

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1925.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.

Rev. R. W. Johnston, L.Th., 51 William Street Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Mr. Robert Price (Rector's).

Mr. Thomas Martin (People's).

Harvest Thanksgiving Services.

The Annual Services of Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Harvest will be held (p.v.) in the Parish Church on Thursday, October 15, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, October 18th, at 11-30 and 7. The preacher at the Thursday evening Service will be the Rev. George Bloomer, M.A., Rector of Woods Chapel, Magherafelt, and formerly a curate in this Parish. Mr. Bloomer's good work in the Parish is still remembered, and his many friends in Seagoe will be glad to have him once more with us. The offerings at this service will be on behalf of Foreign Missions. Those who are conscious of the many blessings which the Lord of the Harvest gives us at this season will express their gratitude by a glorious offering so that the great Mission work of the Church may be furthered and the coming of the Master's Kingdom hastened.

On Sunday morning the preacher will be the Rev. William Hogarth, M.A., Rector of St. Saviour's, Portadown, and on Sunday evening the Rev. A. D. Mitchell, B.D., Rector of Eglantine, Hillsborough. The offerings at the Sunday Services will be in aid of our Parochial Fund for Church expenses. Gifts of fruit and flowers for the decoration of the Church will be thankfully received at the Church on Thursday morning, October 15th, at 10-30.

District Harvest Services.

The following District Harvest Services have been arranged:—

Levaghery—Sunday, October 4th, at 3-30.

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Preacher—Rev. B. M'Allister, B.A., Curate of St. Mark's, Portadown.

Drumgor—Sunday, October 11th, at 3-30.

Monday, October 12th, at 8.

Carn—Sunday, October 25th, at 3-30.

Monday, October 26th, at 8.

Edenderry—Thursday, October 29th, at 8.

Sunday, November 1st, at 3-30.

The offerings at these services will, on the Sundays, be given to the local Sunday School Funds, and on the Mondays to Foreign Missions.

Our Sunday Schools.

A well-attended meeting of our Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers was held in Seagoe School on Thursday, October 1st, at 8 p.m. The Rector presided, and the Rev. R. W. Johnston, curate assistant, was also present. After the singing of a hymn and prayer, the Chairman expressed his pleasure at the presence of their neighbour, the Rev. F. J. Halahan, Rector of Drumcree, who had very kindly come over to Seagoe to speak to them on Sunday School work. Mr. Halahan then gave an address on "Sunday School work," which was listened to with great interest by all present. He dwelt at length on the difficulties attending the work in the schools and also on the blessings which may flow from the work of a devout and regular Sunday School teacher. After Mr. Halahan had spoken, the meeting resolved itself into a conference on Sunday School work and how to make it efficient. Some useful suggestions were made and fresh interest was aroused in the great work of the schools. The Chairman expressed the thanks of all present to Mr. Halahan for his useful address, and the meeting concluded with the Benediction.

Levaghery School.

Some useful and practical work has been done at Levaghery School by the young men who attend the Sunday School there. They have in their spare time painted the windows and outside woodwork of the School, and also made new shutters for the windows. This assistance, so kindly given, has been of great use in completing the renovation of the School. It is also intended to put up on the School the date when it was built. The date lies between 1817 and 1821. We hope in the near future to be able to fix the exact date. Perhaps someone who reads this could help in deciding it. If so, the Rector would be glad to get any information on the subject.

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ITEMS.

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Richard Hughes and Arthur Allen have arrived in Seagoe from Canada and the States, respectively.

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We notice in our list of marriages that of Miss Bella Magee (now Mrs. Pentland). We offer the newly married couple all good wishes. Mrs. Pentland was for many years a useful and regular member of Seagoe choir and has helped on the good work in the Parish in many ways.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held (p.v.) in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesday, October 6th, at 4 p.m. A full attendance of all the members is requested, and those who wish

to join are also invited to be present. The subscription is 1s a year, and an additional 6d if the member wishes to receive the Mothers' Union quarterly paper. Mrs. David Murray, of Ballynary, will give an address to the members next Tuesday on "Domestic Economy."

Cutting the Corners.

A really good bit of work is being done just now on the Carne road. The two double right-hand corners which have for so many years been so great a danger and have caused so many accidents are at last being cut, so that this terror is at last removed from motorists and cyclists. The hedges have also been cut at some corners along the Lurgan road, but in some cases they have been left so high that the danger still remains. The only safe way at many corners is to remove the hedge and put in fencing. We hope this will be done. The Rector, as manager of Seagoe School, and Mr. Rennix, the Principal, have both on recent occasions read to the children the leaflet issued by the Board of Education on the dangers of motor traffic.

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 Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church. if notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required, and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

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

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

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DISTRICT SERVICES.

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CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry and Seagoe. For Women—Seagoe School.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay, Carne, Drumgor.

Girls' Friendly Society meets at Breagh (Miss Calvert's) on alternate Tuesdays at 7.

Seagoe Scouts in Seagoe School and in Edenderry Parochial Hall, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30.

Seagoe Girl Guides meet in Seagoe School on Saturday at 3.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, 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 15/-, 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