



*[Please stand if you are able]*

### Greeting and Introduction

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

### Opening Responses

As summer sun gives way to autumn  
chill,

bright glare turning to yellow light,  
shadows lengthening and leaves  
falling,

***we move and change with the cycles  
of the seasons.***

As timetables and programmes  
restart in unfamiliar ways  
and new activities begin to take  
shape,  
as colleges, schools and churches gear  
up for a new season,

***we move and change with the cycles  
of the seasons.***

As patterns in our lives shift and  
change  
with family losses and new  
relationships,

altering our perception of ourselves  
and those around,  
***we move and change with the cycles  
of the seasons.***

### Hymn No. 318 (Abbot's Leigh)

Father, Lord of all creation,  
ground of being, life and love;  
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.

*[Please kneel or sit]*

### **Prayer of Confession**

For the right roads we avoided  
travelling,  
and the kindly words we refused to  
share;  
for the importance and fixation we  
have on objects and frivolous notions,  
and the true selves we have starved  
of love...  
God, by your grace,  
**forgive us.**

For the hidden hurts we have held on  
to, too tightly,  
and the promises we never kept;  
for the careless use of our time and  
money and the lame excuses we should  
never have made,  
God, by your grace,  
**forgive us.**

For all we should be  
and all we can amend,  
God, in your love,  
**renew us.**

For all you have in store for us  
and all you may demand of us,  
God, in your love,  
**prepare us.**

For the life of the world  
and the love of its people  
God, in your love,  
**commit us.**

Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.  
**Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

Christe, Christe, eleison.  
**Christe, Christe, eleison.**

Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.  
**Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

Hear and believe the words of Jesus:  
Your sins are forgiven.  
Go in peace.  
Come and follow me. **Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble  
servants;  
and that they may obtain their  
petitions,  
make them to ask such things as shall  
please you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The Collect for St Bartholomew (24 August)**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew  
grace truly to believe and to preach  
your word:  
Grant that your Church may love that  
word which he believed  
and may faithfully preach and receive  
the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## The Ministry of the Word

*[Please sit]*

### **The First Reading – Jeremiah 1: 4-10**

*The first reading is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 1, beginning at verse 4.*

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.'

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said

to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

*[Please stand if you are able]*

### **Hymn No. 325 (Be still)**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him, no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith  
receive from him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is  
moving in this place.

*[Please sit]*

## **The Second Reading – Luke 13: 10-17**

*The second reading is from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 13, beginning at verse 10.*

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the

sabbath day?' <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

*[Please stand if you are able]*

## **Hymn No. 61 Thanks and Praise** **I'll Go in the Strength of the Lord**

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,  
in paths he has marked for my feet;  
I'll follow the light of his word,  
nor shrink from the dangers I meet.  
His presence my steps shall attend,  
his fullness my wants shall supply;  
on him, till my journey shall end,  
my unwavering faith shall rely.

*I'll go, (I'll go), I'll go in the strength,  
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.  
I'll go, (I'll go), I'll go in the strength,  
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,  
to work he appoints me to do;  
in joy which his smile doth afford  
my soul shall her vigour renew.  
His wisdom shall guard me from harm,  
his power my sufficiency prove;  
I'll trust his omnipotent arm,  
and prove his unchangeable love.

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,  
to conflicts which faith will require;  
his grace as my shield and reward,

my courage and zeal shall inspire.  
 Since he gives the word of command,  
 to meet and encounter the foe,  
 with his sword of truth in my hand,  
 to suffer and triumph I'll go.

## **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.*

*[Please stand if you are able]*

### **Hymn No. 102 Thanks and Praise** **(My Jesus, My Saviour)**

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
 Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise  
 the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
 tower of refuge and strength,  
 let ev'ry breath, all that I am,  
 never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let  
 us sing  
 power and majesty, praise to the King.  
 Mountains bow down and the seas will  
 roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your  
 hands.  
 For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll  
 stand.  
 Nothing compares to the promise I  
 have in you.

*[Please kneel or sit]*

### **The Prayers**

Jesus Christ, Son of God:  
*hear our prayer.*

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



### Collection

*The offering will be received during the singing of this hymn. You may wish to donate to the church online or electronically and the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.*

*[Please stand if you are able]*

### Hymn No. 93 (Lord of the dance)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the Dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and they left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the Dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

### The Blessing

May God, who is constant in the changing seasons,  
bless you and reassure you by presence.

In moving from summer sun to autumn glow,  
***Spirit of change, give us hope and courage.***

In letting go of what we have known,  
***Spirit of change, give us hope and courage.***

In the shifting patterns of our lives,  
***Spirit of change, give us hope and courage.***

In In embarking on new ventures,  
***Spirit of change, give us hope and courage.***

In the shifting confusion that swirls around us,

***Spirit of change, give us hope and courage.***

In the hope of renewal and a better tomorrow,

***Spirit of change, give us hope and courage.***

*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 Monk Gibbon Hall after this Service.*



## Flower Fund

Both churches have a flower fund which is used to pay for the flowers throughout the year. Donations to the respective

flower funds would be very much appreciated. Sometimes, people may donate the flowers for a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one.

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

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

*No Midweek Services on Wednesdays in July and August.*

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

*No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

**11.00 Blessing of the School Bags and the School Year Ahead** in St Philip and St James' Church

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

*No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church



**Healer Prayer Group**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**19.30 hours via Zoom**

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Tuesday afternoon

3.30pm—4.10pm

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Nicolas and St James' Parish Centre

**Contact Irene on 087-2755423**

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## **BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**19.30 HOURS**

**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**

## **MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**19.30 HOURS**

**THE COMMITTEE ROOM**

## **Autumn Fair Meeting**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**St Philip and St James' Church**  
**7.30pm**



## **Autumn Fair - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

### **ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT**

1. An elderly gentleman is returning to Dublin from England to be near extended family (who are parishioners). He is looking for short-term accommodation while he searches for a permanent residence. A small one-bed apartment or granny-flat would be ideal, or even a bedroom with an ensuite.

2, A mother from Ukraine, who has been living in Ireland for three years and is well-known to one of our parishioners, is looking for accommodation. She is working and studying. Her son is boarding, so if the accommodation could also provide for him staying at weekends and holidays, that would be great.

**If anyone can help with either of the above, please contact the Rector asap.**

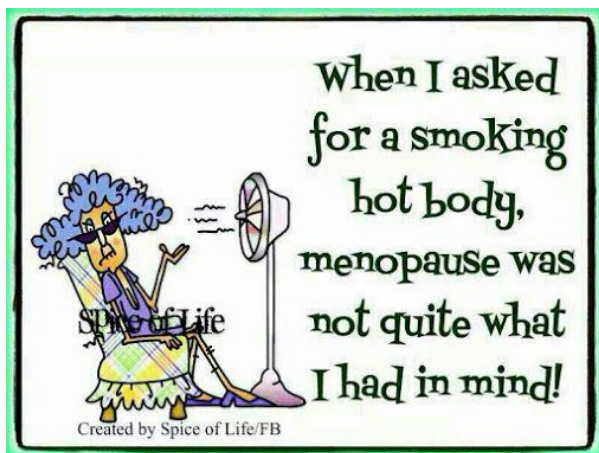


## Age Action Digital Training for Older People

*Marie Keegan, the Development Officer for the Dublin/Wicklow region asked parishes to let their parishioners know of the following digital training...*

Age Action's Getting Started One-To-One Digital Training for Older People is resuming in Ballywaltrim Library on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 running until 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025, from 11:00–13:00. If you would like to learn or brush-up on your digital skills, please phone Age Action on 01-4756989 to enrol on this course.

[www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)



## ***Am I losing my marbles or is it the menopause??***

Building on the initiative of the Church of Ireland on mental health and wellbeing *Mind Matters*, there is an open evening on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm in St Philip and St James', to start a discussion on peri-menopause and menopause. This is for women and men

(who need to understand what is going on for the women in their lives and work-place). Whilst this subject is now beginning to be talked about, some aspects of it, such as brain fog, emotional and mental well-being, mood swings, etc are still hidden and silent. All are welcome. It would be helpful to know for catering purposes, if you are coming, so do let us know on

[bootesrtownandmountmerrion@gmail.com](mailto:bootesrtownandmountmerrion@gmail.com).

However, if you find yourself free on the night and want to come, please do, even if you haven't let us know beforehand.

The speakers are Dr Nicola Cochrane (Doctor in the Complex Menopause Clinic in the National Maternity Hospital and Board Member of the Menopause Society of Ireland); Ms Eabhann O'Connor (Consultant Urologist in St Vincent's University Hospital); Helene Fitzpatrick (Pharmacist in Booterstown Pharmacy and Mount Merrion Pharmacy).

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
2025  
7.30pm  
St Philip and St James'  
Church**