

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

May 2022

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

I was delighted to chair my first General Easter Vestry meeting for Irishtown and Donnybrook Union of Parishes after morning service in St. Matthew's on Sunday the 24th of April. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. It is very encouraging to hear that the parish is in a healthy state spiritually and financially. There are some very exciting plans being worked on to upgrade the fabric, furnishings and fixtures in St. Matthew's. Getting such a healthy report is a great credit to all of you. When a parish is vacant one of two things tends to happen. A power struggle takes place and things fall apart as a result or, as clearly was the case here, everyone pulled together, building on what was in place and determined to work hard for the future. Thank you to everyone who "kept the flag flying" - well done to you all.



I am very grateful to Miriam Hollowed who has agreed to continue as rector's church warden. Avril Gillatt is the new people's church warden. John Wallace is the new rector's glebe warden and Steve Griffith is the people's glebe warden. Lindy Farmer is the honorary secretary of the select vestry and Jonny Bell is the honorary treasurer. Thank you to all of you for agreeing to serve the parish in this way.

Thank you everyone who sent cards and messages of support to Hazel, Gary, Amanda and I following the death of Hazel's Dad, Alan Gillis.

God bless.

Rev Leonard

Ceiliúradh Choir are hosting their 30th Summer Concert in St Matthew's Church on Thursday 26th May at 8pm. There will an eclectic mix of sacred and secular music in many styles.

Tickets €12 Adults and Children under 12 free



SERVICES IN MAY 2022

All Services at 10.30am

1st May - **Family Service**

8th May - **Holy Communion**

15th May - **Service of Morning Prayer**

22nd May - **Holy Communion**

29th May - **Outside Service of the Word**
(weather permitting) followed
by picnic in the car park



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Live Streaming of our Services continues every 2nd week in St Matthew's Church and can be viewed on our You Tube Channel or by visiting www.stmatts.live. You can watch the Channel live or watch the many recordings over the last 2years

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ENVELOPE SCHEME



If you would like to donate through the Church Envelope Scheme, you can put an Envelope on the Collection plate at Sunday Service. As a registered Charity St Matthews can depending on amounts donated reclaim Income Tax on Parishioner donations.

For more details please contact the Parish office on 087 254 0378, or ask one of the Church Wardens.

TOASTMASTERS

We are delighted to welcome the Hellfire Toastmasters Club to St Matthew's Church. The Club meet on a Tuesday evening at 8pm in the Parish Room. If anyone would like to join the Club please contact Martin F Cowley on 087 233 1430



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Glebe Wardens

John Wallace (Rector's), Steve Griffiths (People's)

Select Vestry

Lindy Farmer, Jonathan Bell, Gordon Kelley, Miriam Hollowed, Gladys Raethorne, Avril Gillatt, Claire Wheeler, Steve Griffiths, Virginia Stewart, Karen Woods, John Wallace, Trevor James

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