

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

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**THE CLERGY WILL DEEM IT A FAVOUR
IF IN CASES OF SICKNESS THEY ARE
INFORMED IMMEDIATELY.**

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER.

- Dec. 1st—1st Sunday in Advent.
Dec. 4th—Mid-week Advent Service at 8 p.m.
Dec. 8th—2nd Sunday in Advent.
Dec. 11th—Mid-week Advent Service at 8 p.m.
Dec. 12th—Monthly Meeting of Mothers' Union,
3.30 p.m.
Dec. 15th—3rd Sunday in Advent.
Dec. 18th—Mid-week Advent Service at 8 p.m.
Dec. 21st—St. Thomas.
Dec. 22nd—4th Sunday in Advent.
Dec. 25th—Christmas Day.
Holy Communion 8 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
11.30 a.m.
Dec. 26th—St. Stephen.
Dec. 27th—St. John.
Dec. 28th—Innocents' Day.
Dec. 29th—Sunday after Christmas.

ADVENT.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

We print above the Advent Collect from our Book of Common Prayer. This beautiful prayer reminds us briefly but clearly of the solemnity and meaning of the season of Advent, which is now upon us. It is a time, when we are bidden especially to think of the comings of Christ, and not only to think of them, but with God's help to live our lives in the light of these great truths. The message of the Advent season is the message of the inevitable and certain judgment of all mankind, and this is one of the clearest notes of the New Testament. Christ came over nineteen centuries

ago in great humility to live as a man amongst men. to shew us what God was really like, and what He expected His children to do and to be. This first coming came, the New Testament tells us, "in the fullness of time," that is when the time was ripe, when men had been taught enough about God to appreciate His fuller revelation in Christ. For thousands of years He had been preparing the world for the coming of His Son, and He used the Jews in a very special way in this ministry of preparation. In consequence of Christ's first coming there will be another "fullness of time," when He will come again in power and great glory to judge both the quick and the dead," and of that day, of that hour "knoweth no man," says Christ. The time is in God's hands, it is not our concern, our concern is to be ready to give an account of our stewardship, when in the last Great Day we shall all stand "before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Cor., v. 10). The teaching of the Bible is that though we are saved by faith, we are judged by our works. The call of the Advent season then is a summons to us to view, and live our lives, in the light of, and in preparation for, the Eternal future.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES.

On the three Wednesday evenings, commencing on Wednesday, December 4th, there will be an intercession service for ourselves and for our country at 8 p.m. in the Parish Church. There will be a short address given at each of these services, and it is hoped that as many as can possibly do so, will attend. Special printed forms will be provided so that all may take part. As has been stressed in these pages more than once, every professing Christian can in these days play a part, the magnitude of which it is impossible to assess, by praying earnestly at all times for the coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

On Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th, there will be two services, Holy Communion in the Parish Church at 8 a.m., and Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m. We appeal to all communicants to make a special effort to be present at one of these services, for in no better way can we show our thankfulness to Christ, "who for our sakes became poor that we through Him might become rich," than by doing as He asked us—"THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." Our Christmas Day services in the past have been poorly attended; this is not as it should be. To ignore Christ on that day is to dis

honour Him and to miss the real joy of the festival; to acknowledge Him in His house is the surest way to have a real Happy Xmas.

This year the war will no doubt rob the festive season of many of its inessential frills, the effects of rationing and the black-out are obvious, the silence of the church bells will be a grim reminder of the sternness of the conflict in which we and all free peoples are engaged. Yet we must make no mistake about it, our unscrupulous cruel enemies are powerless to rob us of what is essentially the Christmas message, which is that God loves us, that God cares, in fact that He cares so much, that He came down to us in Christ, to fight alongside us in the struggle against sin and evil in ourselves and in the world around us. "IMMANUEL," i.e., God with us, God for us, is what makes Christmas time the happiest anniversary in the whole year.

CAROL SERVICE.

The annual carol service will take place in Seagoe Parish Church on Sunday, December 22nd, at 7 p.m.

THE PASSING OF A GREAT ULSTERMAN.

As we go to Press the whole Province mourns the unexpected and lamented death of Viscount Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, since the establishment of the Six Counties as a self-governing unit within the Empire. He used his great gifts of wisdom and leadership unstintingly for the welfare of his country, and the fact that he retained the confidence of Ulstermen to the end is in itself a tribute to his many sterling qualities of head and heart. It was his lot to pilot the Ulster State through its years of infancy to a position of stability and order which will always remain a fitting monument to his devotion and genius. Even those who differed from him politically, were the first to admit Viscount Craigavon's sincerity and honesty of purpose. It is fitting that he should be interred at Stormont, where the Lord Bishop of the Diocese consecrated the site where his mortal remains will rest.

MOTHERS' UNION.

The monthly meeting was held in Seagoe School on Thursday afternoon, November 14th, when Nurse Holland very kindly gave a helpful talk to those present.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, December 12th, at 3.30 p.m., when it is hoped to have a special speaker.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Annual subscribers to the above are reminded that as the parochial accounts close on December 31st, it will be a great help to the Hon. Treasurer if they would send in their subscriptions on or before this date. Money received after December 31st, may not

be in time to be acknowledged in the annual Financial Report.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Drumgor—Sunday, December 8th, at 3 p.m.

Hacknahay—Sunday, December 29th, at 3.30 p.m.

SIDESMEN.

DECEMBER:—

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. W. R. Sherman, W. G. Best, C. S. A. Twinem, J. G. Gracey, J.P.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. T. Stanfield, Wm. Hewitt, G. Nixon, J. M'Loughlin, N. Campbell, J. Walker.

JANUARY:—

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. D. Allen, J. Gee, J. Ward, Jas. Twinem.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. Holmes White, G. Wilson, A. Kirk, Thos. Gracey, H. Ellis, W. H. Best.

ARMISTICETIDE.

Sunday morning, November 10th, was observed as a special time of remembrance and dedication in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the war of 1914-18, as well as those who have fallen in the present war. There was a large congregation present, including members of the Home Guard, "B" Specials and C.L.B. in uniform. The collection was in aid of the Earl Haig Poppy Day Fund.

A brief service was held after the Church service at the War Memorial gates, where the two minutes' silence was kept and a wreath was laid by the C.L.B.

HARVEST THANKOFFERING APPEAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Select Vestry acknowledges with thanks the following amounts, which have been received since our last issue:—

Mr. George Matchett	£0 5 0
Miss Maud Coulter	0 2 6
Mrs. T. Martin	0 2 6
Mrs. M. Freeburn	0 1 0
Mr. J. E. Roney	0 1 0
Mrs. Brady	0 0 3

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This brings the total to £89 3s 0d.

BETLE DRIVES.

Two very successful "Beetle" drives have been held recently. One in Carne in aid of the repair and re-decorating expenses carried out recently. This Hall has been greatly improved recently.

The other was held in the Orange Hall, Bridge St., in aid of the re-painting of Seagoe P.E.S., and it is hoped that as a result of this effort, together with a grant from the Regional Committee, very necessary and long overdue internal painting operations will be carried out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETING.

There was a representative attendance of the Sunday School Teachers from the nine Sunday Schools in the parish at a meeting held in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Friday, November 22nd. Various aspects and problems of the work were discussed, and as a result of the discussion it was decided that preparation Classes for teachers would prove beneficial. These have been started on Sunday evenings in the Church after the Evening Service and on Fridays at 8.30 p.m., in the Rectory. There is a shortage at present of teachers in practically all of the Sunday Schools, and these classes are open to any who feel they would like to help in this splendid work. At present we have a devoted band of teachers, who Sunday by Sunday give of their best, but too often an unnecessary burden is laid upon them, by having to take classes, exceeding by far in number the limit, which is practicable. Through the scarcity of teachers, children of different ages have often to be taught in one class, which is very unsatisfactory. We appeal to all, who have the welfare of the Church and of our children at heart, to come forward and offer their services to fill the gaps and back up those, who already are bravely carrying on under needlessly difficult conditions.

A CALL TO DO OUR BIT IN RIDDING THE WORLD OF THE BLIGHT OF HITLERISM.

We print below the following points supporting Portadown's drive to raise £50,000, which will be its share in the five millions aimed at in the Ulster War Weapons Week. We commend this appeal to the earnest consideration of our readers.

**ULSTER WAR WEAPONS WEEK—
DECEMBER 1st to 7th.**

AIM: To raise a sum of FIVE MILLION POUNDS.

MEANS: By the purchase of:

2½% National War Bonds

3% Defence Bonds.

Ulster Savings Certificates.

through the Banks, Savings Banks, or Post Office, or by making deposits in Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks.

This is not giving, but lending on the best security, and at good interest.

Reasons why you should help in this way:

- (1) This is a war of spiritual issues. It is a fight against all the forces of evil, a fight to restore freedom of speech, of action, of will, and of conscience from the enslavement of Nazi domination and tyranny. It is a fight between the Cross and the Swastika.
- (2) The Nazis trample on all the rights and liberties

we have so hardly won. They would refuse us the right to think, act, speak, and worship as we think right.

- (3) In the unfortunate countries occupied by the Germans religious freedom has ceased to exist.

The Nazi creed is exalted at the expense of our Christian faith. Hitler is put in the place of God Himself. Roman Catholic and Protestant churches alike are destroyed, closed or enchained, their clergy imprisoned (800 were imprisoned in Germany itself in one year before the war), and freedom of religious belief and practice is ruthlessly stamped out by the Gestapo.

- (4) The duty of all Christian people to-day seems plain—to put their trust in God for the ultimate triumph of right over wrong, of Christ over Anti-Christ; to pray and work for the day when deliverance of all oppressed peoples shall dawn, and a new and better world shall arise from the turmoil and carnage of war; and to play each his or her part in bringing about this end even to the extent of personal sacrifice—to give to the utmost of his or her means on loan to the Government the money necessary to bring about the downfall of evil and the triumph of righteousness.

Here is your opportunity—

Serve by Saving. Save by Lending.

W. A. MULLEN (Chairman).

CHAS. MONTGOMERY (Secretary).

C.L.B. NOTES.

The Officers and Lads of our Company express their deep sympathy to Cpl. Foster Shanks on the death of his mother.

A social evening had been arranged to present Cpl. and Mrs. Shanks with a chiming clock—from the Officers and Lads—on the occasion of his marriage. This arrangement had to be cancelled when the sad news became known of his mother's passing.

The presentation was made later by the Company Commander, Major E. Mitchell, who conveyed the good wishes of all ranks, and expressed his appreciation for Foster's loyalty and support during his long service in the Brigade. We look forward to the day when Cpl. Shanks will return and take an interest in the Company again.

The Officers were pleased to see Pte. Leslie Lyttle home for a day's leave. It was good to see that on this one day's leave on Sunday Leslie turned out to Church. Good man, Leslie, we know you can be relied upon to uphold the Brigade motto: Fight the good fight. Pte Lyttle looks every inch a soldier; he was a very smart Cpl. in the Brigade, and should get on well in the Army.

Good wishes to the Company are sent from Alfred Dickson and Richard Major, two former band mem-

bers who rendered very good service to the band. Both are at present in England on aircraft work. Although far from home they still think of the Brigade and wish to be remembered to all the Lads. We return the greeting and wish you both good luck and a very happy Christmas.

Thursday afternoon has proved very popular with the Training Corps. Numbers have improved. Over thirty Junior Lads are parading on Thursday afternoons.

The games organised by Lt. David Allen have proved a great attraction. Lt. Allen has been doing good work with the Junior Training Corps.

Our Senior Company is still doing well, but numbers are not as good as they could be in a parish such as Seagoe. There are many lads in the parish not yet in the Brigade. Why not join? An enjoyable evening can be spent in the Brigade. Join and keep fit. What we ask from you is that you attend your Church and live a clean and manly life.—(E.M.)

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Shanks passed away after a trying illness, patiently borne. It was fortunate that her son, Foster, was home on leave when the end came. He is now a Corporal in the R.A.F. Police. Seagoe held a very high place in Mrs. Shanks's affections; at one time she was a member of the choir. She will be greatly missed in her home and in Edenderry, where she was widely known and respected.

Miss Woolsey for many years was an ardent and valued Church worker until illness obliged her to relinquish these activities. At one time she was a pillar of Edenderry Sunday School.

Frank Heasley was a familiar figure on the Lurgan-Portadown road and his cheery greeting will be missed by a very wide circle of friends. The large attendance at his funeral was a tribute to his popularity in the neighbourhood. The sad accident which caused his death cast a gloom over the whole locality. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved and pray that Almighty God will comfort and sustain them in their loss.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

We regret to learn that Mr. Harry Kane has now been reported dead by the Admiralty. A few months ago a tribute was paid to him in these pages, when he was reported missing. To his widow and relatives we express our sincere sympathy and we would remind them of the words of Christ, when He said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

- Nov. 3rd—Evelyn Jane, daughter of Ralph and Margaret Herron, Kernan.
- Nov. 3rd—William Robert John, son of Robert George and Sarah Jane M'Murray, Knock.
- Nov. 3rd—Roberta May, daughter of William James and Mary Bleeks, 5, Watson's Lane, Portadown.
- Nov. 3rd—Mabel Sandra, daughter of Thomas Edward and Helen Stanfield, 32, Florence Court, Portadown.

MARRIAGES.

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

- 7th Nov.—Joseph Hobson, 4, George St., Portadown, and Myrtle Treanor, Drumnagoon.
- 11th Nov.—Joseph Robert Matthews, 114, Avenue Road, Lurgan, and Hannah Jane Moore, 107 Bridge Street, Portadown.
- 16th Nov.—John Major, 38, Cecil Street, Portadown, and Georgina Best, 139, Bridge Street, Portadown.

BURIALS.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours."

- 6th November—Agnes Shanks, Edenmount, Carrickblacker Road, Portadown, aged 64 years.
- 17th Nov.—Annie Woolsey, late of Bridge St., Portadown, aged 68 years.
- 24th Nov.—Francis Heasley, 2 Twinem Terrace, Knockmena, aged 39 years.

SERVICES—THE PARISH CHURCH.

HOLY COMMUNION—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

HOLY BAPTISM—1st Sunday of each Month at 4 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, notice to be given; Two Sponsors at least are required. The father and mother must be present. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thankoffering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals, 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

- Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.
- Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 3 p.m.
- Edenderry—Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Oct—Easter.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licences are issued by Rev. W. J. Gransden, the Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEES**—By License—Labourers 5/-. Tradesmen 10/-. Merchants and Farmers £1. Professional £1. By Banns 5/-. **FUNERALS** will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEES FOR CERTIFICATES**—BAPTISM 3/7, Children (Factory) 1/- and 2/- (non residents); MARRIAGE 3/7. An extra Search Fee is chargeable in certain cases. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent by post to any subscriber for 3/- per annum.

CLASSES, &c.

BIBLE CLASS FOR MEN in Edenderry on Sundays at 10.15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10.15 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor, Bocombra.

MOTHERS' UNION—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE in the Parochial Hall on Tuesdays.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY in Seagoe School on Mondays at 8 p.m. as announced.

G.F.S. CANDIDATES—Oct.—Easter, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Saturdays at 3 p.m.

SEAGOE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY—Mondays, Orange Hall, at 8 p.m.

SEAGOE P.E. SCHOOL—9.15 a.m. Principal—Mr. R. Scott.