

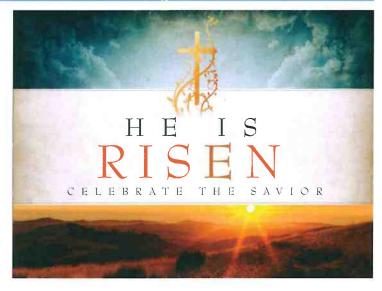
# The Curate's Easter Message

aster is one of my favourite times of year. We have the (slightly) better weather, spring has most definitely sprung (which means more daylight during the rain), the flowers are in bloom, and we can look forward to lots of delicious chocolate eggs over Easter. I love Easter for another, more obvious and important reason: it is the time we remember Christ's death and celebrate his resurrection.

This season in the Church calendar truly takes us on a journey. We start out during Lent, which gives us the space to reflect that we often can miss in the busyness of life, and it helps our growing

anticipation as we journey towards Easter. Palm Sunday is that moment of celebration before the story of Holy Week unfolds. As we journey through Holy Week, we encounter the intimacy of fellowship, the heartbreak of betrayal, and the agony of death, which all point us towards the disciples encounter with the risen Christ. There is so much 'lived experience' that we can draw from this week alone!

One challenge for me of Easter is the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We often don't know how to approach this day, so we often ignore it, but I feel we can do the Easter story a disservice if we do that. Let us reflect on that



first Easter Saturday, 2000 years ago, the day after the crucifixion. It was a Sabbath day, so after all the events in Jerusalem the day before, many in the city would have been winding down, spending the day in quiet reflection. We can only wonder how the onlookers might have felt about the crucifixion. Some may have felt anger, or guilt, or shame. Some may not even have cared-they may have seen Jesus as an entertaining teacher, who had some good ideas, but now he was dead and life must go on. But what about the disciples? Many of them had left their former lives as fishermen, tax collectors and rebels to follow this charismatic Teacher. He had promised them much about the Kingdom to come. And now, he was dead!

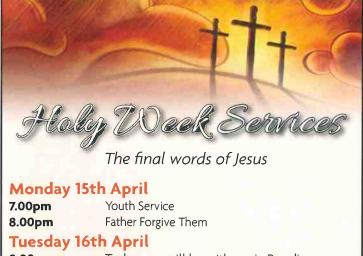
Imagine the despair, the heartache, and even the guilt the disciples must have felt. Imagine the soul searching, the feelings of worthlessness and constant questioning of all they had heard in their years following Jesus. They had glimpsed the despair of the cross, and had not yet encountered the hope of

the empty tomb. Some of us may have had times in our lives stuck between despair and hope, just like the disciples on that dark day. Our experience of this despair is natural, and the story of the disciples teaches us that even in the midst of great things, tragedy can strike, and we find ourselves with little hope.

Yet the story of the disciples on that first Easter also teaches us that with God, despair is not the end of the story, and hope is never too far away. In the resurrection, Jesus demonstrates to us that even death and hell are defeated, and for those who place their trust in Jesus, there is real and everlasting hope. Hope that in Christ, our sins are forgiven. Hope that through the cross and resurrection we might find ourselves reconciled to God. Paul writes in Romans 15:13 '[m]ay the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'. God is all about hope. Whatever circumstances you find yourself in, may

you trust in God and

Stuart



**8.00pm** Today you will be with me in Paradise

Behold, your son, Behold your Mother

Wednesday 17th April

10.00am Holy Communion

**8.00pm** My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

**Maundy Thursday 18th April** 

**8.00pm** (Holy Communion) I thirst

**Good Friday 19th April** 

10.00am Children's Service
2.00pm Hour at the cross

**8.00pm** It is Finished... Into your hands I commit my Spirit.

Also 8.00pm service in Ardmore





Palm Sunday 14th April

On Palm Sunday morning at 10.30am children are encouraged to bring along palm branches made of paper to wave during the service as we think of Jesus' entry in to Jerusalem.

# Holy Week and Easter

### HOLY WEEK



#### Monday Youth Service at 7.00pm

Members of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade will join us, along with anyone else who wishes to attend, for a short service specifically geared to their age range. Parents of the Brigade members are encouraged to attend,

#### Holy Week Services-8.00pm

uring Holy Week this year we will be focusing our thoughts around the Final Words of Jesus from the cross. We will explore the words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross; it includes a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the

Following the success of last year's Maundy Thursday service when the choir of St. Mark's, Portadown joined with our choir, we are delighted that they will be joining us again this year under the direction of Mathew Greenaway, their organist. Matthew previously served as assistant organist in Seagoe.

The finale of the week will be the Good Friday evening Tenebrae Service. The moving Tenebrae service moves us from a well-lit church to darkness from where we contemplate the enormity of Christ's death for us.



#### **Good Friday**

Seagoe is a busy place on Good Friday with a range of different services and activities for all ages as follows:

**10.00am** A short Children's Service followed by craft activities in the Parish Centre

**10.30am** Walk from Church to the town centre to meet with those from other Churches

**11.30am** Short service outside St. Mark's and walk of witness through the town.

**2.00pm** Hour at the Cross-a quiet contemplative service in Church.

**8.00pm** Tenebrae Service. We have developed this service over the past few years. It offers an atmospheric journey from light to the darkness of the cross.



# EASTER PARTY

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 11.00AM-12 30PM



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FOOD & DRINK, GAMES, CRAFTS AND MORE!

For the first time we are holding an Easter Party for children on Easter Eve. All children will be most welcome so please spread the word.



#### **Easter**

**6.00am** Dawn Service at Craigavon Lakes organised by Churches Together in Portadown. Followed by some welcoming refreshments.

**9.00am** Traditional Easter Holy Communion. **10.30am** All-age Easter Communion service.

**7.00pm** Easter Songs of Praise, organised by Churches Together in Portadown. Held this year in Edenderry Methodist Church, we are looking forward to worshipping together with people from other Churches in the town. A variety of much loved hymns will be introduced by members of the various churches.

Please spread the word about all these services and invite others to come along with you.

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	April	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm St. Patrick's	7.00pm St. Gobhan's
SUNDAY	7th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Evening Worship	Holy Communion
PALM SUNDAY	14th	Holy Communion	Palm Sunday Service	Holy Communion	Evening Worship
EASTER SUNDAY	21st	Easter Communion	Easter Family Communion	No Service	Easter Songs of Praise (Edenderry Methodist Church
SUNDAY	28th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	No Service	Evening Worship
	May				
SUNDAY	5th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Evening Worship with presentation of plates in memory of George Allen	No Service
SUNDAY	12th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
SUNDAY	19th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship & Café Youth Church	Evening Worship	Rotunda Praise Service
SUNDAY	26th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion in Church  10.00am Breakfast and Children's Day in the Parish Centre	Evening Worship	Late Evening Office
	June				
SUNDAY	2nd	Holy Communion	Family Service	Evening Worship	Holy Communion
PENTECOST SUNDAY	9th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship in Church	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
TRINITY SUNDAY	16th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship & Café Youth Church	Evening Worship	Rotunda Praise Service
SUNDAY	23rd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Worship	Late Evening Office

Ardmore Parish Church services on Sundays at 12.00pm







## **Restoration of Seagoe Church tower**

ver the last few months a lot of restoration work has taken place upon Seagoe Church's tower. Initially the tower was scaffolded and then covered in plastic sheeting to protect the work of repointing the stonework. Some stone damage was repaired, including the Diocesan plaque above the entrance door. The high-level wooden louvres were repaired, the leadwork on the roof and upper walls was replaced, and a new lightning conductor was installed.

Internally the three upper floors were replaced, the entrance porch was retiled and the walls were replastered and painted. The bell was overhauled and a new electronic ringing mechanism fitted to enable the bell to be rung. This latter aspect of the work will be much appreciated as the bell has not been rung for about 30yrs.

Our thanks go to Knox & Markwell architects, R J McKelvey contractors and the Heritage Lottery Fund for a major grant towards costs. As a parish we are indebted to Philip Holland for the huge amount of time and effort he put into the project and to the grant application.

The approximate total costs of the restoration was £170,000, the grant of £100,000 reduced the cost to the Parish to £ 70,000, this was paid from the Restoration Fund which has built up over the years due to parishioners' generosity. Any contributions towards the fund, to enable the balance to be restored, will be most welcome.









# **Seagoe Archives**

s part of the application to the Herritage Lottery Fund for work on the tower a project to digitise some of our Parish Magazines was accepted due to the significance of the information they contain. We are fortunate to have a full set of magazines from 1906 until the present time. The digitised editions from the first magazine in 1906 to 1935 will be accessible on a new website: www. seagoearchives.uk

The January 1906 edition cost one penny ( or an annual subscription of one shilling)! The first edition contained articles on Church services, Bible classes, Sunday schools ( there were 7), offering totals, baptisms, marriages, deaths, missionary meetings, a letter from the missionary Rev Gray in Tokyo and a report on the Girls Friendly Society. Throughout the magazines reference is made to older records from the rich archives of the parish.

Again we are indebted to Philip Holland for overseeing this project and for the grant application.

Please make this website known to friends and relations. Enjoy.



# COLLECTION PLATES IN MEMORY OF GEORGE ALLEN

As a Parish we are indebted to the late George and Ray Allen who for many years opened St. Patrick's Hall for worship every Sunday evening, and set out the chairs. George also made the wooden cross which hangs in the building and is a very fitting focus for worship during our Church services. Following George's death his family offered to donate two wooden collection plates in memory of George, for use in St. Patrick's. The Select Vestry were pleased to be able to accept the offer, which it considered to be a very fitting memorial to George given his love for woodwork.

The plates will be received during a special service in St. Patrick's on Sunday 5th May at 6.00pm. In order to facilitate people attending the service we will not be meeting in Seagoe that evening for worship, rather parishioners are encouraged to attend St. Patrick's. Refreshments will follow the service.



# RWANDA TEAM AT ST. PATRICK'S

On Sunday 24th February members of the team that visited our link Diocese of Shyogwe in Rwanda spoke about their visit last summer. The talk included a number of photographs from the visit. Over refreshments, following the service, parishioners were able to browse a range of items from Rwanda.











# THANKSGIVING CONCERT AT ST. PATRICK'S

s plans for the new build progress, we are hoping to have a Celebration.

Concert at St. Patrick's, to give thanks for 60 years of mission outreach, and activity at "the hall" and around 25 years at the Youth Centre. Our parish's work there over these years has involved, reached and affected many people, especially those in the Killicomaine community, so we would like the concert to reflect and celebrate this.

We would welcome your

suggestions for possible acts for the concert, preferably with groups, and people who have been part of life there....

Please contact Edwina 02838 335279 or Boyd, Seagoe Youth Group 02838 394441. youthgroup@seagoe.co.uk

\*PS. We also hope to have a youth club "reunion" event for all who came to youth club activities over the past 25 years... more details later.

### Antiques? Po definitely collectables!

Eva, Philip & Edwina enjoys the recent Antiques & Collectables Fair.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event which raised £530 for Seagoe Youth Group.

Special thanks to Shirley Houghton for her help in organising the fair.



### Defibrillator cabinet

In the Rotunda beside the entrance doors you may have noticed a new defibrillator cabinet. In a cardiac arrest emergency the emergency services should be called and the defibrillator can be used by anyone. It is easy to activate and provides step by step voice prompts whilst administrating



treatment. It also has a CPR ( Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) guidance button which gives audible prompts of how to carry our CPR.

#### **HEALING PRAYER GROUP**

Thelma McKnight, who runs the charity shop Seek and Find in Newry. of which all proceeds go to Pastor Jacob in India, is coming to speak to the Healing Prayer Group on Wednesday 8th May.

Thelma will give us an update on Pastor Jacob's work and also how God has placed her in the right place at the right time in this charity shop.

She is full of wonderful stories about the people she meets through her work.

She is appealing for more items for the shop – so people of Seagoe, if you are spring cleaning or clearing out your wardrobes during the Easter holidays put your unwanted items in a bag and bring them along to the meeting on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30 pm. Thelma and John will have a van with them that night.

It doesn't matter if the items are not fit for sale, as they can get paid by weight for recycling.

Janette McCartney

# ENJOYED YOUR CUPPA? LIKE TO HELP?

As Stuart (our curate) says "The Liturgy after the Liturgy," each Sunday we enjoy a cuppa together after 10.30 worship along with some lovely treats. Sometimes we take this for granted, not every church can offer this time of chat, fellowship and refreshment; our fantastic facilities enable it to happen but more importantly a wonderful team of about 30 people who help on a rota basis.

**SO TIME FOR US TO INVITE EVEN MORE OF YOU TO JOIN THE TEAM!** It's a good way of getting to know people and your turn usually comes round once every 3 months.

We welcome all ages, male and female, families, groups of friends, so please see Edwina (02838 335279) if you'd like to help OR SIGN UP ON YELLOW SHEET IN GLASS PORCH.

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL TEAM — WE DO APPRECIATE YOU!





Parishioners' Giving

Harvest offering

ur harvest offering for 2018 including gift aid was £2,059.50. Half of this amount was sent to N I Air Ambulance and the other half will be sent to CMS for projects in Shyogwe Diocese, Rwanda.



Air Ambulance NI provides Helicopter Emergency Medical Service. Serious or life-threatening situations can happen to anyone at any time and on average, every single day in Northern Ireland, one individual finds themselves in desperate need of AANI. The EC135 helicopter can get anywhere in the province in approximately twenty-five to thirty minutes and the rapid response is vital in an emergency situation.

Shyogwe Diocese is one of CMSI's two Global Partners in Rwanda, with a partnership that began in 2008. The diocese has a strong focus on holistic mission. 'Thy Kingdom come' is the diocesan motto, reflecting their desire to be involved in ushering in God's Kingdom.

Through the partnership with CMSI, the Church in Ireland has supported a range of projects in Shyogwe, in areas that include community development, agriculture, education and theological training. One recent initiative helped provide motorbikes for

archdeacons to assist them in their evangelism and pastoral work across large, remote areas.

The current mission priorities of Shyogwe Diocese include:

- The Bible and Development school
- The Saving and Credit program
- Mbayaya Nursery School
- The Archdeacon's motorcyle project

Through the two-way exchange of personnel, strong relationships are being developed between Seagoe and Shyogwe and partnership links are growing.



### Christmas Loose Collection

Our Christmas Loose Collection in 2018 was £2,388.86. This was sent to Bishops' Appeal.

Bishops' Appeal is the Church's World Aid and Development Programme. It was set up by the Bishops of the Church in response to the commands in the Bible to bring good news to the poor and relief to the suffering. Its aims are to educate the church at home about the needs and concerns of people in the less developed world and the causes of poverty, to reach out in God's name to those who need our help, to encourage informed prayer and prayerful action aimed at strengthening the poor by to support development projects and alleviate suffering caused by disasters both natural and man-made by partnering with other organisations that have local knowledge and resources to make a difference.

### Mission Allocations



In February, following recommendation from our Missionary Committee, Select Vestry agreed to allocate 10% of our unrestricted giving to missionary work. The amount allocated was £20,700. Over 50 mission agencies and organisations were in receipt of financial assistance. A thank you to our mission Secretary, Eileen Holland, who distributes the amount, and to everyone in Seagoe who contributes to Church funds to enable the distribution.

In January we had a visit from Joanne Briggs of the



Leprosy Mission to highlight their work. In addition they we were informed about a commitment by the UK Government to match fund giving of up to £1Million to a project in Nepal. The funding opportunity fill finish at the end of April, and so we are encouraging anyone who would like contribute to do so by mid-April, so that we have time to forward the funds.



In March Timothy Tai of Barnabas Fund presented a very informative input on the work of the Fund with the persecuted Church throughout the world. It was very encouraging to lean how the Fund directs their aid through local Christian partners in the effected areas so that the money is used in a way that is driven by local needs.

### Thank You from our Honorary Treasurer

Our financial year ended on 31st December 2018. Part of the year end procedure is to produce and deliver statements to everyone who contributed to the finances in 2018. Thank you to all who contributed and to all who helped deliver the statements.

In March gift aid claims totalling £38,909.49 have been made for the relevant amounts given. If you require a statement of account at any time, please contact Philip Holland on 38339198 or philip@hi-systems.co.uk.

# Church Lads' Brigade

e had a very successful parents night on Thursday 21st March, a packed programme with lots of variety which gave lots of laughs. The hall was filled to capacity. We were informed by our area commander on the night that Seagoe CLB is actually the biggest

company within Northern Ireland as well as the UK, we currently have 103 on our books and numbers are continuing to grow. Well done to all our prize winners and huge thanks to the parents for all our valued support.













# **Flowers**

#### **MARCH 2019**

3rd & 10th Flowers in loving memory of a dear husband Clive Adamson.

given by his wife Marie and family.

Flowers given by Eve Zhang in memory of her son Kevin.

24th Flowers given by Jean Kerr in memory of her husband, parents

Flowers given by Bertie and Margaret Trimble, in memory of 31st

loved ones.

**APRIL 2019** 

7th Flowers given by Aubrey and Jean Anderson, in memory of loved

14th Flowers in loving memory of Mrs Amy Moore, given by Mr Ron

Moore and daughter Janet.

21st & 28th EASTER SUNDAY

Flowers given by Dennis and Ann Clarke, in memory of loved

Flowers given by members of Seagoe Mothers' Union.

#### **MAY 2019**

5th Flowers in memory of Tom and Sarah Hall, given by Rosemary

12th Flowers in loving memory of Mr Jim Kerr given by his wife Olive

and family.

Flowers given by Paul, Barbara and family in memory of Jeffrey. Flowers in memory of Cecil McVitty. Mr & Mrs Bertie Jackson, 19th

given by J. & M. McVitty.

Flowers in memory of Thomas & Agnes Dunlop, given by their

son and family.

26th Flowers in memory of George, Frances & Raymond Stevenson,

given by the family on behalf of the late Sam Stevenson.

#### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

Anyone who is interested in providing flowers please give your name and details to the Church Wardens or Diane in the Parish Office.

### LENT SERVICES

During Lent we again have been meeting in the Rotunda for our Wednesday evening services at 8.00pm. We have been following a course by Max Lucado entitled, 'He chose the nails'. The chapter titles are:

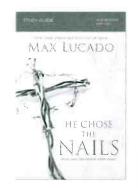
1: He Chose to Become One of Us

2: He Chose to Forgive Us

3. He Chose to Invite Us into His Presence

4: He Chose to Love Us Forever

5: He Chose to Give Us Victory



Max Lucado's DVD input is expertly presented in a most engaging and informative manner. Following each session a few questions have been presented to those present for discussion in small groups. The discussing has been very helpful and at times difficult to bring to a close so that the service can continue!

### FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

From the start of the year our Fellowship Groups have been meeting in various homes to work through a study entitled "Distorted Images of Self" Those who participated found the resourse to be a great aid to discussion on some very important every-day issues that we all face.

#### Post-Easter

Our next Fellowship Group study will commence on the week beginning Monday 29th April; we will be using the Bible Society's study guide on The Holy Spirit. We will explores the significance of Pentecost, who the Holy Spirit is and how we can see his work in the Bible. The guide explores readings from the book of Acts, the Gospels, Paul's writing and even the Old Testament, bringing together viewpoints on God's Spirit from across the biblical text.

Given that the sessions should end just before Pentecost Sunday on 9th June, this should be a great opportunity to learn more about the work of the Holy



Refocus

SPIRIT

THE HOLY

Everyone is encouraged to consider joining a Fellowship Group as members find it provides a great setting in which to ask questions and learn from one another in a relaxed setting. Further details from Terence or Stuart.

# Parish Register

**Infant Baptism** 

2nd December 2018 Clara Mary Donaghy, daughter

of Michael and Laura, Lisnisky

Lodge, Portadown

23rd December 2018 Margot Beatrix Ann Dunlop,

daughter of Jonny & Rachael, Bracken Hall, Portadown

6th January 2019 Martha Lily & Betsy Sarah

> Holden, daughters of Johnny and Sarah, Seagoe

Park, Portadown

3rd February 2019 Sophie Linda Toal, daughterof

Nicholas and Lisa, Gilford

Road, Portadown

17th February 2019 Isla Rose Lorraine Harbinson,

> daughter of Stephen and Andrea, Grantham Park,

Portadown

17th February 2019 Rory Jacob Neilly, son of Mark

and Helen, Ballyhannon Grove,

Portadown

31st March 2019 Carter Christopher Ronnie

McCoo, son of Christopher and Ruth, Bachelors Close,

Portadown

**Christian Burial** 

5th March 2019

21st December 2019 Margaret Arnold, Seagoe Park,

Portadown

9th January 2019 Winifred (Freda) Violet Smyth,

Ulsterville Park, Portadown Louise (Louie) Wright, Eden

Avenue, Portadown

1st April 2019 Carol Black, Russwood Park,

Portadown

1st April 2019 David Robert Kerr, Russwood

Park, Portadown

Cremation

30th January 2019 John Maguire, Birchhill Park,

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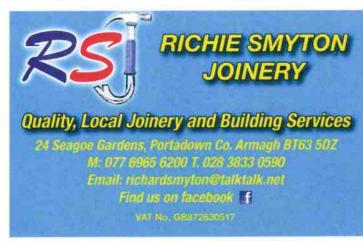




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### KILLICOMAINE KIDS AND PARENTS

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St. Patrick's Hall, Princess Way (beside the school gates) Lots of toys, fun, friends and a cuppa!