

SEAGOE

MAGAZINE

Winter 2020

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Rector's Letter

Imagine a year has passed since we last produced a Church magazine!! As far as I am aware there has never been a break in production since the first magazine was produced in 1906. For many years now we have produced four magazines per year. Despite two World Wars, and many other major events, I think it is true to say that this past year has been, as we are tired of hearing, unprecedented!

The Easter edition was in preparation when we learned that the whole nation would have to go into 'lockdown' due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic. As infection and death rates rose steadily, not only in the UK but throughout the world, our nation followed the precedent of others in requiring all non-essential retail, Churches and so on to close; people were to stay at home and only go out for a short period of exercise near their homes each day. As a result,

both magazine production and its distribution became impossible.

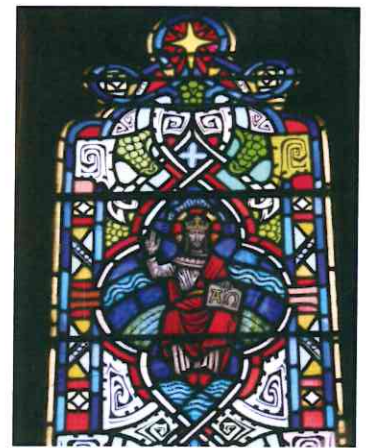
Churches very quickly had to respond to this new situation of not being allowed to gather together. As mentioned elsewhere in this magazine, a new way of 'doing Church' had to emerge promptly to enable us to continue to connect with one another. Thanks to a small, dedicated team, we developed new ways to keep in touch using technology. We are indebted to those involved for their time, patience and willingness to use their expertise.

Some of the most difficult effects of lockdown restrictions for clergy were that we were not permitted to visit people in their homes or in hospital, nor to conduct services, including funerals and weddings. Tragically, when families were bereaved, all we could offer was a phone call to express sympathy and then to gather with no more

than 10 people for no longer than 15 minutes at a graveside to conduct a committal. Churches, and even family, were not permitted to publicise funeral arrangements, to avoid crowds gathering. Similarly we had some weddings that had to be postponed, and in fact one wedding has had to be postponed twice due to the second period of restriction in October. Whilst these situations were disturbing for Clergy, they were horrendous for bereaved families and those planning to marry, so please continue to pray for them.

The ongoing effects of Covid 19 continue to impact our lives, and will do so for some time to come. Many have suffered much from the impact of loss of connection and loneliness due to isolation; fears over loss of employment and income; sickness due to people having contracted the virus. Unfortunately the Clergy have had to bury a number of people who have died as a result of having contracted Corona virus. Again, please remember those who continue to suffer as a result of Covid 19.

Whilst not seeking to diminish the very real difficulties that many people have faced, and will face in moving forward through this pandemic, I think it brings us very clearly back to the realisation that we are totally dependent upon God for everything. This time last year the world was 'normal' and we all just got on with our lives, but how quickly we learned that life can change overnight and that the certainties we take for granted are in fact not certain at all. Nothing is guaranteed to us, not even the breath we take-as unfortunately those who have died of Covid have found out. The only real certainty is God: He is the great unchangeable. Nothing can take away from who He is nor the loving way He chooses to relate to us. Perhaps one verse



'Christ the King' window in the wing

reinforces this, Heb 13.8 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever'. He truly is Christ the King, reigning for eternity. In the midst of an uncertain life and world we are designed to relate to, and to depend upon, God. Acts 17.28 reinforces how our lives are designed to find security by being integrated into God's unchangeable security: 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' We may not have realised that things could change so dramatically this year, but actually things can change even more dramatically for all of us in an instant. The great Good News of this time of year is that God has come among us and seeks to make His dwelling with us so that we can relate to Him and He to us. God with us, Emmanuel. All that we have to do is to simply turn away from living in our own strength and open ourselves to receive Him. I strongly encourage you to do so, that confident in His utter dependability you may 'Be Joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' Rom 12.12 as you journey on into the New Year.

God bless you now and always,

Terence



Christmas & New Year's Eve Services

13th December 6.00pm	St. Patrick's Carol Service
20th December 10.30am	Seagoe Nativity Service
10.45am	Family Nativity Gathering
7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve 11.00pm	Holy Communion
Christmas Day 9.00am	Holy Communion in the Parish Centre
10.30am	Christmas Family Service
27th December 10.30am	Morning Worship
New Year's Eve 11.30pm	Watchnight by Candlelight

The staff at the Parish wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year

Music Update



The last nine months have been challenging to say the least. However, I think it is fair to say that as a Church we have risen to the challenges that have presented, and adapted to the ever-changing scenes of life.

This is no more true than of the Choir. Obviously we had to suspend services and practices way back in March, which seems an age ago. Sadly this meant no music on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Day. Together Terence and I tried our best to sing and play our way through three months of Sundays – with help from Choir members and congregation who rose to the occasion, along with the band, for our monthly Family Services when Rodney McCabe put together a virtual version of several songs which were very well received. Thanks to Rodney for this painstaking process, and also to our expert sound technicians David Kerr and Jim Aughey. In addition, David has mixed and edited every single service since March! Heather Boyd and Liz Walsh have also been a wonderful support in deputising at the piano in my absence.

You can imagine our relief when we were finally able to return to church on 19th July. From then on we have had a duet each week: two singers from the Choir, with some additional help from musical members of the congregation. I mean it most sincerely when I say how proud I am of the whole Choir who have collectively stepped up to the plate – or rather behind the microphones and screens! It's one thing to stand and sing as part of a group, but quite another to be exposed in front of a masked and socially distanced congregation, aware that every note will go viral later in the day! Everyone has been so supportive and so willing to sing. I am delighted to be part of such a wonderful team of people who sing from the heart week after week, leading the congregation in praise and thanksgiving.

Along with the Choir we have been blessed to have the Band back together again on a fortnightly basis. We have enjoyed instrumental music from Will on trombone, Tracy on violin, Ian on bass guitar and Jim on drums.

At time of writing we are in the middle of a second, shorter lockdown in which our churches are once again closed on Sundays. Thankfully we have been able to pre-record hymns in Church. I am hopeful that we will still have the traditional Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 20th December with pre-recorded solos and duets by Choir members. Coronavirus is not going to prevent us from celebrating Christmas!

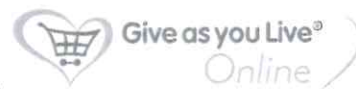
Thank you for your words of encouragement throughout this difficult and often frustrating year. I don't think any of us will be sorry to see the end of 2020. I for one miss the joy of singing together as a group, but I am looking forward to the time when we can come together again with loud songs of praise!

With love and prayers for a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Alison Cadden

Two Free Fundraising opportunities as you shop.

'Give as You Live' provides some great opportunities for you to add to the funds of Seagoe Parish at no additional cost to you whilst you shop!



All you have to do is to sign up to Seagoe Parish on Give as You Live <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/seagoe-parish> or you can click on the button on our webpage www.seagoe.co.uk. Anyone can sign up, so you can invite all your friends to support us in this way. (You will also note a direct giving button on our website that allows anyone to donate to the parish directly from our website.)



If you use 'Amazon Smile' rather than simply 'Amazon' they will donate 0.5% of your spend to a charity of your choice; we encourage you to choose Seagoe Parish Church.

Thank you to everyone who so generously brought items for the Toy Appeal to the Parish Centre. We missed being able to receive the toys in Church, but nonetheless the toys have been gathered in and passed on for distribution. Please continue to remember those who will receive them this Christmas.



Shoe Box Appeal

Every year at Christmas, we gift a shoebox full of goodies to over 800 kids. But this year because of COVID and other factors, they won't be able to be shipped over from Northern Ireland. So, Claire & team have decided to get creative and make their own gift packages in the Philippines! I guess we could call it "a new normal." They reckon each box will cost around 1000 pesos/£15/\$20 to make and they are aiming to make around 200 boxes for the kids of Helping Hands, the kids confined at Baguio General Hospital on Christmas Day and the kids of a few of our local Baguio based partner agencies. Claire sends her love to you all and has asked me to pass on her thanks for your kind donations that have been made, so from Claire at HHHH & myself ... "Thank You." Let's keep the kids smiling this Christmas as we celebrate Jesus and the true gift He is to us all.



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CHURCH SERVICES

Churches are due to reopen for corporate worship on Sunday 13th December, but beyond that we are not sure what might be permitted, therefore the pattern of services may change. Please keep an eye to Seagoe's website and facebook page for changes. Unfortunately we still can only use the Church for one service each morning so we have not been able to reinstate the 9.00am service yet. However there will be a **9.00am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre on Christmas morning**. Services in Ardmore Parish Church continue each Sunday at noon.

	DEC	10.30am	10.45am Parish Centre	6.00pm St. Patrick's Except Seagoe in bold
SUNDAY	13th	Morning Worship	Family Gathering	Carol Service
SUNDAY	20th	Worship with children's Nativity video	Family Nativity	7.00pm Seagoe Carols by Candlelight
CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday	24th			11.00pm Seagoe Christmas Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY Friday	25th	9.00am Holy Communion in the Parish Centre 10.30am Christmas Family Service in Church		No service
SUNDAY	27th	Morning Worship		No Service
NEW YEAR'S EVE Thursday	31st			11.30pm Seagoe Watchnight Service
2021	JAN	10.30am		6.00pm St. Patrick's
SUNDAY	3rd	Family Service		Evening Worship
SUNDAY	10th	Morning Worship	Family Gathering	Holy Communion
SUNDAY	17th	Morning Worship Café Church in Quiet Room	Family Gathering	Evening worship
SUNDAY	24th	Holy Communion	Family Gathering	Evening worship
SUNDAY	31st	Morning Worship	Family Gathering	Evening Worship
	FEB	10.30am		6.00pm St. Patrick's
SUNDAY	7th	Family Service	Family Gathering	Evening Worship
SUNDAY	14th	Morning Worship	Family Gathering	Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday	17th			
SUNDAY	21st	Morning Worship in Church Café Church in Quiet Room	Family Gathering	Evening worship
SUNDAY	28th	Holy Communion	Family Gathering	Evening worship
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SUNDAY	7th	Family Service	Family Gathering	Evening Worship
MOTHERING SUNDAY	14th	Mothering Sunday Service	Family Gathering	Holy Communion
SUNDAY	21st	Holy Communion Café Church in Quiet Room	Family Gathering	Evening worship
PALM SUNDAY	28th	Palm Sunday Service	Family Gathering	Evening worship

Refurbishment and development

I am sure you are wondering what has been happening in regard to the replacement of our heating system and the refurbishment of the Church interior. Again, due to Covid, things have not progressed as rapidly as we might have wished, but progress is being made. Clyde Markwell, the architect we have worked with for many years, has not only sent documentation to the Vestry, but has also addressed the Vestry at a special meeting in the Church building to point out some of the items being discussed. The Vestry is continuing to work through options and potential cost implications and hopes to progress towards more concrete proposals in the new year. Thank you for your patience and prayers.



Covid Stewarding Team

The Government announced that Churches could reopen from 27th June, and soon afterwards e-mail after e-mail arrived on the Rector's computer concerning guidelines for re-opening. There was so much to consider in order to comply with the guidelines, but more importantly to ensure that we could offer people the best worship experience in the safest manner possible.

The Rector asked Stuart to chair a working group to guide us through the process and to review the situation on an ongoing basis. After much discussion a way forward was found and a video produced to guide parishioners through the process. A team of volunteers was trained to be Stewards to help fellow parishioners.

Thank you to Stuart, his working group, the Stewarding team and to everyone else who so willingly complied with the process, from socially distanced queueing to enter the building, contact tracing, sanitising, being guided to a suitable seat, face covering etc. The situation evolved over time from having no singing permitted to having gentle singing with face covering and back to no singing!! Everyone's patient cooperation to keep us all safe has been much appreciated.

Stuart and his team will continue to revise all that we do until, God willing, their guidance is needed no more.



Projection in Church

Over the past year and more the projection system in Church had been deteriorating to the point that the images were very dim on the screens.

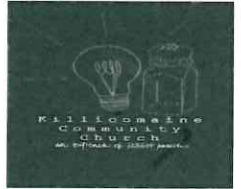


David Kerr and Jim Aughey consulted with a number of suppliers concerning upgrade options and in the end the Vestry decided upon the option to replace the projectors with new monitors both in the Church and Chancel. The monitors produce a stronger image, and also they negate the need for projectors. The church camera was also replaced and an additional camera installed to enable greater flexibility.

We are extremely grateful to an anonymous parishioner who made a significant contribution towards the cost of the upgrade in order to bless fellow worshippers.

We are also indebted to David Kerr, Jim Aughey and Matthew Smyton for their ongoing work at the AV desk in enabling and enhancing our worship experience. We constantly seek volunteers to train to help at the desk to lessen the demand on our small faithful team.

Killicomaine Community Church Update



Standing at the start of 2020 none of us could have imagined what lay ahead. Our 'normal' Church Plant outreach of CAP Job Club, Mens' Club, Alpha Courses and Sunday evening gathering has been badly interrupted.

We actually had an Alpha Course organised for the Community Centre in April but that had to be abandoned due to lockdown.

However, isn't it amazing how God can turn diversity into many good things? Our planned Alpha Course ended up becoming the first Down and Dromore Diocese Online Alpha Course with an average weekly attendance of around fifty people, of whom seven of those went on to make first time decisions to follow Jesus! Praise God!

Post lockdown we have been able to resume most of our activities and even set up a new Womens' Club which meets in the Community Centre on Monday mornings. Looking ahead into 2021 we are planning to launch a new CAP Life Skills Course and be able to get fully back to our full programme of activities in the area.

Ordination of Jim Fleming

On 6 September our Community Outreach Worker, Jim Fleming, was Ordained as a Deacon (Ordained Local Ministry) for Killicomaine at Willowfield Parish in Belfast. The service in was conducted by our Bishop, the Rt Revd David McClay. Jim has been undertaking theological studies for several years and will complete these in May 2021 with Ordination to Presbyter to look forward to next summer.

For more details contact Jim on 07954994749 or jim@seagoe.co.uk



ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING



Due to Covid restrictions this year's Easter Vestry Meeting had to be post-poned until 5th October!!! Business was restricted as far as possible in order to shorten the time people had to spend together. The majority of last year's Vestry were re-elected, and a few new people were elected to serve in place of those who stepped aside. As always we thank our outgoing Vestry members for their faithful service, and we encourage everyone to pray for those who will serve for the remainder of the year.

Carn Hall Sold

Some of our older parishioners will remember the Church Hall at Carn being used for services and other activities.



Due to a changing dynamic and people's ability to travel, the hall was used less and less until it finally stopped being used at all. For many years the hall has lain derelict and its condition has deteriorated. A few years ago new housing was built on the land surrounding the hall and recently the Select Vestry availed of the opportunity to sell the hall and small plot of land. The funds raised have been added to the funds of the Parish. We are extremely grateful to members of the Costello family for the gift of the land and hall for the benefit of Seagoe Parish, and to his descendants for their agreement to the Select Vestry's wish to sell the hall and to put the funds to Parish use.

An article from the January 1929 magazine provides some helpful insights into the history of the hall:

A Generous Gift.

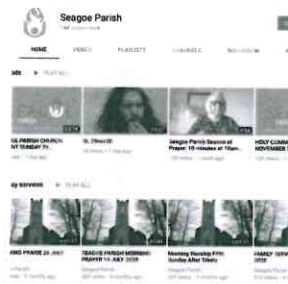
The Costello family in Carne, through their representative, Mr. Hugh Costello (who is acting as executor for his mother, the late Mrs. Costello) are making a very generous gift to the Parish of Seagoe. The building usually known as Carne Church Hall was built on part of the farm of the late Mr. Atkinson Costello. Although in constant use by the Church it was actually the private property of the Costello family. The farm is now about to be auctioned and the family are handing the Hall and the ground on which it stands over to the Parish as a free gift. We, on behalf of the Parishioners, express our sincere thanks to Mr. Hugh Costello and the members of the family for this generous gift. The late Mr. Atkinson Costello, who built the Hall, was a most devoted Churchman and filled the office of Churchwarden on several occasions and was for many years a member of the Select Vestry.

Internet sensations!!

An extremely steep learning curve was journeyed along as the Clergy and a small team of dedicated people worked to enable access to Church worship and other online gatherings during the lockdown period. Very little notice of Churches having to close was given, and so no preparation time was possible for the major work of producing online and other resources.

Over the weeks and months we learned new techniques, and I hope you will agree the quality of our productions increased. In addition to our Sunday services we were indebted to Keith Livingstone and his team of Sunday Light Leaders for their similar tasks in producing weekly online presentation for our Sunday Light children. The Café Youth Church Team also produced an online programme for those who normally attend. And of course there was the much loved Coffee with the Curate!!!

Everyone involved deserves our admiration and thanks, but it is only fair to single out David Kerr who has, and continues to, put in many hours in pulling it all together for online posting and then producing and duplicating DVDs and CDs. Thank you so much David.



Stuart's Trip to the States

Back in early March, in what seems like another life, I was preparing to fly off again to Las Vegas to spend some time with Corin and her family. At the time there was some talk about a novel 'coronavirus'. Indeed, I had first seen news reports about this new disease in early January, and being an avid news channel hopper, I had heard much of this new virus. Enough, that I had taken some advice from my travel insurer, and from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to know that I was ok to travel. So I packed my bags, I caught my jet plane (well a couple, as I flew through London) and when I landed in Vegas and switched on my phone, I received a message from Corin which started, '...not to freak you out but Trump just placed a travel ban on Europe...! It turned out that the US government had banned all travel from Europe whilst I was in the air, and would ban travel from the UK only a week later. Yet I was in Vegas, I was safe, and I had prepared for an eventuality like this. For those who know me well enough, you'll know I like to plan for contingencies, and so this news didn't 'freak me out' that much.

St. Patrick's day, American style!



My time with Corin and her family was a nice break away. Yet even Las Vegas, the 'entertainment capital of the world', was starting to suffer the consequences of this new disease, now a pandemic by this point. By the start of my second week there,

Las Vegas was largely shutting down. The Strip would be deserted! For those who have been to Vegas, you know how strange a sight that will have been. The Las Vegas Strip is a constant hive of activity. And to see empty streets was something even Las Vegas were amazed at. This all meant that the remainder of my stay was largely spent in the suburbs, with Corin

and her family. I had no real complaints, for Corin's mother is like me-she liked to plan for contingencies and had a mountain of water bottles, cereals and other dried foods. The highlights of the second part of my stay, after the shut down order came into effect (on St. Patrick's day no less!) were the trips to the local garage with Corin and her dog, Bear. Yet it was a blessed time. Until my flights started to get cancelled! I was about halfway through my trip when I received a notification that my flights home had been cancelled.

Even Harrods in Heathrow was shut!

When I got in touch, there was much confusion as to whether I could fly home or not. I was initially told that the earliest flights home were not until the middle of April, nearly four weeks away! In the end, and after several flights being cancelled, I did fly out, a week later than when I was originally due to fly home. The journey home was certainly the long way back. I ended up passing through four airports and flying on three planes, with most of them being empty! The airports too were eerily quiet. I was truly shocked when I got to Heathrow. It was like a ghost town. People seemed so down and dispirited. It was at this point, and during my drive home from the airport, that I realised the true magnitude of what was going on in the UK. We were in total lockdown and would be for the better part of three months. Yet in this difficult time, I remembered the words of the Psalmist when he wrote 'I lift up my eyes to the mountains-where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth (Ps. 121: 1-2).



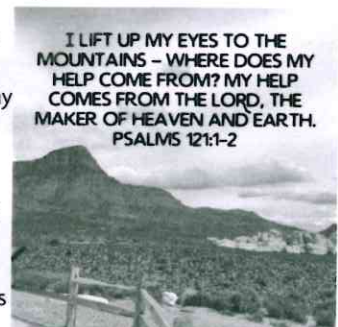
Former parishioner appointed as Bishop

We congratulate one of our former parishioners, Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis on his appointment as Bishop-elect of Clogher Diocese. Ian, a friend and colleague of Terence, trained with him in Theological College for ordination. Whilst Ian worked as the Church of Ireland Education Officer he and his family moved to live in Seagoe Parish and became parishioners. Ian assisted in worship occasionally and Heather, his wife, was involved in a variety of aspects of Church life. Ian and Heather moved to live in Enniskillen when he was appointed Rector of Rossory Parish. Ian has been very involved in the life of Clogher Diocese and his input has been recognised in his election to serve as the next Bishop of the Diocese. We wish Ian and Heather God's blessing for this next phase of his ministry.



A trip to Red Rock Canyon inspired this picture verse.

This has truly been an unusual year. One that many of us will never forget. Yet through it all, we have seen such wonderful manifestations of love and



hope. As individuals, and as a church, we have been given such wonderful opportunities to be salt and light in our community. We have been witness to incredible examples of commitment and self sacrifice, as so many key workers kept going to support us, even when we were locked down. Yes, this has been a difficult year, yet it has been one where we have seen God's hope and his faithfulness, perhaps in new and surprising ways, but there nonetheless. We now stand at the cusp of a vaccine rollout. An incredible achievement in and of itself. Some of us may even receive this vaccine before the end of the year. Most of us will have the opportunity to get it by summer 2021, God willing. There will be a time when covid-19 will be a distant memory. Yet I hope that we never forget God's faithfulness to us. That we cling to that feeling of community spirit that has been so prevalent in these days (especially during lockdown). May we never forget how fragile our way of life is, and be thankful for all our blessings; and may we always strive to use what the Lord has given us to be a blessing to others!

Be blessed, as you be a blessing!
Stuart

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



So what comes to mind, mountains, maps, rucksacks, tents, stoves? Well yes that's part of it, but only one aspect. There are three other sections, Volunteering, Skills, Physical (+ Residential Gold). Young people have to achieve the appropriate level at each section and it involves helping, caring enthusiasm, motivation, challenges, new experiences, team work determination and above all enjoyment! At present Seagoe Youth Group have groups at all 3 levels, Bronze (school year 10), Silver (year 11/12) and Gold (age 16+). We are particularly pleased that we have 21 young people working for their gold award and despite many setbacks, restrictions and changes they're still progressing and like us (the leaders) are determined to get there, we hope, perhaps in

20 21. We were very fortunate to hold 2 presentation evenings recently (2020 style) so congratulations to all our young people and thanks to all who helped then along the way, youth and brigade leaders, assessors teachers, coaches and especially our very supportive parents.

WELL DONE Bronze Award

Harry, Matthew, Alex, Archie Tyler and Todd.

Silver Award

Darcey, Charlotte, Kate, Holly and Grace. and good news in that they are all now doing the next level. Anyone interested in finding out more or keen to have a go, please contact Boyd, Edwina or Keith at Seagoe Youth Group.



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They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2: 42)

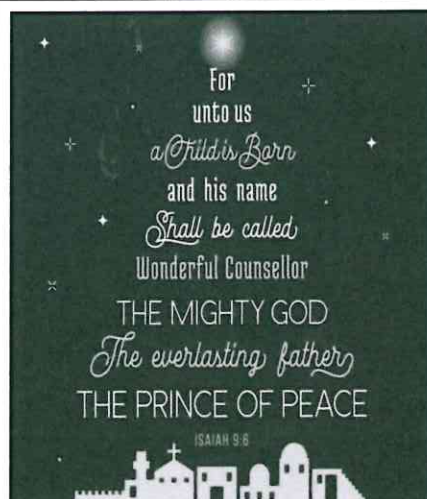
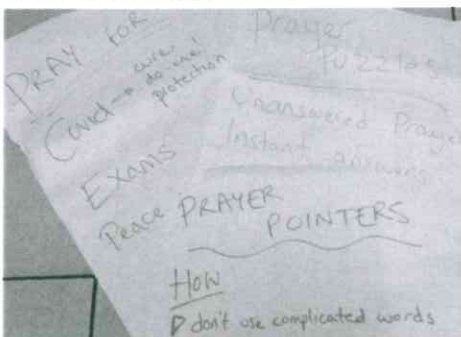
The verse above is just a snippet from the passage in Acts entitled 'The Fellowship of the Believers' and where we began our first Youth Fellowship of this Academic Year in September. Having not met during lockdown or the summer months it was good to gather, remind ourselves of our purpose, and hear from the young people what they like about meeting together on a Sunday evening. Not surprisingly playing and discussing football seems to be a particular highlight (although kicking a ball around is sadly not possible in the current climate.)

Even during the ups and downs of this term we've managed to meet twice a month, socially-distanced in the Rotunda, just for an hour, for fun, faith-exploration and fellowship. This term we've been inspired by material called 'Foundations' written for Christian Unions and Youth Groups by LMI (Logos Ministries International). We have covered faith, prayer, and have The Word and love to

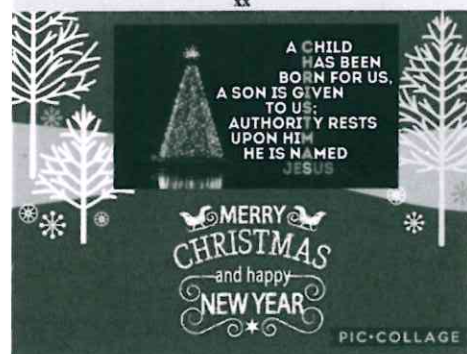
complete, hopefully before Christmas (restrictions dependant!)

Putting together any youth programme requires creativity as you try to cater to different ages, individual spiritual journeys and activity preferences but Covid has needed extra thought and imagination. The usual high-octane crazy games youth groups enjoy have been swapped for socially-distanced activities but there's still been lots of laughter, banter and fun. This term has included: playing 'pairs' with the Biblical 'Hall of Faith' (found in Hebrews 11), discussing some 'prayer puzzles' like how does God always hear us and does He answer every prayer, and multiple rounds of 'Mafia'!

Thank you to all those who have attended this term, it's been a pleasure! If you are in secondary education (or know a person who is), you'd be very welcome! Get in touch with Stuart (stuart@seagoe.co.uk) for more dates and information.



Captain Pauline & All Officers from Seagoe CLB would like to wish all our boys and their families a Safe and Happy Christmas 2020. We are all missing our brigade family so very much. We will continue to adhere to regulations but praying that we can return to brigade in the New Year, our main priority is everyone's safety. Keep an eye on our facebook page for any updates. Hope you all keep safe & well this Christmas. See you all soon xx



SEAGOE CHURCH GIRLS BRIGADE

All the officers from Seagoe cgb would like to wish our girls and their families a healthy and Happy Christmas.

2020 has been a difficult year and we are missing you all very much but, for now, we must follow the regulations and continue to pray for a safe return to Brigade in the New Year.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Blessed 2021

See you all soon xx

Parish Register

Christian Burial

21st December 2019	Rodney Sinton, Lynden Gate, Portadown
9th January 2020	Jean Dale, Edenderry Fold, Portadown
20th January 2020	Annie (Nan) Ruddell, formerly Lisnisky, Lurgan Road, Portadown
25th January 2020	Samuel (Sammy) McConnell, Festival Road, Portadown
2nd February 2020	Olive Kerr, Carrick Eden Grange, Portadown
7th February 2020	Charles (Charlie) Bell, Ballyhannon Grove, Portadown
8th February 2020	Gary Love, Valley Lane, Waringstown
11th February 2020	Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Vennard, St Francis' Nursing Home, Portadown
17th February 2020	Joseph (Joe) Roney, Sandringham Nursing Home, Portadown
23rd March 2020	Margaret Wilson, Orchard Drive, Portadown
24th March 2020	Barbara Woolsey, Mahon Hall Nursing Home, Portadown
1st April 2020	Grace Wallace, Sandringham Nursing Home, Portadown
15th April 2020	Garfield Proctor, Mahon Hall Nursing Home, Portadown
22nd April 2020	Avril Hamilton, Clanbrassil Drive, Portadown
25th April 2020	Colin Baxter, Rosevale Lodge Nursing Home, Lisburn
9th May 2020	Paul Ferguson, Aldboyne, Marlborough, England
19th May 2020	Ann Milsop, Sheridan Green, Portadown

4th June 2020	Cecil Black, Russwood Park, Portadown
11th June 2020	Tanya Hazley, Enniscrone Park, Portadown
11th June 2020	Norman Fredric Allen, Kernan Grove, Portadown
5th July 2020	Pearl Kathleen Kerr, Olde Golf Links, Portadown
8th August 2020	Holly Turkington, Hill Lane, Derrytrasna
28th August 2020	Thomas (Tommy) John Dunlop, Gloucester Avenue, Portadown
15th September 2020	Herbert (Herbie) Thomas Smyton, Margretta Park, Portadown
16th September 2020	Hazel Gregson, Seagoe Park, Portadown
18th September 2020	Patricia Kerr, Russwood Park, Portadown
2nd October 2020	Dorothy Cardwell, Gilford Road, Portadown
3rd October 2020	Margaret Elizabeth Porter, Mahon Hall Nursing Home, Portadown
7th October 2020	Nigel Hamilton, The Meadows, Banbridge
12th October 2020	Victor Clulow, Queens Gardens, Portadown
2nd November 2020	Hugh David Alva Kirkwood, The Avenue, Portadown
4th November 2020	Robert (Roy) Roney, Clanbrassil Gardens, Portadown
14th November 2020	Stella Riley, Knocknamuckley Road, Portadown

Cremation

9th December 2019	Thomasene (Ena) Matchett, Carrickblacker Fold, Portadown
5th August 2020	Sarah Shevilin, Granville Road, Portadown

Burial of ashes

11th January 2020	Nigel Best, Southport, England
23rd September 2020	Thomesena Matchett, Carrickblacker Fold, Portadown

How are parish finances in 2020?

We are aware that this year has been very difficult financially for some of our parishioners and so they are not in a position to contribute. For others there simply have not been the usual opportunities to contribute.

Philip Holland, our Treasurer, has provided a brief summary of how healthy the state of our finances are, as we move towards the close of this unusual year.

Philip writes:

The answer is not too well. This has been a difficult year for all of us and it is no surprise the parish finances have suffered as a result. Compared to last year at the end of November Freewill Offering was over £32,300 less, Loose Collections and Other Income were both £5,400 less. However Standing Orders have increased by £11,000. Overall including expected gift aid, income is £36,700 less than at the same period last year. We are extremely grateful for a grant of £23,000 towards Covid expenses and income shortfall.

If you are able, please consider donating to the parish. The easiest way is to credit the parish bank account. The sort code is 98-12-90 and the account number is 33191057. If you wish to give to the church restoration account, the Sort Code is 98-12-90 and account number 10045813. Alternatively you can leave your donation in church or post to 46 Seagoe Road Portadown BT63 5WH.

If you need any further advice, please feel free to contact Philip (Tel. 38339198 email philip@hi-systems.co.uk) or the Rector.



A Covid poem by Beulah McIvor

*The sun has risen, a new day is born
The birds fill the air with their glorious song
But our streets are silent, not a soul to be seen
Stalked by a killer named Covid Nineteen
Unseen and unheard and deadly to man
How do we fight it, I pray that we can
It doesn't distinguish between young and old
The great and the good, the brave or the bold*

*Our mantra each day is to stay safe and stay home
And to cling to this knowledge we're not in this alone
Isolation, distancing and washing our hands
Is what the law of the land now demands
From our friends and loved ones we must keep apart
So we will hold them close in our thoughts and hearts
We strive every day not to be sad
To think of the good things and not the bad*

*We remember our doctors and nurses in prayer
May God keep them safe in his loving care
For those who mourn and those filled with fear
For Key Workers who look after us every day
We owe you a debt we can never repay
When you're overwhelmed and feel you just can't cope
And may God fill your hearts with peace and hope*

*For those in authority and over our land
May god guide each one with his almighty hand
The sun will still rise and still set every day
We will learn to adapt and live a new way
We pray for compassion and kindness in all that we do
And may the Lord in his mercy carry us through*

Amen

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*The parish staff wish all our
parishioners a Happy Christmas
and a happy new year.*



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the parking bays and not park on the church roadways or at the kitchen
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buildings.

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access to the buildings.

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