

## SERVICES

<b>September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Summer Praise	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b> <b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b>
<b>September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	<b>Revd James Carson</b> <b>Revd James Carson</b>
<b>September 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	<b>Revd James Carson</b> <b>Revd James Carson</b>
<b>September 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	<b>Revd James Carson</b> <b>Revd James Carson</b>
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	11.00 am	Quarterly Communion <b>BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY</b> (No 9.30 service) At this service young people will be accepted into full membership of the Church. A Lunch to welcome them will be held afterwards.	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b> Assisted by <b>Revd Mary Hunter</b>

**Elders on Duty** Anne Walsh & David Walsh      **Stewards** George and Jessie Jenkinson

**Flowers**      3rd September Ivy Kelly      17th September Carol Ormiston Esmonde  
10th September Ruth Whelan      24th September Maurie Cotter

**The Church Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 12th September** in the Fletcher Room at 8.00 pm

**Time for a fresh start - Academic Diaries** begin the year in the Autumn. For many this time of year brings a fresh start - fresh back from our holidays, with ordinary routines disrupted, and minds and bodies relaxed, we take up our lives again with fresh enthusiasm, often moving along life's path to a new stage - a new class, a fresh school, transition year, a new college or university, a change of job or career, retirement. **We pray that God may bless all of us who take up life afresh**, strengthen our faith and confidence, protect us from every kind of danger and grant that we may grow in our discipleship and find new ways of serving God's gracious will. We believe that God loves fresh starts and urges us continually to renew our trust in the gracious promises of the Gospel. We congratulate all those who took important exams and hope they achieved the results they hoped for. If not we hope that they find and follow one of the alternative paths that now exist to achieve their ambitions.

We anticipate joyfully the first Quarterly Communion at which our new Minister will preside, and especially the party which is being organised to welcome young people to full membership of the church. We look forward to the return of Mary Hunter who will have baptized most of them, and to celebrating the occasion with lunch together afterwards. Please make arrangements to be free to join us for lunch. **We hope that the new members of the church** will make a true commitment to participate in the life of CCR, taking part in improving the witness we provide to the modern world. Belief in the truths of the Gospel is shown by action which relies on the promises of God's gracious love for all creation. Faith is not anti-scientific, requires no assent to nonsense and is consistent with the most generous promptings of our human natures. Without it our souls will lack their true nourishment.

**We thank God for the young people and families** who are beginning to make their homes among us and who have provided us with a vibrant focus of new life. We pray that we may in return provide them with the warm and supportive welcome which they deserve and learn from them how to be a church for a generation whom God has called to live and worship among us. **New church members in recent months include** - Eliezer Antony and his wife Diana and their children Michele and Nirmal, from Chennai, India, via Southampton; Chang Hyun Hong and Kyung Eun Ha, from South Korea; Dazhi She (James) and Yuejiao Long (Alexandra) from China with their son Calvin; and Joel Hanisek from Tennessee, the father of Maneli. Do make sure you get to know new members personally, and remember that there are many times more Presbyterians outside these islands than within them, and our knowledge of the international church could well be improved.

**We congratulate Alice Gibson on completing her 9th Decade**, and hear she was much cheered by a celebratory gathering of all her children. We look forward to seeing her again before long. **We are also delighted** that **Audrey S.** is making progress with words and **we pray** that she continues to improve. We pray for the needs of others in CCR who have difficulties with their spiritual or physical health and thank God for the constant mercy with which our lives are surrounded and on which we continually and gratefully rely. Please bring to the editor's attention those who need our prayer.

**Helpful duties** - Among the useful tasks open to all looking for a new way of contributing to the congregation's life are stewarding, organised by Ann Simmons, helping with the flowers, organized by Carol Ormiston Esmonde, joining the choir (Bob Yeo, the organist) and helping with the band (Bob or Simon). Our thanks to all who already faithfully serve in these ways and to those who arrange the rotas for their constant service.

**The Explorers Ecumenical Bible Study Group** based in Sandymount starts its new season at 7.30 pm on Monday 18th September, exploring St. John's Gospel with the help of Biblical scholar Revd Kieran O'Mahony OSA. The venue is Mount Tabor House, the care centre on Sandymount Green.

**Three abbreviated advertisements** - We have been asked to publicise the following events/services. The full texts may be found in this month's online supplement.

1. **An invitation from the Church of the Three Patrons** to an Ecumenical service at 7.30pm on Mon. 25th September to mark 'The Season of Creation'. The Laudato Si group organizing this service and this season derive their names from Pope Francis's 2nd encyclical on the Care for our Common Home. We are called to pray and care for the created world. Please support our neighbours if you can!
2. The **Irish Cancer Society** informs us that they offer a free Volunteer Driver service for patients having chemotherapy at St Vincent's University Hospital, Tallaght Hospital and St James's Hospital.
3. **Anam Cara** supports bereaved parents, and holds its next Parent Evening on Mon 11th Sept from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

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Suggestions for those needing our prayers especially welcome. Robin Simmons's phone number will be found in the Phonebook. **NB** Copy deadline for October Bulletin - Wed 27th September, to appear on 1st October.

1. From the Laudato Si Group, the church of the Three Patrons.

Dear All,

The members of the Three Patrons Laudato Si' (Care for Our Common Home) group are planning to hold an Ecumenical Service on Monday 25th September at 7.30 pm to mark the Season of Creation . The Season of Creation runs from 1st September to 4th October each year and is a designated period when we are called to pray and care for Creation. The Eco - Congregation Ireland Group is kindly facilitating including their Climate Justice Candle in the Service on the 25th September. (Facebook Eco Congregation Ireland and [www.ecocongregationireland.com/archives/5417](http://www.ecocongregationireland.com/archives/5417))

We hope that you will be part of the Service and also that members of your congregations will attend.

Can we ask that you save the date 25th September 2017 at 7.30 pm? We would be delighted if you can indicate if you or a representative can be there?

We hope to fine tune the Order of Service in the coming weeks and also prepare some posters to publicize the event. It would be great if you could include the invitation in your Parish newsletters and Websites?

Please feel free to contact me with any queries / suggestions.

Many thanks

Miriam Mooney (Member of Laudato Si' Group) 086 8327267

2. The Irish Cancer Society operates a free Volunteer Driver Service that is available to patients attending the following hospitals for chemotherapy treatments; **St. Vincent's University Hospital; Tallaght Hospital & St. James's Hospital**. Volunteer drivers will pick a patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door and then when finished treatment, pick them up and drop them home again. All volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the website at [www.irishcancer.ie](http://www.irishcancer.ie) or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522

3. Anam Cara hosts monthly meetings for bereaved parents. We'd be very grateful if you could place the following notice of the next local meeting in your church newsletter, and perhaps consider mentioning it to any bereaved parents in your parish.

**Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 11th of September from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.**

We'd be very grateful if you could help us get the information out to bereaved parents in your community. For more information see [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie) or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Kind Regards, Clodagh Dingle

On Behalf of Anam Cara Parental and Sibling Bereavement Support

(View our videos with parent testimonies

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=yV\\_BzNZaWbw&list=PLNVVa8ILYvi0BnppCEwXrdmOONFSxkAY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yV_BzNZaWbw&list=PLNVVa8ILYvi0BnppCEwXrdmOONFSxkAY)

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