

#### **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> St Philip and St James' Church

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.

Greeting and Introduction
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

#### Opening Responses

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth

Great is your name, great is your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Great is your name, great is your love.

For you the leaders of the earth shall bow,

the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is your name, great is your love.

Your love and mercy shall last for ever,

fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name, great is your love.

#### Hymn No. 490 (Walk in the light)

The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light;
He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.

Walk, walk in the light; walk, walk in the light; walk, walk in the light;

walk, in the light of the Lord.

Jesus promised life to all, the dead were wakened by his call,

He died in pain on Calvary, to save the lost like you and me,

We know his death was not the end, he gave his Spirit to be our friend,

By Jesus' life our wounds are healed, the Father's kindness is revealed,

The Spirit lives in you and me, his light will shine for all to see,

[Please sit or kneel]

#### <u>Confession - Adapted from</u> <u>Recommended Daily Servings</u>

by Thom M Shuman

When that plate of hate is set before me.

help me to shove it away and reach for another serving of love;

when I want to devour just a handful of despair,

give me a few more morsels of joy;

tempted to consume conflict three times a day,

entice me with a portion of peace;

wolfing down agitation while sitting at my desk,

hand me a bag of patience.

nibbling too much on nastiness, give me a hunger for kindness:

continually making cold cuts out of my gifts,

let me spread out a feast of generosity;

downing a quick breakfast of oatmeal and apathy,

hand me a bar of faithfulness as I dash out the door;

empty the freezer of my heart of my late-night snacks of vindictiveness, and thaw it with your gentleness;

keep me from pigging out on having things always (and exactly!) my way, so I can learn (and practise) self-control:

these nine servings of the fruits of the spirit a day will indeed keep the doctor of desire and destruction away!

May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. **Amen.** 

The Collect of the 11th Sunday after Trinity

O God.

you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity;

mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,

that we, running the way of your commandments,

may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

# <u>Psalm 42 - Hymn No. 606 (As the deer)</u>

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

[Please sit]

#### A reading from the New Testament

This morning's reading comes from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 14, verses 1 and 7 to 14.

Listen now for the Word of God.

14On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes,

he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

# <u>Canticle (Magnificat) - Hymn No.</u> 712 (Woodlands)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:

unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice:

tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:

make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same;

his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:

powers and dominions lay their glory by;

proud hearts and stubborn will are put to flight,

the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:

firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

to children's children and for evermore.

#### The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

#### Affirmation of Faith

With the whole Church

we affirm

that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. With people everywhere

we affirm
God's goodness at the heart of
humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is
wrong.

With all creation

we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

#### Hymn No. 338 (St. Barnabas)

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power; let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Breathe your Holy Spirit into every heart; bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps we will go our way, watching for the dawning of the eternal day.

[Please sit or kneel]



#### The Prayers

Prayers of the People...

Lord, tickle us with your grace; that we may serve you and reflect you faithfully.

Lord, tickle us with your grace; to be care, to be compassionate and to show solidarity.

Lord, tickle us with your grace; and give us courage and healing.

Lord, tickle us with your grace; that we may see the way ahead with clarity.

Lord, tickle us with your grace; strengthen us with your strength, and renew us.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Blessing

The blessing of the quiet earth, upholding you, strengthening you.

The blessing of the wind that blows, inspiring you, exciting you.

The blessing of the fire that burns, warming you, refining you.

The blessing of the water that flows, delighting you, refreshing you.

The blessing of the God of life, whom we come to know in Christ, and who lives in us through the Spirit, be yours this day and always. *Amen*.

#### Collection

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. 377 (You shall go out with joy)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and you'll go out with joy.

#### Closing Responses

From where we are to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal. *Jesus, now lead on.* 

To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom.

Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God. **Jesus**, now lead on.

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.



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 you will find tea/coffee on your left!

#### Sunday 4th September 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

#### Sunday 11th September 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

#### Sunday 18th September 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

#### Sunday 25th September 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30** United Service to mark the start of the school year in St Philip and St James' Church

## **Sunday Clubs**

We are working towards re-opening the Sunday Clubs this autumn. We are looking for people to join the team of leaders so that the responsibility can be shared and is, therefore, not too onerous on any individual. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far and who will be undergoing Garda vetting, Safeguarding Trust training. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.

## **Autumn Fair Meeting**

There will be a meeting on

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Please contact the Rector for Zoom details.

## **Autumn Fair**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 12.00-15.00



The Autumn Fair will be upon us before we know it!!!

#### We need everyone to help!

The installation of a new and muchneeded heating system in the church and accessibility alteration works are nearly completed, 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!

We need lots of items for the various stalls: Cakes, Biscuits, Tray Bakes, Scones, Bread, etc., Bags, Belts, Jewellery, Books, Plants, Jams, Marmalades, Unwanted Gifts, Bottles, Toys, Bric-a-Brac etc.

For the Cakes/Deli and
Household Stalls, we would
appreciate if each
family could cook, or
donate, two items.
But don't limit your cooking
skills...
these stalls always sell out
fast!

## RAFFLE PRIZES

We need raffle prizes for the Raffle which is run at the Autumn Fair, and we need them urgently so that we can get tickets, etc. printed.

Please contact Deirdre Kennedy at 087-6283534 if you can help with this.

## **Healer Prayer Group**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 19.00 hours *via Zoom* 

Zoom details will be issued in the morning of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022

### **MOUNT MERRION**

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022
20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM

# BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY
TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022
19.30 HOURS *VIA ZOOM* 

# Accommodation Wanted

A nurse who is currently working in St Vincent's Hospital is looking for accommodation for himself and his wife who will be joining him in September. Ideally, he is looking for a property to rent with two bedrooms and two bathrooms.

If you think that you may know of a suitable property or accommodation, please contact the Rector asap.

## 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' Church2026 - 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 <a href="mikelee2653@gmail.com">mikelee2653@gmail.com</a>