

SEAGOE PARISH MAGAZINE.



SEAGOE CHURCH IN WINTER.

MOTTO FOR 1911:

“As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.”

SERVICES.

HOLY COMMUNION.

1st Sunday of Month after Morning Prayer. 3rd Sunday of Month at 8 a.m., and on Chief Festivals.

HOLY BAPTISM.

1st Saturday of Month at 3 p.m. or during any Service in Parish Church if notice be given. Two Sponsors at least are required. Sponsors must be confirmed members of Church. Churchings at each Public Baptism.

MORNING PRAYER.

Sundays and Chief Festivals at 11-30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER.

Sundays, 7 p.m. in Parish Church, and at Hacknahay Drumgor, and Tannifearbet.
Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Parish Church.

CLASSES AND SCHOOLS.

ADULT CLASSES.

Sundays at 10 a.m.—

For Men in Recreation Rooms, Edenderry, and in Seagoe Orange Hall.

For Women in Recreation Rooms, Edenderry, and in Seagoe School.

Sundays at 3 p.m. for Men in Edenderry Parochial Hall.

Tuesdays in Winter, for Men, at 8, in Drumgor Lane, in Carbet and Bocombra.

Thursdays at 7-30 in Hacknahay.

G.F.S. Classes for Women and Girls are held weekly in Edenderry, Drumgor, and Hacknahay.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

10 a.m., in Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School
3 p.m., Seagoe, Edenderry Recreation Rooms (Infants),
Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, & Drumgor (3-30 p.m.)

DAY SCHOOLS.

Seagoe, 9-30 a.m.—Principal, Mr. S. R. CHAMBERS.
Hacknahay, 9-30 a.m.—Principal, Miss M. B. STEVENSON.

Marriages between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Licences from Very Rev. Dr. O'Loughlin, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given. Fee, Five Shillings and upwards.
Funerals will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given.
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Clergy :

Rev. James E. Archer, B.D., Rector, The Rectory, Seagoe.

Rev. W. R. Crichton, B.A., Curate, Seagoe Villa.

N.B.—It is most important that in all cases of illness notice should be given to the Clergy of the Parish without delay.

Churchwardens :

Mr. Charles Collins, Edenderry, Rector's Churchwarden.


Mr. Thomas Reid, Seagoe, People's Churchwarden.

Select Vestry :

Mr. George Calvert,	Mr. T. J. Montgomery
„ Thomas Martin,	„ John G. Gracey,
„ T. J. Atkinson,	Major Blacker,
„ John Montgomery,	Mr. T. E. Maginnis,
„ W. R. Atkinson,	„ Robert Gracey,
„ J. H. Stevenson.	„ Joseph Murray,

Mr. W. R. Atkinson, *Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treas.*

“ 1911. ”

 We wish all our Readers a very Happy New Year.

The beginning of a New Year is a good opportunity for making resolutions. We trust that in this New Year all will strive after a higher ideal of Christian Service. Let the motto for each and all in Seagoe Parish be—“ **As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.** ”

The Magazine.

The Magazine appears this month with a new cover, newly set advertisements, and a special coloured Picture as a supplement. The pretty view on the cover represents the Parish Church with a mantle of snow. Mr. W. J. Moffett, the Photographer, succeeded in taking this fine Photograph during the severe snowstorm of 1909, and the white covering of field and roof gives quite a new aspect to the old Church.

Our advertising columns are as full as ever and every advertiser has without hesitation renewed his advertisement which is a testimony to the interest taken in the Magazine and a proof that it has a wide circulation. Our readers can help us by looking carefully through the advertisements and making

their purchases from the firms who advertise. The best goods at the lowest prices is the keynote of our advertising columns.

Some slight changes have been made in our list of Services and Schools and Classes.

Parochial Register.

Baptisms.

“ A little child shall lead them. ”

Jany. 4th—Sarah Jane, daughter of Thomas Henry and Margaret Dawson.

Marriages.

“ The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich. ”

Dec. 24th Andrew James Wright, Tamnificarbet, to Mary Hughes, Ballinacor.

Dec. 31st—Robert John Humphry, Portadown, to Martha Stewart, Edenderry.

Burials.

“ I give unto them eternal life. ”

Dec. 4th—Jane Davison, Breagh, aged 73 years.

„ 4th—Margaret Atkinson, Seagoe, aged 96 years

„ 5th—Jane Gilpin, Tamnifiglasson, aged 59 yrs.

„ 7th—Alice Magee, Edenderry, aged 11 months

„ 8th—John Killow, Armagh, aged 79 years.

„ 9th—William Rainey, Portadown, aged 71 yrs.

„ 19th—Charles Twinem, Tarson, aged 80 years.

Death of Mrs. Atkinson.

We regret to announce this month the death at an advanced age of Mrs. Atkinson, of Lower Seagoe, widow of the late Mr. James Atkinson, who for many years acted as Secretary of Seagoe Select Vestry. Mrs. Atkinson was always deeply interested in the welfare of the Parish, and having a very clear memory, was able to recall many incidents from the past history of Seagoe. She retained her faculties in a wonderful way up to the last, and was sustained by a sure trust and confidence in her Saviour. Her remains were interred in Seagoe graveyard on Sunday, Dec. 4th. We offer our deep sympathy to her relatives in their time of trouble.

Items.

The Rev. W. T. Gray, has arrived in Ireland from Japan, and hopes to visit Seagoe at the end of January. He will get a hearty welcome from his many friends.

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The Church looked very nice on Christmas Day with its decorations of Holly and Ivy.

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The new asphalted footpath on Seagoe Road is very useful this wet weather.

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"I attend Church every Sunday. I have only missed two Sundays since I came over" writes a Seagoe lad this month from Chicago, another writes from New York this month. "I still go to Church every Sunday, we had a very nice Service last night and in the morning" (Christmas Day). We hope all our Seagoe lads and lasses who make their home beyond the seas will do as these young fellows are doing.

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Miss Greer, of Lurgan (formerly a C.M.S. Missionary in China) held meetings in the Parish this week at various centres.

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A handsome Memorial tablet is about to be erected in the Church to the revered memory of our late Rector, Dean Dawson.

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Mr. Thomas McCrory has attended Edenderry Men's Bible Class for six years without missing a Sunday. Bravo, Tom!

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The Misses Dawson hope to sail for South America on February 4th, on S.S. "Beldragon." The good wishes and prayers of all our Seagoe people will go with them in the noble but arduous work in which they are about to engage.

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Lilly England, of Hacknahay Day School has been awarded a special prize for the best composition on "How to spend Christmas."

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"Matthews Minstrels" will give a performance in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Thursday, January 26th. We recommend every one who wants to enjoy a really good evening to take a ticket.

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The Sunday Evening District Services in Carbet and Drumgor have been attended by large numbers lately, and the attendance at Hacknahay is improving.

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Have you got Seagoe Almanac on your walls? If not get it at once. 1d each.

The members of the Recreation Rooms, Edenderry, have received many kind gifts of illustrated papers from Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Atkinson. Their gifts are greatly appreciated by the members.

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Mr. Richard Best has been appointed caretaker of Edenderry Hall in place of Mr. W. Flannigan, who has resigned.

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On Thursday, February 2nd, a splendid Concert will be given in Carne Church Hall at 8 o'clock. Secure a ticket without delay.

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MAGAZINE distributors are asked to send in the returns of their sales without delay to the Rector.

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A presentation is to be made to Queen Mary on her Coronation by people of the name of Mary, Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Chambers, Bank House, Portadown.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £1 from Mrs. Hadden for School Prize Fund, and 10s. for Protestant Orphan Society; also 10s. from Mr. J. G. Gracey for Drumgor Sunday School.

Parochial Soiree.

The Parochial Soiree held in Seagoe School on Thursday, Dec. 15th, was very successful. Although the attendance was not very large, there was a friendly sociable spirit which made the proceedings very enjoyable. Songs were sung and recitations given by many kind friends, and our parish treasurer, Mr. W. R. Atkinson made an interesting speech on the work that is being done in the parish, and on the duty of the Parishioners to help on the work with enthusiasm.

The Seagoe Blotter.

Everyone wants to have a good blotter at hand when they are writing letters. A neat blotter with a pretty picture of Seagoe Church on it and a Calendar for the year is now on sale at Mrs. Metcalfe's, Bridge Street (near Anchor Cafe), price one penny each. They are limited in number, so you should get one without delay. They were printed by the Church Army Press at Cowley, Oxford.

Offertories for December.

	Morning.	Evening.
Dec. 4th—2nd S. in Advent	£1 9 1	£0 9 3
" 11th—3rd " "	1 9 4	0 10 2
" 18th—4th " "	1 2 6	0 9
" 25th—Christmas Day	4 5 4	0 11 7
Week-days	—	0 5 11
	£8 6 3	£2 6 4

Band of Hope.

An excellent programme was performed on December 16th, in Edenderry Hall. Dialogues, Choruses, Recitations, and Solos, were given by Maggie Rainey, May Hynds, Minnie Watson, Sarah Coulter, Sarah Martin, Annie Graham, Fanny Thompson, Maggie Magee, Bella Magee, Agnes Johnston, Rachel Flanagan, Jennie Cummins, Bessie Dawson, Minnie Allen, Charlie Killow, Leonard Haire, Willie Watson, D. Murray, R. T. Montgomery, Jackie Hynds, Willie Gracey, Jackie Stoops, Sam Magee, James McNally, Arthur Allen, and many others.

During the evening an interesting address on Alcohol, and its influence on Muscle and Nerve, was given by the Rector. At the conclusion of the meeting votes of thanks were passed to Miss Armstrong, who unfortunately was unable to be present, and to Mr. Chambers, and Mr. R. T. Montgomery, for their work in preparing the programme. At the close of the meeting many new members were enrolled.

Ordination.

On Sunday, December 18th, the Rev. Alfred J. Murray was ordained to the office of a Deacon in St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. The ordination was held by the Lord Bishop of Down (the Right Rev. J. B. Crozier, D.D.), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. G. A. Stephenson, LL.D., rector of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Belfast. A large congregation was present, and included several parishioners of Seagoe, who had journeyed up to witness Mr. Murray's ordination. Mr. Murray has been nominated to the curacy of St. Nicholas's Church, Lisburn Road, Belfast. St. Nicholas's Parish was formed some years ago out of the neighbouring St. Thomas's Parish. The rector is the Rev. S. P. Mitchell, whom many of our readers will remember as the preacher at our Seagoe Harvest Festival in 1909. The Rev. A. J. Murray will have as his next neighbour the Rev. John Taylor, lately curate of Seagoe, and now curate of St. Thomas's Church, Belfast.

We offer to Mr. Murray our congratulations on his ordination to the sacred ministry, and we pray that much blessing may attend his ministrations in the great city of Belfast, where his lot is cast. He did good work for Seagoe Parish, and was ever ready to help the clergy in every possible way. He carries with him the good wishes of all in this parish, and we anticipate for him a career of much usefulness in his new sphere of life. The Murray family have always shown a deep interest in the parish, and we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Murray on their son's ordination.

The Bible Classes.

A good work is being done in our Bible Classes, eight of which are now in full working order each week. The returns of the attendance at the Sunday morning classes are now being made out, and far surpass previous years in the average of attendance. In Edenderry Men's Class no less than 28 men have attended over 43 Sundays out of the 53. Thomas M'Crory heads the list with a full attendance for six years. Isaiah Shanks has completed four years without missing a single Sunday, and this year's gold medalist is Thomas Best, who has completed three years without missing a Sunday. Four others have not been absent from any class during 1910.

In Seagoe Men's Class the returns are also very good, eight members not having missed a Sunday last year.

We are glad to notice a large number of the members coming to the Parish Church straight from the class. The bible class should be a stepping stone to the Church. We attend the Bible Class for instruction, but we go to the Church for worship. The man or woman who attends the class, but then turns away home without going to Church, defeats the object of the Class. We hope in future to see *all* the members in their places in Church each Sunday.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE AND EFFICIENCY CARDS.

FIRST CLASS (60 points and over)—Bessie Dawson, 63; Minnie Allen, 63; Bella Magee, 63; Thomas England, 61.

SECOND CLASS (55 points and over)—Maggie Magee, 57.

THIRD CLASS (50 points and over)—Jennie England, 54; Arthur Allen, 53; Maggie Forde, 51; Thomas Dickson, 50; Jack Stoops, 50; William James Webb, 50.

The Sunday Schools.

The Parish Sunday Schools are now in a very efficient state, although like other parishes, we suffer occasionally from a lack of teachers. The course of instruction for this year ought to be very useful, and the fact that the Catechism portions are printed in full in the Calendar ought to make it quite a simple matter for the teachers to give instruction in it.

The prize distributions will be held this month, and early in February. The following dates have been already fixed:—

Hacknahay distribution of prizes—Monday, Jan. 23rd, at 7-30 o'clock.

Carne distribution of prizes—Thursday, January 19th, at 8 o'clock.

The new Church Attendance Cards have been issued. They are slightly altered in form, and have been made more effective for their purpose. In future no child will get credit unless they have attended Church at least once each week.

We recommend teachers to study carefully the articles in each month's Sunday School Magazine. They will find them full of useful suggestions regarding Sunday School work.

An interesting address was given in Edenderry Sunday School last Sunday by the Rev. W. O'Connor, deputation secretary for the S.P.G., on "An Indian Sunday School."

The new Stamp Albums which have been issued to the children are very attractive, and great eagerness is shown each Sunday in getting the pretty coloured stamp for Church attendance.

Old Seagoe Notes.

The Clogh-Ban.—We hope to reproduce in an early number of the Magazine a photograph recently taken of the old bell commonly called the "Inscribed Bell of Armagh." We had intended printing the photograph on the cover of the Magazine, but found that the block when printed looked somewhat heavy, and so we substituted the snow view of Seagoe Church.

Churchwardens of Seagoe (continued):—

- 1731—Meredith Workman, Esq.
Ralph Wilson of Breagh.
1732—Mr. John Mathers of Edenderry.
Valentine Harrison of Moreverty.
1733—James Irwin of Carne.
Arthur Jorden of Moreverty.
1734—John Tuft of Drumnegoan.
William Bullock of Cross M'Kaughully.

Hearth-Money, 1705.—The following certificate of exemption from the Hearth Tax is taken from the Registers:—Wee doo Heereby Certifie that K. R. of the Parish of Segoe is a very poor man and lives upon Almes, and is not able to get his Living by his work or Labour, and so not Lyable to be charged with the payment of Hearth Money by neither of the Acts. Dated ye 8d day of April 1705.

The Poor List, 1691.—Widow Adamson, Wm. Whalley, Katherine Sandland, Widdow Gibson, Widdow Jones, John Dixen and his wife Joanne, Isabel Winslie, Thomas Potter, Thos. Pressick, Jane Moore, Widdow; Daniel Montgomery, Judith Osbrough put into the number of the poor December 8th, 1695; John Marshall, Widdow Jordan and Jane Tipping.

These names of the Poor of the Parish of Seagoe were approved at a vestry held in the Parish Church on Easter Munday, April 13th, 1691.

Building a New Gallery, 1703.—January 3rd, 1703.—At a Vestry then held in ye Parish Church of Segoe, it was unanimously agreed yt whereas there was an Act of Vestry made ye 25th day of April, Anno Dni 1700, when it was ordered and agreed yt twenty pounds sterg. should be applotted and leyvd; but afterwards it appearing more necessary yt a gallery should be built in ye first place. Another Act of Vestry was made ye 6th day of April, 1702, when it was agreed yt ye sd money should be applied to ye building of ye sd gallery and other uses in ye sd Act mentioned. After this ye Rev. Mr. John Campbell acquainted ye Right Rev. ye Ld Bp of ye Diocese, yt ye said money was so applied as aforesaid, but yet ye like sum was promised by ye Parishioners to be forthcoming for ye Bell and Belfry as it was first intended. We therefore, ye Minister, Churchwardens, and Parishioners, now met, do accordingly agree yt ye sum of £20 be applotted and leyvd with all convenient speed betwixt now and Lammas next, the sd money being intended for a Bell and Belfrey as formerly agreed,

HENRY JENNEY, Rector.

ANTHONY MEDCALF, Churchwarden.

WILL BLACKER.

Old Seagoe Songs—We are sure that in old there were many songs and rhymes written by Seagoe people. We would like to hear of any if they are remembered by any of the Parishioners. Here is the refrain of one of ancient date about 1760. It refers to a sad case of drowning in the Bann near Seagoe. Two men named Robinson and Bartley went to skate on the river when it was frozen. But the ice broke, and they went through. A heroic attempt to rescue them with ladder and ropes was made by Sloan Woolsey (grand uncle of Miss Woolsey of the Red Row), who was working near at hand, but unfortunately his efforts were in vain. The occurrence made a deep impression on the people, and some one wrote a song with the following refrain—

"Sloan Woolsey, Sloan Woolsey,

Your ropes are in vain;

We're twice at the bottom,

And now gone again."

The frost which occasioned the accident was unusually severe and prolonged. The river was frozen over for 9 weeks.