



**Welcome and Thank You
to Carol Casey, Diocesan Lay
Reader, who is taking the
services today.**

[Please stand, if you are able]

Welcome and Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn No. 3 (Abbot's Leigh)

God is love: let heaven adore him;

God is love: let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him,

and exalt him with one voice.

He who laid the earth's foundation,

he who spread the heavens above,

he who breathes through all
creation,

he is love, eternal love.

God is love, and is enfolding

all the world in one embrace;

his unfailing grasp is holding

every child of every race;

and when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,

then they find that self-same

aching

deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with
blindness

sin afflicts and clouds the will,

God's eternal loving-kindness

holds us fast and guides us still.

Sin and death and hell shall never

o'er us final triumph gain;

God is love, so love for ever

o'er the universe must reign.

[Please kneel or sit]

Prayer of Penitence

Glorious God,

your thoughts are not our thoughts,

nor are your ways our ways.

We get things upside down,

backwards, and often, just

completely wrong.

So, in silence, let us remember our

own faults and failings.

[Silence]

***In the company of Christ's Church
and in the presence of God's
people,***

***we confess to God that we have
sinned in thought, word and deed.***

We have not loved God,

or cared for God's world,

***or respected God's people as we
should.***

***We take responsibility for
ourselves and ask for God's
forgiveness.***

Prayer for Absolution

May God forgive us,
 Christ befriend us,
 and the Spirit renew us and change
 our lives. **Amen.**

The Acclamation

Creator God,
 we praise you for the joys of
 summer,
 warmth and light,
 brightness and colour,
 travel and exploration,
 adventuring to new places,
 discovering beauty and strangeness,
 exploring new food and ways of life
We rejoice in your rainbow world.

Redeeming Son,
 we thank you for sunshine and
 showers,
 rest and relaxation,
 recreation and holidays,
 switching off phones and email,
 abandoning diaries and calendars
***May we be refreshed with energy
 and hope.***

Guiding Spirit,
 we bless you for family and friends,
 fellowship and company,
 play and leisure,
 fun and laughter,
 freedom to worship and to pray.
***May we be renewed with your love
 and your grace.***

The Collect of the Eighth Sunday
after Trinity

Blessed are you, O Lord,
 and blessed are those who observe
 and keep your law:
 Help us to seek you with our whole
 heart,
 to delight in your commandments
 and to walk in the glorious liberty
 given us by your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 597 (Nottingham)

Take my life, and let it be
 consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 take my moments and my days,
 let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
 at the impulse of thy love;
 take my feet and let them be
 swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
 always, only, for my king;
 take my intellect and use
 every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine;
 take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store:
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all, for thee.



[Please sit]

The Word of God - Matthew 13: **31-33, 44-52**

The reading is from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13, beginning at verse 31.

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;

⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 710 (Ode to joy)

Sing to God new songs of worship -
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm:
he has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people IsraëL.

Sing to God new songs of worship -
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful,
praising him with thankfulness:
sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;

let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship -
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters
sound your praises to the Lord:
let the hills rejoice together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God
*who is older than eternity,
and younger than our next breath;
who is beyond describing,
yet knows us all by name;
who inspires faith,
yet cannot be contained by
religion.*

We believe in Jesus Christ
flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
*he came in body
to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable,
loved the unlovable
and endured slander, persecution
and death.*

*We believe that God's Kingdom
comes on earth through Christ's
unconditional love.*

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
*who leads us into truth and
freedom,
who gifts skills and talents to all
God's children,
who works through prayer and
politics, through justice and
integrity,
through care of creation and the
healing of the nations.*

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 660 (Newington)

Thine for ever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
thine for ever may we be,
here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of days.

Thine for ever! O how blessed
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
all our wants by thee supplied,
all our sins by thee forgiven,
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us prepare ourselves for the day and the week before us. Let us bring to God those people or situations that are on our hearts and minds.

Let us pray.

Prayers the needs of the world.

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.***

We are aware 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.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn - The Alpha and The Omega (Tune - Woodlands, No. 712)

by Tom Gordon

You are the start of time; you are the end.

And so, in faith, we seek to comprehend

how you might dwell with us, eternally;

how broad, how deep, how sure your love can be.

You are the Alpha: from the first of days,

you offered Light to lead us in your ways;

you caused the sun to set, the dawn to break;

you willed the seas to shift, the hills to shake.

You are the Omega; your love will last,

when even time itself, and life, are past.

You set the stars for night, the moon to trace

a pathway through the vastness of your space.

You make the seasons change, you feed the land;

you give your Word, so we might understand.

Your faithful hand is found in everything,

in life, in death, in all creation brings.

You are the summer flowers, the
seeds that grow;
you are the rain that falls, the
winds that blow;
you are the glassy sea, the storms
that rage;
you are our constancy for every age.

You were the start and you will be
the end,
and so, our thanks from earth to
heaven ascent.
With hearts and minds and voices
we proclaim,
in summer days, the glory of your
name.

[Revelation 22:13, Psalm 46: 1-3]

The Grace

*The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.*

*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.*



Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to
tea/coffee/juice in the
South Transept 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

**No Midweek Services in July and
August unless announced**

Sunday 2nd August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

10.30 United Service of Holy Communion
in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 9th August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

10.30 United Service of Morning Prayer in
St Thomas' Church

Sunday 16th August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church



Healer Prayer Group
Tuesday 28th July 2026
7.30pm
via Zoom

**Jolly Jaunt and Lunch in Gorey, County Wexford**

Thursday 30th July 2026

People were to let Gillian know by 6pm on Thursday 23rd July 2026. We might be able to squeeze in some late-comers but only if you tell Gillian by 10am tomorrow, Monday 27th July 2026.



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BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT
SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2026
19.30 HOURS
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY
MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2026
19.30 HOURS
THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MONK GIBBON HALL



Autumn Fair - Saturday
10th October 2026