

St. Philip & St. James and St. Thomas

NEWSLETTER

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New Rector Appointed ..

The following is the text of the announcement regarding the appointment of our new Rector, made by Vi Wilson on behalf of the Parochial Nominators at the combined Morning service for both parishes on Sunday, 15th August 2004 in St. Thomas' Church.....

Just nine weeks ago Arthur, our former Rector, left for Boyle and Riverstown, and shortly afterwards the Archbishop commissioned the Nominators to begin the search for a new Rector.

Two questions frequently asked since then were "are you out there looking for somebody" and "have you found anyone yet?" It's amazing how adept one becomes in hedging the question and avoiding giving a straight answer without actually telling a lie. However this morning I am relieved to be in a position to answer both questions. Yes, the nominators have been busy with numerous meetings and discussions. As for the second question, at our last meeting with the Archbishop, a name was submitted, and with the unanimous approval of all present the Archbishop appointed our new Rector. It gives me great pleasure to announce that her name is the Rev. Gillian Wharton.

Many of you will have heard her when she spoke on one of the Sundays in Lent about what her faith means to her, and more recently when called upon, at very short notice, to take a Communion Service and Baptism in St. Philip & St. James Church. She is currently Chaplain to Rathdown School, and she is married to Alan—who is a businessman in Blackrock.

It is hoped that her Institution will be sometime towards the end of October, but the date cannot be finalised until the Archbishop returns from holiday.

Our new Rector, as she starts work at the busiest time of the Church's Year, will need support and encouragement from all of us—with our prayers and our presence in the pews. We look forward to a fresh approach to the Parish work, and we believe that she will bring a new dimension to the ministry and pastoral care, not only in our churches but in the local and wider community, without compromising the reality of the Gospel.

Finally, on behalf of both parishes I know you would want me to thank the other three nominators, especially

Denis Beare who acted as Secretary. He wrote many letters, made numerous 'phone calls and arranged meetings. Thanks are also due to William Burgess who graciously offered his home where we were able to meet in comfort and privacy.

Sue McDonnell and I, as first time nominators, have learned so much from William and Denis, who have been down this route three if not four times, and we benefited hugely from their experience and wisdom.

Being a nominator has been a privilege and a daunting responsibility, but with God's guidance and prayer we believe we have successfully fulfilled our duty.

Vi Wilson

IMPORTANT DATE **FOR YOUR DIARY**

Please note that the Institution of our new Rector will take place on the evening of 27th October 2004.

Invitations to all parishioners will be sent in due course. Please make every effort to attend this happy and important event.

+ WORSHIP +

SUNDAY SERVICES:

S t. Philip & S t. James,
Boosterstown and Carysfort

S t. T homas,
Mount Merrion

8.30am

Holy Communion

(in February, April, June, August, October,
December)

8.30am

Holy Communion

(in January, March, May, July, September,
November)

11.30am

Holy Communion

on first and third Sunday of the month

Morning Prayer

on second, fourth and fifth Sunday of the
month

10.00am

Holy Communion

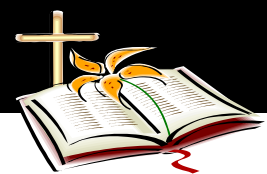
on first Sunday of the month

Morning Prayer

on all other Sundays

The fourth Sunday of the month is our United Family Service which alternates between the two churches—please watch for details

PARISH REGISTERS



BEREAVEMENTS

Mrs. Gladys Bowden
Mrs. Carol Peilow
Ms. Olive Griffin

BAPTISMS

Eli Thomas Henry Kincaid
Elizabeth Rose Thompson
Jack Richard Tuke
Louis Kieran Knight
Maxwell Langheld

WEDDINGS

Asison Burgess & Isacc Morillas
Hernandez
Michael Petyt & Sandra Robertson
Jason McCann & Maria O'Regan

THANK YOU!!

It is good to have Rev. Ron Watts back in action after his spell in hospital. He is helping with the services in both Churches. We pray that he will be 100% fit again very shortly. Thanks also to Jason McCann, who continues to do trojan work helping us to find our way round the new prayer book. Occasionally he comes up with the unexpected just to make sure we are awake! We wish him well as he commences his studies at the Theological College. We will remember both Jason and Maria in our prayers over the coming three years.

FAREWELLS & FUDGE...

On Sunday 13th June the parishioners of St. Thomas' & St. Philip & James' said "goodbye" to their much loved Rector Rev. Arthur Barrett who was moving on to pastures new to become incumbent in Boyle & Riverstown Group of Parishes, Co. Sligo.

At the end of the service, Arthur was hijacked by Mr. William Burgess who gave a very moving speech. He reminded us of the wonderful work that Arthur has done in his years with us as Rector. We will all miss the cheerful, efficient and loving way in which he served our grouped parishes. It was a very emotional farewell with many tears shed.

We were honoured to have with us on the day visiting clergy from our neighbouring churches and members of the organisations which use our parish hall who were all keen to wish Arthur well in his new parish. Also present on this morning were Msr. Seamus Conway and Rev. Denis Campbell, who both made a speech and presentation to Arthur. Our Ecumenical links and joint services have become a very important part of our worship and were much encouraged by Arthur.

On behalf of all the parishioners, William presented some gifts to Arthur, Brigid, Charlie, Nathan and Lucy and of course he was not allowed to leave without a large box of June's homemade fudge for which he has a particular fondness. It is rumoured that it has very special qualities!! After the service we enjoyed a sherry reception in the Parish hall and an opportunity to say our own personal goodbyes.

We wish Arthur, Brigid and their family God's richest blessing in their new life in Riverstown and Boyle. They will be always in our thoughts and prayers.

Institution & More Fudge!

On Saturday 19th June a number of our parishioners travelled to Sligo to be at the Institution of Rev. Arthur Barrett as Rector of Riverstown & Boyle Parish. We were made to feel very welcome by the good people of Boyle, who treated us to a lovely tea. During after tea speeches Mr. William Burgess spoke on behalf of the Parishioners of St. Thomas' and St. Philip & St. James; and of course a fresh supply of that wonderful fudge was presented to help Arthur feel at home.

Letter from Arthur.....

Dear All,

Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting round to writing to you, but I can assure you that life in the country is not life in the slow-lane! Since we moved to Riverstown we have been extremely busy with any people wanting to meet us, and various groups and organisations seeking to make our acquaintance. And parish life, in itself, is no less hectic here.

But I really want to thank you all so very much indeed for your great kindness to us all on our departure from Booterstown and Mount Merrion, especially the extremely generous cheque. The final service and the presentations (which came as a complete surprise!) were a wonderful send-off and we will hold the memories of that occasion for a long time to come. The beautiful garden bench arrived a couple of weeks after we moved in, and is now situated in a sunny corner of our yard. It is really lovely to be able to sit out on the bench for a coffee and a read of a book—when its not raining, that is! The lovely plaque on the bench will also be a constant reminder of the wonderful three years which we spent with you all.

We were also so thrilled to see so many of you at the Institution, and the Reception afterwards. We deeply appreciate you travelling up for the occasion, and especially those of you who stayed and made a weekend of it. The parishioners here were also very impressed that so many of you came.

We are slowly but surely getting settled into our new home and new surroundings. I am having to get used to the distances involved—it can be up to 40 minutes to some of the more out-lying parishioners—and with up to 25 miles between churches, brief liturgies and short sermons are the order of the day!! But it is lovely having no traffic lights and only one mini-roundabout in the whole of the parish!

So, if ever any of you are coming up to this part of the world, please do look us up and call in—we'd love to see you.

Once again, thank you all so very much for your generosity and your kindness at the time of our leaving. I pray that the vacancy period will be as short as possible, and wish you all God's richest blessing for the future.

With every best wish,

Arthur



SCOUTING IN MOUNT MERRION



The 25th Dublin (Mount Merrion) Scout Group has vacancies for new members in its three sections.

CUBS: age 8-11 years Start date **MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Contact: Nathalie Scharwatt 086-369 3824

SCOUTS age 11-15 years Start date **FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

8:00 - 10:00 pm

Contact: Pat Treacy 01-288 4575 (H)

VENTURES age 15-21 years Start date **SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER**

8:00 - 10:00 pm

Contact: Gina Liuzzi 086-841 3871 (away on holidays for two weeks from 4 Sept.) or
Mark Holman 086-249 1007

Any newcomer should turn up on relevant night wearing activity gear. Potential members get a free trial for one month before billing for annual fee. All scouting activities are insured. With the focus on childhood obesity and inappropriate lifestyles it is essential that all children take regular exercise. Scouting provides exercise by means of indoor games (Unihoc, volleyball, etc.) and outdoors pursuits such as hiking, camping and climbing.

Venture Scouts Hiking in Germany

Two of our venture scouts (Brian O'Connor and Arden Hulme-Beaman) went hiking in Bavaria in the latter half of August, as members of the national Explorer Belt Expedition, which saw them, as a duo, walk 200 km in 10 days. They did not know their route until they were handed an envelope at the start containing the route details plus about €5/day to live on. The adventure is a test of their stamina, resourcefulness and ability to get on with each other. On the way they have to complete a project designed to make them interact with the locals and to learn more about the Bavarian region's history, culture, economy, etc. It's a tough undertaking and many do not succeed. Previous 25th Dublin successful participants include Gina Liuzzi and Deirdre Searson (our current Venture leaders), Andrew Hayden, Barry Ryan (ex-Scout leader), Naomi Buckley and Donnachadh Casey (ex-Cub leader). Their expedition was in the Picos de Europa mountains of northern Spain.

Cubs camping beside Lough Ennell (Co. Westmeath)

The Cubs held their annual summer camp over the June bank holiday weekend at Lilliput Adventure Centre beside Lough Ennell. We had a lovely campsite beside the lake and instructed activities included kayaking, bog trotting and aerial runway rides. The Cubs made bows and shot arrows at targets. Nathalie and Mark Holman made face masks of each child using Plaster of Paris. Mark, William and Andrew constructed an assault course for them. All arrived home tired but happy.



The League of Health Mount Merrion & Booterstown

The League of Health commences another season at both Parish Centres in September. With so much recent publicity regarding the need for regular exercise, the League offers the opportunity for safe and beneficial exercise for all age groups in an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere—and at very good value.

With the Bagot Stack system of exercise you can

- Learn about Core Stability and improve your posture
- Increase mobility and flexibility
- Strengthen back muscles and tone the abdominal area

The exercises are low impact, thus minimising stress on weight bearing joints, and are recommended to many women by their doctors, physiotherapists or other professionals who recognise the value of regular exercise.

ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES PARISH HALL: Contact Yvonne McGuinness 2896162

Tuesdays: 7.45 p.m. General Class—suitable for beginners and long-term members. Commences 14th September

MONK GIBBON HALL: Contact Alison Galbraith 2888761

Tuesdays: 11.00 a.m. Active Retired—the system of exercise is adapted to suit the older or less able woman with most of the work. Taken seated. Commences 14th September.

Wednesdays: 10.00 a.m. Elementary/Easy Medium (Level 1)
Suitable for the beginner and also long-term members.

11.00 a.m. Medium (Level 2) - the BS work progressed to a more advanced level. Commences 15th September.

This year the League of Health celebrates its 70th Anniversary on Saturday 30th October with a day of classes with visiting teachers from the UK, a short demonstration of our work and a Gala Dinner.

For many years now we have nominated a charity for our support and to date over €80,000 has been raised for very many worthy causes. Our charity for 2003/4 and 2004/5 is Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin. Last season we handed over €9,000 and expect to raise a further substantial sum again this year. Our thanks to all our members for their regular and generous support.

Parish Women's Fellowship

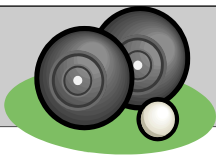
The Parish Women's Fellowship meet up usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from October to June ...Last year events varied from garden visits, theatre outings, wine tasting, a car treasure hunt to an interesting talk from a Christian Aid field worker (we raised a donation of over €500 for their work), so like a bag of 'liquorice allsorts' we aim to have something to suit all tastes!!

Why join us? We are one of the few groups run **jointly** between the two churches, and in the interest of cultivating a spirit of friendship and fun in our church activities, we look for your support. Now is a good time, with the arrival of our new Rector, Gillian, to look at what we do in playing our part.

In conclusion we had a most enjoyable evening in June in Airfield House, when we said our goodbyes to Brigid, who had been a source of great ideas and support for the **PWF**. We were delighted to present her with a lovely watercolour of St. Philip & St. James' Church, beautifully painted by our own **Sybil Mellon**.

On a personal note a big thank you from me to Jeanette, Loveday, Viola & Denise, our committee, and last but not least to Sue McDonnell, our incoming president Watch this space!!!

Christine Beare



St. Thomas' Indoor Bowling Club

The Summer has now come to an end and we are looking forward again to our Indoor Bowls Season. We are re-opening on Thursday the 23rd September at 7.30 pm and hope to have all

last years members back and we would like to see some new faces from either Parish. We also play on Saturday nights at 7.30 pm.

The Committee elected in

April consists of Lilian Allan (Capt.), Bill Semple (Hon. Sec.), Barbara Plant (Hon Treas.), Vera Pepper, Meriel Armstrong and Jean Spencer.

Bill Semple

THE SUNDAY CLUB St. thomas'

St. Thomas Sunday Club commenced on Sunday, September 19th at 10.00 am and will continue to meet on the first and third Sunday of each month as follows: September 19th, October 3rd & 17th, November 7th & 21st, December 5th & 19th.

Flora millar Dance classes

Flora's classes have resumed for the Autumn on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons. New members are welcome at any time. Further details from Flora at:
Tel: 2888455

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BOOTERSTOWN SCHOOL NEWS!!

A warm welcome to all new families who have started with the school this year. We do hope that this is the beginning of a long and happy association with our school.

We look forward to meeting our new Rector, Gillian Wharton and hope that she is looking forward to joining us for our assemblies and other school activities.

The building is looking extremely well since the beautiful marmoleum flooring has been laid – many thanks to the Board of Management for all their hard work, the difference is unbelievable. A huge thank you to all those parents who tended the school garden over the summer. We certainly had a great crop of lettuce, onions, beans and strawberries and hope that you enjoyed them as much as the children did.

We have a busy term ahead with various school activities beginning with the Annual Diocesan School Service in Christchurch on October 1st. Eight children and two teachers will represent the school.



ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES HARVEST THANKSGIVING

An Ecumenical Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 10th October at 11.30 am. The service will be of Morning Prayer with Rev. David Muir, Chaplain to the Deaf, as preacher.

During the service, the new loop system, for the hearing impaired will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Donald Caird, former Archbishop of Dublin. This system has been given by the Barr family in memory of the late Canon D.J. Osborne Barr, Rector of our Parish from 1965 to 1992.

We will welcome our friends from the Church of the Assumption and St. Andrews and look forward to a full church!

Jean Hall will be in Church on **Saturday, 9th October** from **10.30 to 11.30 am** and will gratefully welcome all gifts of flowers and fruit.

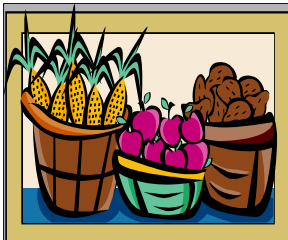
Refreshments will be served in the parish Centre after the service.

ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES SUNDAY CLUB

Following a meeting of the leaders of the Sunday Club, it has been decided that we will recommence today. We have chosen an exciting programme for this year and we are looking forward to all the children joining in again, and we especially look forward to welcoming new members.

As in previous years the children will be supporting 'Fields of Life' with their contribution, which they bring to Sunday Club each week. These contributions are collected in 'Piggy' which is brought to church as the children's offering at Christmas and at the end of our season.

Sunday Club welcomes children from the age of 4 and we are delighted to include some young people who have been confirmed and who still like to join us each Sunday. We meet every Sunday except at half term from school and we encourage the children to come to church for the Family Service on the 4th Sunday of each month. The children receive a star each week for attendance, which has proved a great encouragement. The leaders, Gail, Beverley, Fiona and Barbara look forward to another interesting season with the children of our parish.



ST. THOMAS' HARVEST FESTIVAL & GIFT DAY

The Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 10th October at 10 am. On the morning we will welcome our visiting speaker

Rev. David Muir, Chaplin to the Deaf.

Gifts, flowers and fruit will be gratefully received on Saturday 9th at 10.30 am in the Church.

On the same day we observe our **Parish Gift Day** which forms an important part of the financing of the parish.

Donations can be placed on the Collection Plate at church on Sunday 10th October. Forms and envelopes will be distributed to each Parishioner with the Autumn Newsletter.

We greatly appreciate your on-going generosity to the parish and look forward to seeing you all at the Service



VISITORS!

Over the summer months visitors from far and near attended our churches. For some it was a first-time visit to Ireland so it was nice to be able to invite them to coffee after the service for a chat. Thanks to our parishioners who provided refreshments each Sunday during July and August.

A number of post-graduate students from Africa and India come regularly to St. Thomas' and were quite surprised to meet our Indian friends who are part of the church family and living nearby. Our fellowship is brightened by their presence, not to mention the aroma of delicious curries!

ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES BADMINTON



MORNING BADMINTON

The Autumn Season commenced on Thursday 2nd September—We meet every Thursday morning from 10.30 to 12.30. The emphasis of our play is on fun rather than competition.

New members always welcome

Tel: Ros Phillips
2886049



EVENING BADMINTON

Our Season commenced on Thursday 2nd September. Members play Badminton every Thursday evening from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm approx.

Friendly matches are organised with other Clubs throughout the season.

New members are always welcome
Tel: Maureen Millington 2809826



in
The Parish Centre
at
ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES'

WHATWHENCONTACT

Sunday Club

Sunday

Barbara Plant
2880202

Montessori School

Monday-Friday
8.30-1.00pmMarion Gartland
0404 29961

In Fit Health

Monday
7.00pm-8.00pmSarah MacLachlan
087 2445425

Power Yoga

Monday
8.00pm-9.30pm
WednesdayAnn Murphy
087 2200407

Whist

Monday
8.00-9.30pmYvonne Laycock
2885660

Bridge (Merrion)

Tuesday
7.30-10.30pmAnn Murphy
2886337

League of Health

Tuesday
7.45-8.45pmYvonne McGuinness
2896162

Parish Women's Fellowship

Tuesday (2nd of month)
8.00-10.00pmJune Burgess
2888887Boosterstown Community
BridgeFriday
7.30-10.30Patricia Byrne
2880619

Badminton

Thursday morning
10.15am-12.30pmJune Burgess
2888887

Badminton

Thursday evening
8.30-11.00pmMaureen Millington
2809826

Youth Club

Friday

Nicola Halford
087 1233338Stagecoach Theatre Arts
SchoolSaturday
10.00am-1.00pm
2.00pm-5.00pmHelen Roche
2803336

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in
The Monk Gibbon Hall
at
ST. THOMAS'

WHATWHENCONTACT

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|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Sunday Club | Sunday (1st & 3rd) 10.15-10.45am | Jeanette Hunt 2880777 |
| Mother & Toddler | Mon/Thur/Fri 10.30am-12.00am Saturday 10.00am-11.00am | Shona Ashmore 2945824 |
| Cubs | Monday 7.00-8.30pm | Natalie Scharwatt 086 3693824 |
| Scouts | Friday 8.00-10.00pm | Pat Treacy 086 8578331 |
| Venture Scouts | Sunday 8.00-10.00pm | Gina Luizzi 086 8413871 |
| Dance Class | Monday 8.45-10.00pm Wednesday 2.30pm-4.00pm 6.30pm-10.00pm | Flora Millar 2888455 |
| Yoga Class | Tuesday 6.30-9.30pm Thursday 6.00pm-7.00pm Saturday 12.00-1.00pm | Emma Stafford 0867 9606908 |
| League of Health | Tuesday 11.00am-12.00pm Wednesday 10.00am-12.15pm | Alison Galbraith 2888761 |
| Indoor Bowls | Thursday & Saturday 7.30-10.30pm | Bill Semple 2882194 |
| Bereavement Counselling | Tuesday Afternoon | Mairead McGuinness 2884263 |

THE MONK GIBBON HALL IS AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS FOR CHILDRENS PARTIES, ETC. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, TEL: 2835873

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