



*[Please stand, if you are able]*

### **The Gathering of God's People**

The Lord be with you  
*and also with you.*

### **Opening Hymn No. 346 (Angel voices)**

Angel voices, ever singing  
round thy throne of light;  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest nor day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee,  
Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,

hearts and minds, and hands and  
voices,  
in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
of the best that thou hast given,  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

### **The Preface**

Beloved in Christ,  
we come together to offer to  
Almighty God our worship and praise  
and thanksgiving,  
to confess our sins and to receive  
God's forgiveness,  
to hear his holy word proclaimed,  
to bring before him our needs and the  
needs of the world,  
and to pray that in the power of his  
Spirit we may serve him and know the  
greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our  
Father.

*[Please kneel or sit]*

***Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and  
against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence,***

*through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done and by what  
we have failed to do.*

*We are truly sorry and repent of  
all our sins.*

*For the sake of your Son Jesus  
Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life to the glory of your  
name. Amen.*

*Merciful Lord,  
grant to your faithful people pardon  
and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our  
sins,  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

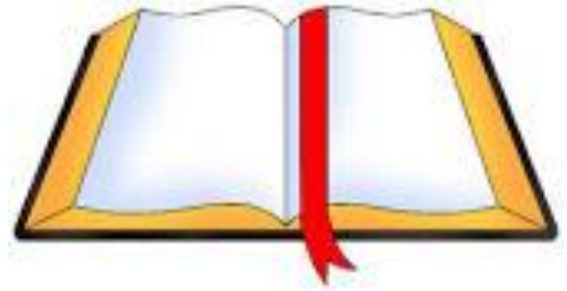
*[Please stand, if you are able]*

*O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your  
praise.*

*O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. Amen.*

*Praise the Lord.  
The Lord's name be praised.*



*[Please sit]*

**The First Reading - 2 Samuel 18:  
5-9, 15, 31-33**

*The first reading is from the second book of  
Samuel, chapter 18, beginning at verse 5.*

<sup>5</sup>The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. <sup>6</sup> So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup>The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. <sup>8</sup>The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. <sup>9</sup> Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. <sup>15</sup>And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded

Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

31 Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.'

<sup>32</sup>The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

33 The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

Here ends the First Reading.

**Psalm - God Who Stands Beyond  
The Future (Blaenwern - Hymn No.  
634)**

*[Words by Pat Bennett]*

*[Verses 1-2]*

God, eternal and unchanging,  
though unbound by time and place,  
yet with constant, tender yearning  
you sustain our human race.  
History in all its colours,  
present moment where we stand,  
hidden future, still to open -  
all are gathered in your hand.

God, who sees all human stories,  
you in each your touch display;  
sometimes known and sometimes  
hidden  
you have met us on our way.  
Though we may have failed or  
faltered,  
doubted love, resisted grace,  
yet, persistent, you walked with us,  
as we travelled to this place.

*[Please sit]*

**The Second Reading - John 6: 35,  
41-51**

*The second reading is from the Gospel according to St John, chapter 6, beginning at verse 35.*

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.  
41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'  
<sup>42</sup>They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?'  
<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the

Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Here ends the Second Reading.

**Canticle - God Who Stands Beyond  
The Future (Blaenwern - Hymn No.**

**634)**

*[Words by Pat Bennett]*

*[Verses 3-4]*

God, whose life pervades each moment,  
meet us in this present hour,  
as we open thought and action  
to your life's transforming power.  
Startle, challenge and confront us,  
touch our hearts and free our hands  
so that we may see and serve you,  
yield to all your love demands.

God who stands beyond the future,  
what's to come is still unknown.  
Yet, unchanging, you are with us  
and we will not walk alone.

Go with us through doubt and  
darkness,  
stand with us in hopeful place,  
'til the chain of time is broken  
and we see you face-to-face.

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

**The Apostles' Creed**

***I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father, and he will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**The Prayers**

The Lord be with you  
*and also with you.*

*[Please sit or kneel]*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.  
***Christ, have mercy.***  
Lord, have mercy.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Versicles and Responses

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
*and grant us your salvation.*

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers  
*and grant our government wisdom.*

Let your ministers be clothed with  
righteousness  
*and let your servants shout for joy.*

O Lord, save your people  
*and bless those whom you have  
chosen.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
*and let your glory be over all the  
earth.*

O God, make clean our hearts within  
us  
*and renew us by your Holy Spirit.*

### The Collect of the Eleventh 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.***

### Collect for use at Morning Prayer

***Heavenly Father,***  
***in whom we live and move and have  
our being:***  
***we humbly pray that your Holy  
Spirit may so guide and govern us  
that in all the cares and occupations  
of our daily life,  
we may never forget your presence  
but may remember that we are  
always walking in your sight,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

### The Prayers of the People



**Hymn No. 425 (Maryton)**

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts;  
 thou fount of life, our lives sustain;  
 from the best bliss that earth  
 imparts  
 we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
 thou savest those that on thee call;  
 to them that seek thee, thou art  
 good,  
 to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
 and long to feast upon thee still;  
 we drink of thee, the fountain-head,  
 and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
 where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
 glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
 blessed when our faith can hold thee  
 fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
 make all our moments calm and bright;  
 chase the dark night of sin away,  
 shed o'er the world thy holy light.

**The Sermon**

***Special Preacher – The Rev. Robert Marshall. Robert was ordained in 2002, and since then has served as a Non-Stipendiary Assistant Priest in St Brigid's Church Stillorgan and All Saints' Church on Carysfort Avenue.***

*In this anniversary year of both churches, we are inviting clergy and lay-readers who*

*have had a connection with either parish to preach. Robert has been a long-time parishioner of Mount Merrion and prior to Ordination was very involved in St Thomas' Church. He is also a past pupil of Booterstown National School. Welcome Robert!*

*If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.*

**Hymn No. 454 (Duke Street)**

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
 Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
 Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
 Christ in our hearts, the world's true  
 King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us  
 kings;  
 kingship with him his servants gain;  
 with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
 Christ's world we serve to share  
 Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us  
 forth  
 this world of time to consecrate,  
 our world of sin by grace to heal,  
 Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:  
 he claims our minds, to search his  
 ways,  
 he claims our lips, to speak his truth,  
 he claims our hearts, to sing his  
 praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one:  
 here is one hearth for all to find,  
 here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,  
 here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

## The Blessing

*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 South  
 Transept in St Philip and St James'  
 Church after this Service.*

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**10.30 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**10.30 NB Time** Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
 9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**11.00 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
 9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church  
**11.00 NB Time** Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
 9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**11.00 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).  
 18.00 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church followed by sausages and wedges in the Parish Centre.

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
**10.30 NB Time** United Family Service to mark the Start of the School Year in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church **NB Venue**  
**10.30 NB Time** United Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St Thomas' Church (live-streamed).



Special Preacher – The Very Rev. Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast. Stephen was the first rector of the Grouped Parishes of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion 1995-1999.

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## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays

3.30pm—4.10pm

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre  
Contact Irene on 087-2755423  
[irene.reid1052@gmail.com](mailto:irene.reid1052@gmail.com)

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## HERITAGE WEEK

Both churches will be open in Heritage Week. Volunteers to be present in the churches for the following times in Heritage Week would be appreciated. Please contact the Rector if you can help.

### St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday 18 August 2024

12pm-3pm.

Thursday 22 August 2024

5pm-8pm

### St Thomas' Church

Friday 23 August 2024

5pm-7pm

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**Volunteers wanted to assist a service user in the Blackrock Barrett Cheshire Home to**

**attend Sunday Services in St Philip and St James' Church.**

*Please contact the Rector if you would like to join a rota of helpers.*



**PARISH  
POTLUCK  
PICNIC**

**POWERSCOURT  
WATERFALL**



**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
2024**

**13.00 – 16.00 HOURS**

**Join us for an afternoon of FUN,  
TREATS and WALKS!**

**Please bring a small picnic or dish to add to the potluck if you are able.**



Parishioners, families, friends  
(and furry friends on leads) all  
welcome!

**Entrance Fee:**

Family (2 adults & 3 kids) €19

Adults €7.50 Seniors €6.50

Child €3.50 (Under 2s free)

***\*To be paid at the gate***

*If you are going, please email*  
**[booterstownandmountmerrion@  
gmail.com](mailto:booterstownandmountmerrion@gmail.com)** *before 5pm on Tuesday*  
*20<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*

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**BOOTERSTOWN AND**  
**CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024**

**19.30 HOURS**

***IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'  
CHURCH***

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**MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

**19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'  
CHURCH**



**Ad Hoc Choir**

We will be singing John Rutter's  
***All Things Bright and Beautiful***  
at the United Harvest  
Thanksgiving in St Thomas'  
Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
September 2024 at 10.30.

Choir practice is in St Thomas'  
Church at 7pm on:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Celebrations**  
**Meeting**

open to all to discuss ideas and  
events

**St Thomas' Church**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

7.30pm

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# Autumn Fair

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024



**WANTED: 1 Bed Studio/Apartment** with parking from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. I am a professional woman currently employed (permanent/full time) in St Vincent's Hospital as a Healthcare Chaplain. I am a non-smoker and non-drinker. I am very neat and organized. I like watching and playing sports, especially rugby. Being active in my faith community is also important to me. Excellent references available on request.

*Please contact the Rector if you think that you can help.*

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## Accommodation sought for a woman and her son.

*A Ukrainian woman and her son, who are well-known to a parishioner are seeking accommodation urgently.*

*The woman is working in Dublin and her son is at school in Wesley College. The parishioner is very happy to provide a reference for them and states that they would be considerate and responsible housemates or tenants.*

*Ideally, they would like their own accommodation, but they are willing to share a house or apartment. They are able to pay for accommodation.*

*If you know of any suitable accommodation, or know someone you may have suitable accommodation, be it a house-share or an apartment-share or a room in a house or apartment, please contact me asap. The woman and her son would be willing to share a room if necessary.*

*Please contact the Rector if you can help.*

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## Helpers Wanted with the Tea/Coffee/Juice in St Philip and St James' Church on a Sunday morning.

*Please chat to June Burgess or the churchwardens, Denise and Viola, after this morning's service.*

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