

SEAGOE

MAGAZINE

Spring 2022

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The Rector's Easter Message

This year as we approach Holy Week we are delighted to be able to do so with greater freedom due to the easing of some of the Covid restrictions. We therefore encourage as many people as possible to join us for the Holy Week services, as detailed overleaf.

Holy Week presents us with a much needed opportunity to consider again the obedient self-sacrificial journey of Jesus to the cross on our behalf. On Holy Thursday we will be gathering in the Parish Centre for a Passover meal where we will think about the importance of the last Jewish Passover that Jesus attended,

and his inauguration of the Holy Communion at that last Supper. The Good Friday Tenebrae presents a very moving service where we descend into the darkness of the death of Jesus.

As a child I often wondered why Good Friday is thus named; surely it should be Bad Friday, I used to think, as it was the day Jesus was put to death in such a horrible manner. My thinking was not far off the mark, for as the Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Cor 15.3, "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." The death of the innocent Son of God on Good Friday, because of the

sin in our lives, was indeed the most horrendous event in history.

However, whilst it was our sin that put him there, it was actually God's intention: Galatians 1.4 "(Jesus Christ) who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father." God in His loving mercy sent Jesus Christ into the world to bear the punishment for our sin, so that we might be forgiven. Hence the change of emphasis from Bad Friday to Good Friday, and even more so when we consider some of the many aspects of His death on our behalf. Above we read that we are forgiven, but 1 Pet 2.24 further demonstrates that we are healed of sin so that we can live in a right relationship with God: "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." Rom 6.23 develops this further to demonstrate that our forgiveness and healing is not just for this life, but rather, the new relationship we have with God through Christ, is eternal: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Such blessing, and we find much more as we study the scriptures that further develop the benefits of the cross for us.

The glorious resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday confirms for us the truth of these promises of life from death, and demonstrates His risen presence with us at all times. The lives of the devastated disciples

were transformed by witnessing His living presence with them, and when he ascended to heaven and poured out His Holy Spirit on all believers they, and we, experienced not only His presence but His risen power to enable Christian living.

But the story does not end there simply with blessing for us; as Jesus left his disciples he gave them the great commission, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." However, it came with a promise: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." The disciples, and those who followed them, faithfully obeyed that command in taking the Gospel message to many people. In our generation we are equally blessed by the events of Good Friday and Easter, but we are also given the wonderful privilege and responsibility of the Great Commission to spread the Kingdom. As we move forward through Covid, and as restrictions ease, we are to seek God's guidance on how we are to make Him known in the new opportunities of engagement that will present themselves. May God richly bless us all this Eastertide and send us out to spread His Kingdom.

Terence



Holy Week Services

Monday 11th April

7.00pm Youth Service

Tuesday 12th April

7.30pm Organisations' Service

Wednesday 13th April

10.00am Holy Communion

7.30pm Partnership Service

Maundy Thursday 14th April

7.30pm Passover meal with informal Holy Communion

Good Friday 15th April

2.00pm Hour at the cross

7.30pm Tenebrae

Easter Eve 16th April

2.00pm Messy Easter Party

Please plan to attend as many Holy Week services as you can so that you will benefit most from the journey to the cross of Good Friday.

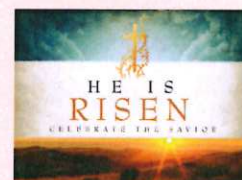
EASTER SERVICES

6.00am Dawn Service at Craigavon Lakes

9.00am Easter Holy Communion

10.30am Easter Holy Communion

7.00pm Churches Together Easter Praise in Armagh Road Presbyterian





Palm Sunday 10th 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 Jerusalem.

Holy Week and Easter

HOLY WEEK



Holy Week Services-7.30pm

During Holy Week this year we will be offering services each evening. Each evening will have a different style of worship and we encourage you to engage with each one.

Monday Youth Service -7.00pm

A special service for all young people with our guest speaker, Josh Thornbury. Josh previously worked for us in Seagoe Youth Group, but is now the Diocesan Youth Development Officer.

Tuesday Fellowship Service

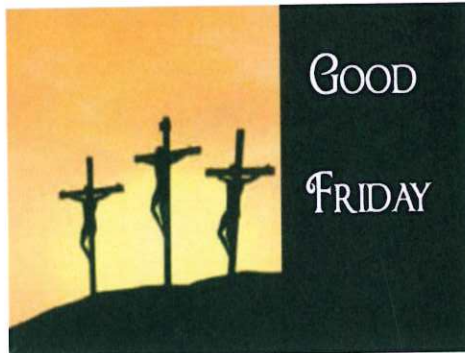
Members of our Church organisations are encouraged to attend this service together

Wednesday Partnership Service

As a reminder of the fellowship between Churches Rev. Alan Wardlow of Edenderry Methodist Church will be our preacher and members of the Methodist Church will join us for worship.

Thursday Passover Communion

An informal worship event around tables in the Parish Centre where we will join in a traditional Jewish style Passover and consider how it points towards the Lord's final supper with his disciples, which will lead us into an informal Holy Communion service.



Good Friday

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

7.30pm Tenebrae Service. We have developed this service over the past few years. It offers an atmospheric journey through the unfolding final hours of Jesus life leading to his death on the cross.

As we do so the lighting in the Church diminishes until we are left in darkness..



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

Seagoe Messy Easter

At Christmas we had a wonderful Christmas Party with a lot of children and their parents engaging in lots of fun activities. This Easter eve, Saturday 16th April at 2pm we will hosting a similar party based on the Easter message. There will be lots of craft items to make, some lovely food and a special Easter talk. All children and their parents or carers are welcome to attend.



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service *Times*

Come & Worship with Us

	April	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm St. Patrick's	7.00pm St. Gobhan's
5th SUNDAY in Lent	3rd	Holy Communion	Family Service	Evening Worship	
PALM SUNDAY	10th	Holy Communion	Palm Sunday Service	Holy Communion	
EASTER SUNDAY	17th	Easter Communion	Easter Family Communion	7.00pm Churches together Easter Songs of Praise In Armagh Road Presbyterian Church	
SUNDAY	24th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	No Service	
	May				
SUNDAY	1st	Holy Communion	Family Service	Evening Worship	
SUNDAY	8th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	
SUNDAY	15th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship & Café Youth Church	Evening Worship	Rotunda Praise Service
SUNDAY	22nd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Worship	
SUNDAY	29th	Holy Communion	Children's Day Service	Evening Worship	
	June				
SUNDAY	5th	Holy Communion	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service	Evening Worship	
PENTECOST SUNDAY	12th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	
TRINITY SUNDAY	19th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship & Café Youth Church	Evening Worship	Rotunda Praise Service
SUNDAY	26th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Worship	

Church Restoration

In January Terence presented the Parish with some of the thoughts and plans of the Select Vestry concerning the renovations and reordering of the inside of our Church. The Vestry has now tasked our architects to progress to detailed plans ready to seek tenders for the work. This process will take several months to complete, and once completed the Vestry will present the final detail to the Church.



The overall cost is anticipated to be high and so the Vestry will plan to launch a fundraising initiative later in the year. Anyone who would like to start contributing now can do so through the building fund. Details of how to contribute can be had from Philip Holland our Treasurer. An estimated start date for the work may be immediately after Christmas with the expectation of completion by the end of June 2023.

Moving out of Covid restrictions

We are delighted that Covid restrictions have been eased by our Assembly in Stormont. As a Church we have not abandoned all restrictions, rather we have sought to reduce them bit by bit as time has passed. We are hopeful that by Easter we will have progressed to having nearly all restrictions removed. As always, we are eager to encourage more people to come to join with us for Church worship and our other activities. Please play your part in inviting others to join you in Church.



Easter VESTRY MEETING



Everyone is encouraged to attend the Easter Vestry (AGM of the Church) although only those who are registered as General Vestry members can vote.

People are elected every year to serve on the Select Vestry which is the body responsible for the finance, furnishing and fabric of the parish. In addition to the clergy, the Select Vestry is composed of the Rector's Churchwarden and Glebewarden (both appointed by the Rector), the People's Churchwarden and Glebewarden, and up to 12 other members elected by those entitled to vote.

Please make every effort to attend and please pray for God's guidance in the elections.


Your church.
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Monday 2nd May
7.00pm Drinks reception
7.30pm Vestry Meeting

Giving

One of the knock-on effects of Covid restrictions was the change to how we handled contributions to Church funds. Rather than taking up an offering during worship we encouraged people to leave money and envelopes in containers at the doors. In addition we have been encouraging people to consider using Standing Orders from their bank accounts directly to the Church account rather than having to bring money or envelopes to Church; quite a number of people have made this transfer. A further benefit of this change is that there is not so much pressure on our counting team each week. If you would like further details on setting up a Standing Order please contact Philip Holland, our Treasurer.



As always, we thank you for your generosity in giving by whatever means to enable the mission of the Church.

As we receive money into Church funds we are able to distribute it to support other ministries. From time to time we have various special appeals, and again people respond so generously.

Fellowship Groups

The next session of Fellowship Groups will commence Wednesday 27th April. Everyone is encouraged to participate in a Fellowship Group so that we can examine the scriptures together and ask questions that we might not otherwise have the opportunity to ask.

If you have never been to a Fellowship Group before we strongly encourage you to come along. Further information from Terence or Stuart.

Christmas



It seems a long time since Christmas!! You may remember that our Christmas Appeal 2021 was divided between Barnabas Aid, which helps persecuted Christians overseas, and the Simon Community Northern Ireland, which helps the homeless here. Thanks to your generosity the following sums were forwarded: Barnabas £1,890.38 and Simon community £1,905.38. These sums will help the work of both organisations in seeking to caring for the vulnerable at home and overseas.

End of year allocations



At the end of every year the Select Vestry distributes some of the income of the Church to other organisations as part of its mission. Currently we distribute 10% of our income, this year £21,000. A wide range of Mission organisation, aid agencies, and some charities are supported as a result. From time to time we have guest speakers in Church to highlight some of the organisations that we support. If you would like a full list of the end of year allocations please contact Diane in the Parish office: info@seagoe.co.uk

Ukraine



In response to the crisis in Ukraine we launched an appeal for funds to be directed through the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal. The funds will be forwarded to Habitat for Humanity and Christian Aid. Both these agencies are already well established in Ukraine and the surrounding countries and so are very well placed to help those in need. Please give as generously as you can.

Bishop's Bike Ride

Over several days in March Bishop David and some others from the Diocese cycled around the Diocese visiting every Church as part of a fund-raising initiative for two partner projects through Bishops' Appeal. The partner projects are: Tear Fund's Church and Community Mobilisation project in Jordan seeking to enable further development of the Church in the local community; Christian Aid's work in Honduras to help the people in the light of Climate Change. In Seagoe we will be learning more about these projects later in the year.

On Monday 14th March at about 3.20pm a group of Seagoe parishioners welcomed the cycling team to the Church and Parish Centre where they were hosted to some welcome refreshments.



Café Youth Church fundraising car wash for Ukraine



The young people from Café Youth Church are hosting a fundraising car wash for Ukraine on Saturday 9th April from 10am to 1pm.

The car wash will take place in the car park grounds of the church. Tea/coffee and buns will also be served.

All funds raised will go towards the Bishop's Appeal nominated charities for Ukraine - Habitat for Humanity and Christian Aid - for their humanitarian responses.

Please support the young people of the church who are organizing and leading this fundraising event and the people of Ukraine by coming on Saturday 9th April.

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FUNDRAISING EVENT

Church Lads' Brigade



Just a taster of the fun our brigade boys have at Seagoe CLB. We shared a special evening with Milo the Gospel Dog, Trips to Peter Pans and Airtastic Bowling along with our usual busy Thursday nights crafts, scripture, food, fellowship, fun and games. Delighted to say we have currently 109 boys with a waiting list for new starts come September!

God Bless from Captain Pauline & the leadership team at Seagoe CLB.



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Centenary 1922 - 2022

Seagoe Mother' Union was formed on 4th April 1922 following a meeting in Edenderry Parochial Hall and the parish magazine encouraged ladies to join adding 'Don't wait to be asked'. (Some of you will remember the Parochial hall which stood where the KFC is now on Bridge Street.) At the first month saw four gatherings to establish the branch before becoming monthly meetings. The officers bearers included Miss Collen, of Killycomain House, Miss Georgie Atkinson, of Eden Villa and Mrs Hamilton Robb, ladies that we would affectionately call today 'ladies who lunch'. By end of July 1922 two more branches were established in the parish holding their meetings in Carne and Drumgor.

The branches continued to flourish with speakers giving a variety of topics of relevance at the time from 'Mothers Work and Duty' to 'Zenana Medical Missionary Society'. During 1922 the ladies organised eight large Socials and a Mothers Union Excursion. The Excursion was much different from what our current branch would organise and I had to smile as I read in October entry in the Church magazine:

"On Wednesday, October 4th, an Excursion of the Mothers Union will take place by Motor Charabane to Armagh". "The ticket for the Excursion, including Tea, will be 4s".

In this our Centenary year we aim to have a thanksgiving service, anniversary members afternoon tea and a celebration dinner. We are thankful for the ladies who had the foresight to establish our branch of this the largest womens worldwide organisation. We look forward to the future with the encouragement to all ladies which was printed in the April 1922 magazine 'Don't wait to be asked.'

Shirley Branyan

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentation



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

During 2021 Seagoe Youth Group had a fantastic year with 33 young people completing expeditions at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Participation levels increased despite the restrictions of Covid lockdowns. Young people complete Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections of the award as well as the Expedition. This year our members got busy with rugby, hockey, guitar, cooking, litter picking, coaching, leadership, driving, first aid, young enterprise, audio visual, cycling and photography. Presentations of certificates took place on 21st March with our guest of honour Alderman Glenn Barr, Lord Mayor of ABC Council. It was a fantastic to welcome 80 guests for the presentations with all the young people being supported by their families. Well done for all the hard work!



CLB boys



Gold award



Silver award

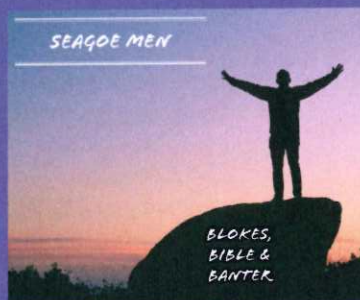


Bronze award

Seagoe Men

Seagoe Men's group have had an encouraging six months, after our return last autumn. Over the last few months, our theme has been 'A time to...' and we've reflected on a diverse range of topics such as prayer, evangelism, waiting, love and perseverance, and the challenge to engage in these different areas in our day to day living. The group is an informal opportunity for our men to gather, over some refreshments, a chance to catch up, and to be encouraged as we study God's word. Our times together remind us that as men we are on a journey with one another, that involves both discipleship and friendship. All men are welcome, especially if you are new. Life can be busy, and whilst we encourage men to attend as often as they can, we understand that it can be difficult to get out to every event. Therefore there is no pressure to have to sign up to attend a programme. We just value the space to gather and share with one another and encourage each other. As a group we have been challenged as we've come through this time of covid, and we have many hopes for looking ahead; both in our men's ministry, and in encouraging more of our men in the wider involvement in church.

We will be taking a short break for Easter, however the next night of the Men's Group will meet in the Parish centre on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm. Please continue to pray for our men's ministry, and spread the word to others and invite them to join with us. If you'd like to find out more information about the Men's Group, please get in touch with Stuart Moles.



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Alpha Course 2022

The course runs over 10 weekly sessions, starting on Monday 9 May in Killicomaine Community Centre.

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- Is there any evidence for believing the Bible?
- How can I know God personally?
- And more!

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Special Anniversaries

We are very blessed to have so many parishioners who have reached very significant milestones in their lives, whether that be their age or in the number of years they have been married.



60th Wedding Anniversary

Cedric and Mildred Fulton, who worship regularly at St Patrick's Hall, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.



70th Wedding Anniversary

Mervyn and Cynthia Pepper, who until recently regularly worshipped in Seagoe, celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary just before Christmas and were delighted to receive a card from The Queen.

On behalf of the parishioners at St Patrick's Hall and Seagoe Parish we wish both couples every blessing together as they have reached these magnificent milestones.

Blesma The Limbless Veterans Charity award - Jean McCready

Blesma is an armed forces national charity founded in the aftermath of the First World War. Blesma supports serving and ex-serving men and women who have suffered life changing injuries, such as limb loss or the loss of use of a limb, an eye or loss of sight whether this is during or after their military Service. Blesma is a Membership charity and provides lifelong support to its Members, and following the death of a Member, the widow/widower have membership in their own right and are provided with the same lifelong support; in essence caring for the carer.

The Cyril Stephens Blesma Award 2020 was awarded to Jean McCready in appreciation for her tireless commitment to fundraising for Blesma. Jean and her late husband Jack, who was a Blesma member, began fundraising for Blesma in 2013; organising coffee mornings and local collections. Following the death of her husband Jean continued to fundraise; her efforts range from local store collections, car boot sales, selling prize draw tickets to crocheting items for a donation to Blesma. Jean is also a Blesma volunteer and supports in raising awareness of the charity at local events such as Armed Forces Day.

Jean is seen receiving her award during the Annual Blesma Members Weekend in October 2021 from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sir Adrian Bradshaw KCB, OBE.

Jean was completely overwhelmed and I think she is still getting over the surprise!

Huge Congratulations and richly deserved.



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Rev Jim Fleming is appointed Hospital Chaplain

Jim, who leads our church plant in Killicomaine, has been selected as the Church of Ireland Chaplain in Lurgan Hospital. Jim will be employed by the Southern Health Trust to carry out this very important role. Jim comments, "It really is a privilege and a huge responsibility to be appointed to this role. I love coming alongside, supporting people and offering pastoral care. I look forward to bringing these passions to the Chaplain's position in Lurgan Hospital."



Parish Register

Christian Burial

4th January 2022	Catherine (Kathleen) Trotter, Lynden Gate, Portadown
10th January 2022	Margaret Steel, Corcreeny Place, Gibson Hill, Lurgan
19th January 2022	Billy Walsh, Killicomaine Drive, Portadown
23rd January 2022	Dorothy Terry, Beech Grove, Portadown
24th January 2022	John Lockens, Princess Way, Portadown
30th January 2022	Mary Iris Sherrard, Kernan Grove, Portadown
31st January 2022	Frances Elizabeth Turkington (Betty) Jones, Portadown
3rd February 2022	Alan Aston, Lanark, England
21st February 2022	Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) West, Princess Way, Portadown
12th March 2022	Valentine Regina (Val) Holden, Seagoe Park, Portadown
15th March 2022	Dorothy Phyllis Ruddell, Sandringham PNH

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It would be much appreciated if people parking cars could please use the parking bays and not park on the church roadways or at the kitchen area to avoid any difficulty if ambulances etc needed access to the buildings.

On Sundays the car parks at the School can also be used. Disabled spaces are provided in the back carpark to allow for easy access to the buildings.

KILLICOMAIN KIDS AND PARENTS

Welcome all babies, toddlers and parents/carers



Fridays

10:30 am – 12:30

St. Patrick's Hall, Princess Way (beside the school gates)

Lots of toys, fun, friends and a cuppa!