doth provide
 for our wants to be supplied;
 come to God's own temple, come,
 raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
 fruit unto his praise to yield;
 wheat and tares together sown,
 unto joy or sorrow grown;
 first the blade, and then the ear,
 then the full corn shall appear;
 Lord of harvest, grant that we
 wholesome grain and pure may be.

The Penitence

[Please kneel or sit]

Let us pray.

As we worship God, let us remember
 the times when we have not been good
 stewards of his gifts, when we have
 forgotten people in need, and have not
 proclaimed his gospel to others by the
 way we have lived.

[Silence]

God our Father, we are sorry
 for the times when we have used your
 gifts carelessly,
 and acted ungratefully.
 In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full
 and satisfied,
 but ignore the cry of the hungry.

In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have relished buying a bargain,
 with little thought that slave-labour
 has produced it at such a price.

In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have been thoughtless,
 and do not care enough for the world
 you have made.

In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have taken our health and our
 health service for granted, and have
 sometimes been careless with
 complying with the restrictions in
 these times of COVID-19, and put
 ourselves and others at risk.

In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

May the God of love and power
 forgive you and free you,
 heal you and strengthen you,
 and raise you to new life in Christ our
 Lord. ***Amen.***

The Collect of the 19th Sunday after Trinity

O God,
 without you we are not able to please
 you;
 Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
 may in all things direct and rule our

hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect for Harvest

Thanksgiving

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your
goodness and give us the fruits of the
earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your
glory, for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn No. 37 (St. George)

[Verses 3 and 4]

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

[Please sit]

The Word of God

The First Reading - Genesis 1: 11, 20, 24, 26

¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so.

20 And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' And it was so.

24 And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so.

26 Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn No. 682 (Kum ba yah)

[Verses 1-3]

All created things, bless the Lord;
all you heavens, bless the Lord;
all you angels, bless the Lord;

sing to God and praise his name.

Sun and moon and stars of heaven,
rain and dew and winds that blow,
fire and heat and ice and snow,
sing to God and praise his name.

Bless the Lord, you nights and days;
light and darkness, praise him too;
clouds and lightnings in the sky
sing to God and praise his name.

[Please sit]

The Second Reading Luke 12: 13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14 But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 16 Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 18 Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the

things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn No. 682 (Kum ba yah)

[Verses 4-6]

Hills and mountains, bless the Lord;
flowing rivers with the seas,
flying birds and earthly beasts,
sing to God and praise his name.

All who dwell upon the earth,
priests and servants of the Lord,
humble people, holy ones,
sing to God and praise his name.

Bless the Father, bless the Son,
bless the Spirit, Three in One;
sound his glory, all your days;
give to God exalted praise.



[Please sit]

The Address

We are delighted to welcome **Alice Leahy** of **The Alice Leahy Trust** at our guest speaker

this morning. The parishes have had an ongoing relationship over many years with The Alice Leahy Trust and with TRUST before that.

Hymn No. 39 (Ar Hyd Y Nos)

For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God!
For his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God!
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping;
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God!

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done:
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing;
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God!
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us;
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God!

[Please stand, if you are able]

An Affirmation of Faith at Harvest Thanksgiving

We say together in faith

***We believe in God whose goodness
is more than enough for all:
filling the universe with gifts of love
and resounding through our lives in
praise.***

***We will receive all that God gives
with reverence and joy;
we will share the blessings we have
received
with those around us,
so that all may see and experience
God's love.***

***We believe in Jesus the Christ
God's greatest gift of all:
who takes the smallest of seeds,
a mere whisper of faith,
and brings forth a harvest of good
things.***

***We will take all that Christ has
given us;
our gifts, our talents, our very
selves,
so that through us others may come
to know Christ.***

***We believe in God's Spirit of Truth,
bringing to fruition all that has
been given:***

***gentle as a breeze or shocking as a
storm,
we will allow God's gifts to be
stirred to life in us;
breathing, laughing, living in our
world,
so all may know of God's harvest of
love.***

Alleluia! Amen.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us pray to God, God who hears our prayers and sees our tears.

Creator God, we come this day to praise you,
to give thanks for the world you have designed, and for all that grows around us,
all that provides our food and clothing.

We come with thanksgiving, joy and wonder:

gladly we rejoice.

We thank you for those who work on land and sea, conscious of the risk these occupations carry. We thank you for those who work in city and in industry that we may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation.

We give thanks for scientists and inventors who through their work and human ingenuity we may seek to develop your world for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In giving thanks for the harvest, we pray recognise that life is very different for many others, and so we pray for all who through no fault of their own are deprived of their harvest and the necessities of life which we so often take for granted.

We give thanks for the work of agencies that work to alleviate hunger, poverty and homelessness; especially the Alice Leahy Trust and the Capuchin Day Centre. Help us to respond with love and compassion offering whatever help we can.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who make decisions about the resources of the earth. At this time of COVID-19, we pray for all world leaders that they may set aside political partisanship and work in harmony for the common good, and enable them to make wise and carefully considered decisions.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We come too, with concerns and worries as the Coronavirus COVID-19 continues to cause untold suffering to the world.

We pray for all who are ill from COVID-19 and from other illnesses; for those whose mental and emotional

wellbeing, as well as their physical wellbeing is impacted.

We pray that they may know your healing balm of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the doctors, nurses and all medical and health care workers who are on the frontlines of the battle against COVID-19.

We pray for the work of scientists, immunologists and the pharmaceutical industry as they strive to discover effective and risk-free medicines and vaccines.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

TIME OF PRIVATE PRAYER...

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

*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.***

Hymn No.47 (Wir pflügen)

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the
Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

We thank you, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer,
for all your love imparts,
and that which you most welcome,
our humble, thankful hearts.

The Blessing for Harvest
Thanksgiving

Lord of the harvest
who has given us so much;
help us to be generous like you,
that the world may know your
goodness and blessing.
And may the blessing of God,
Maker, Son and Holy Spirit,
remain on us,
and be made known through us,
now and always. *Amen.*



In the interests of trying to keep all who come to our churches safe, please take away this service sheet and any other items that you may have brought with you or used in church this morning. Thank you.

Stay well and stay safe.



Everyone is warmly invited to tea, coffee and juice in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre (in through the yellow doors on the east side of the church), after this service.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room
Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm
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Wednesday 13th October 2021

St Thomas' Church at 10.30

Midweek Holy Communion Service



Bring your own mug for a cuppa afterwards!

Services next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service of Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
(live-streamed)



No PJ's Autumn Fair this year

The Select Vestry of Booterstown and Carysfort Parish has decided to cancel the Autumn Fair, which had been

scheduled for Saturday 16th October 2021 due to the ongoing restrictions and the high numbers of COVID-19 cases. A Christmas Coffee Morning and Mini Fair with a Raffle is planned instead – see below!



***PJ's Christmas Coffee
Morning and Mini Fair
with Raffle***

Saturday 4th December 2021

10.30-12.30

*St Philip and St James' Parish
Centre*

Confirmation

Confirmations in our Rural Deanery (a group of five parochial units) are held in the Spring (usually February). We have yet to receive the dates and venues from the Archbishop's Office, but I very much hope that we will be hosting a confirmation service.

There will be a meeting for all those enquiring about confirmation (and their parents) **on Wednesday 20th October 2021 in St Philip and St James' Church at 8pm.**

As always, I ask those who are considering

Confirmation (and their parents) to think carefully about it. I take Confirmation and the preparation for Confirmation seriously, and I think it is important that we as family members, and as a parish, encourage those who wish to be confirmed, to do so with integrity.

If you are considering Confirmation, please think about the following:

1. The decision to be confirmed must be your own choice. It is not a decision for your parents, grandparents, friends, etc. to make. It is you who will be standing up in church declaring your belief in God, and affirming your faith in Jesus Christ. It is important that you feel that you can answer these and the other questions honestly. Confirmation is not the end of the journey; it is a stage on the journey of faith where you feel that you are ready to take on the promises that were made for you at baptism and take responsibility for your faith development and nurture.

It is you who will be answering the following questions:

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which you are baptized?

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?**

**Will you seek and serve Christ in all
people, loving your neighbour as
yourself?**

2. There is no **right age** for confirmation, but I do feel that candidates should be **at least** in 1st Year in secondary school. Please do not feel that you should be getting confirmed because you are a certain age, or even in a particular class in school. There can be a feeling that one gets confirmed in 2nd Year or 4th Year or whatever. This is a pity, because each individual matures and grows in their faith in their own way and their own time. Therefore, some feel ready to be confirmed at an earlier age than others, or at a later age than others; I have prepared people from the age of 13 years to 61 years for Confirmation. I have found that the older candidate, or the candidate who makes the decision themselves to be confirmed, is more aware they are of what is involved, and what they are promising and committing to at Confirmation.
3. Candidates sometimes feel that because they have started going to Confirmation classes, they cannot 'back out' of being confirmed even if they feel that they are not ready for it. Please do not feel that this is the case. I have had candidates who have postponed being confirmed because they felt that they were not ready to take on the commitment, and I admire the care and honesty with which they have approached Confirmation.

Confirmation is an exciting time for those considering it, and for a parish or group of parishes.

We, as a group of parishes, will support

those preparing for Confirmation by our prayers and our encouragement.

Adult Confirmation

For the past few years, we have had a number of adults being confirmed or whom have re-affirmed their Confirmation promises. Some had opted out of confirmation at the time when they might have been expected to be confirmed and when their friends were being confirmed; some just never got around to it. Those who re-affirmed their confirmation vows had been confirmed previously in another Christian denomination but had now become part of the Church of Ireland, and felt that this was something that they wanted to do.

The preparation for this is done separately to the preparation for the teenage candidates. Already, two men and one woman have enquired about the possibility of being confirmed. A lot of what has been said above, applies here too! This is your chance to explore, to ask all those questions you have wanted to ask, and to see if confirmation (or re-affirmation) at this time is right for you. Please contact the Rector if you are thinking about this.