

Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is no longer mandated by the government. However, people may feel more comfortable wearing a mask and especially for singing, which we really appreciate being able to do again.

Social Distancing

Social- distancing is no longer required, and we have removed our seating plans in both churches. However, a number of people have indicated that they would still like to have a little space, so please respect others' need for space.

<u>Heating Installation and Interior Works to</u> <u>St Philip and St James' Church</u>

As you can see, we have started! It has been in the pipeline (pun intended!) for at least 18 years, and at long last, it is happening! Please bear with us as the works progress.



The Greeting and Welcome The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Whoever we are, **we are known to God**.

Whatever we've done, we are loved by God.

Hymn No. 513 (Daniel)

O Christ, the Healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.

How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamour to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!

Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognise the world's disease; our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.

Preparation

God, we are here,

we have come to this service via technology to take some time to be with you, to meet as your family, joined in spirit and purpose, although at a distance.

We are joining together because this is what we need and where we need to be,

together seeking your wholeness, healing and love.

And so here we are, God,

some of us are angry,

many of us are afraid,

but we're here,

and we tell you in the silence all that burdens us and troubles us,

and we offload to you all sorts of things...

the things that make us feel guilty or ashamed or weigh heavily on us... the things that grip us in fear and cause a knot in our stomachs...

the things that hurt so much that the pain is physical as well as emotional...

[Short Silence]

Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison. Christe, Christe, eleison. Kyrie, Kryie, eleison.

Listen then to Jesus,

feel his touch, know his love, know that he is listening intently to you, both to what you might say out loud and what you say in the silence of your heart...

Through Jesus God says to us: 'I hear you, you are forgiven, you are loved, you are free.' *Amen.*

<u>The Collect of the 7th Sunday</u> <u>after Trinity</u>

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Word of God

[Please sit]

<u>The First Reading – Psalm 107: 1–</u> <u>9</u>

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, ♦

for his steadfast love endures for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say this, ♦

those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

3 And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west, ♦ from the north and from the south.

4 Some went astray in desert wastes ♦

and found no path to a city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, \blacklozenge

their soul was fainting within them.

6 So they cried to the Lord in their trouble ♦

and he delivered them from their distress.

7 He set their feet on the right way \blacklozenge

till they came to a city to dwell in.
8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness ♦

and the wonders he does for his children.

 9 For he satisfies the longing soul ♦ and fills the hungry soul with good.

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

Hymn Peace is Flowing (Pie Jesu by

Lloyd Webber) [Verses 1 and 2] Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing...

[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.'¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And 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.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then 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. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But 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?" ²¹So 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 Peace is Flowing (Pie Jesu byLloyd Webber)[Verses 3 and 4]Faith is flowing like a river,

flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

Hope is flowing ...

The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Affirmation of Faith Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried: he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers. and to all the apostles: this we have received. and this we believe. Amen. cf 1 Corinthians 15:3 - 7

<u>Hymn No. 514 (Ye banks and braes)</u>

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer; yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,

survive to hold and heal and warn,

to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,

the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help,

and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world

are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

Due to COVID-19 and the Health and Safety requirements during our building work, we will not be having the laying-onof-hands at this Service. We will bring to God those for whom we wish to pray in the intercessions and in silent prayer.

[Please kneel or sit]

Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

At the end of the intercessions, Charles will play Pachelbel's Canon in D, whilst the congregation is invited to reflect and to pray silently or to meditate.

<u>Meditation</u>

When I fell, I grazed my knee or banged my head or hurt my arm. You put on a plaster or rubbed it better and told me it would be all right. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When I was in pain, you used your skill and applied your fingers and manipulated my body until you made it right. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When there was something wrong and part of my body would not work or was causing distress, you tested and probed and used your skill with a scalpel. With my body in your hands you touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When I was depressed and life was dark and empty, you put your arms around me and told me you loved me and kindled a light within my soul. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When I was in anguish, watching a loved one suffer, stunned by disappointment, expecting bad news, you sat with me holding my hand, supporting me with your silent touch, and told me it would be all right. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When grief was raw and my life blown apart, you held me while I cried a river of tears into your shoulder till I could weep no more. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When life was a burden and work was stressful, or things had not worked out as planned, or my body was never going to work properly again, or grief and disappointment still nagged, you touched my shoulder, letting me know that you understood. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When I come to worship bringing all my needs and concerns, which you may or may not know, you take my hands in yours. You say, 'The peace of the Lord', God's healing shalom. you touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When I come to your sanctuary, with my worries, my concerns, with my illness, my anxiety, with the names of friends and precious ones, and others whom I do not really know, written in my heart, silently upon my lips, and ask for your healing, you touch me, O Christ. When others touched me, so you did then. As hands upon me now, you touch me, O Christ, and make me whole.

The Lord's Prayer

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will be having a retiring collection; there are baskets at the doors of the church in which you may place your collection or envelope. You may wish to donate to the church online or electronically and the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Hymn No. 496 (Alleluia, dulce <u>carmen)</u>

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred,

all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness

fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

The Blessing

When the going is rough God will wipe away our tears.

We are God's people and we are held in love.

May God keep you ever in his care and lead your lives with love. May his warm welcome shine from all our hearts, and may Christ's own peace prevail through every day, and the Blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, this day and forever more. **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.



Tea/Coffee/Juice

You are warmly invited to tea/coffee/juice in the parish hall after this Service. The parish hall is at the east end of the church, go through the double yellow doors, and the hall is on your right!

Services in August 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Services in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be livestreamed. Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, Morning Prayer on the 2nd Sunday of the month, Family Service on the 4th Sunday of the month.



After a gap of two years, we are very excited to be planning an **Autumn**

Fair for Saturday 8th October

2022. The first planning meeting was held on **Wednesday 22nd June**

2022 and there will be another one shortly – date and time to be confirmed.

We have started the installation of a new and much-needed heating system in the church and the Autumn Fair will be a major fundraiser for that project so all hands are required 'on deck'!!! We need it to be bumper in spirit and fun, bumper in building and celebrating community, bumper in bargains and support!

History of the Parishes

Michael Lee is compiling a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024:

2021 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish of Booterstown

2024 - 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

2024 – 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church
2026 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of Booterstown National School

Mike has interviewed some of the parishioners of both churches, about their memories, stories and experience but he really would like more stories and photographs if you have them. *"Do not think that your story is not interesting enough, all will help make up the wonderful different strands that will enrich the colourful weave of the story of these historic churches."*

Please email your story/stories, or contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com

Colouring Section

