



SEAGOE

MAGAZINE

Autumn 2022

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Rector's Letter

On Sunday 21st August I preached from Jeremiah Chapter 1 on his call by God to bring his message to His people Israel. Jeremiah was young at the time, probably 17-20yrs, and so protested that he was too young to speak in this way. God rebuked him and said that he was not to put himself down as he would be with him. Along with the call came the equipping by God of Jeremiah for the task; God reached down, touching Jeremiah's lips and putting his word within them for the task.

Despite his lack of confidence, Jeremiah went on to faithfully fulfil God's calling over 40 years of ministry. His life was not easy, nor was his message well received most of the time, but in living out his calling he lived the fulfilled purposeful life God had set him apart for before he was even born!

The Bible is full of similar stories of God calling people to a variety of tasks and their reluctance to follow his lead as they feel inadequate. Nevertheless, as God works with them equipping them for their calling they go on to serve him in ways they never would have imagined, resulting in not only blessing for themselves but for many others for generations to come.



As God worked in the past, so he works in the present, and so he will work in the future! He continues to call us today, each and every one of us, into a relationship with him by trusting in Jesus, and from there he calls us to live out that relationship daily. In addition, there are lots of other calls that he puts upon our lives, some very life changing like those of Jeremiah and others, and some more minor in simply obeying him each day. As we respond we find that God equips, guides, blesses and uses us as part of his greater plan.

I think most of us hold back from responding to what God wants of us as we feel we are not up to the task. Actually that is the best starting point! None of us is up to the task, but the Good News of the Gospel is that, like Jeremiah, we do not follow Jesus in our own strength, but rather in the strength that he supplies by his Holy Spirit as he promises to be with us always.

As we approach September and a new season of Church life, we all need to be open to what God has in store for us. Like Jeremiah we may have heard God calling us already. Perhaps we have not been at Church regularly and we know we should make a fresh

start. Perhaps we have held back from attending a Fellowship Group, or other Church activity, and we know we really should give it a try. Or perhaps there is something more specific that we believe God is asking of us, but we keep holding back. God, I believe, is at work among us encouraging us, as he did Jeremiah, to take steps forward being assured that he will be with us to bless us as we engage further with him and his people, the Church. Are you going to respond like Jeremiah and come to join in what we have on offer? I strongly encourage you to do so.

As well as calling us to worship and engage in life-building Church activities, I believe God is calling us all to reach out to others to invite

and encourage them along. Perhaps we are even more reluctant to do that than to engage ourselves! But the Christian faith is all about sharing with others, and it is a calling for us all. I therefore encourage you also to be open to engaging with others to draw them into fellowship as well. Yes, some may say no, but others just might take that step if you are willing to play your part. How wonderful it would be to see people that you encourage coming to know Jesus and engaging in the Church, but how sad if they lose out due to your reluctance to invite them. Please play your part in reaching out in the knowledge that God will be with you helping you as you do so.

The Gospel message is a wonderful welcoming call to us all, and it is also a wonderful equipping call to reach out to others. I pray that you will respond as God directs you so that you and others might be blessed by Him.

Yours in Christ,

Terence



Throughout this magazine you will read of a variety of Church services, organisations and events for you to come along to, but also to invite and bring others. If we all respond and work at this together how wonderful it will



be to see more people engaging and being blessed by God. Please study what is on offer and share with others.

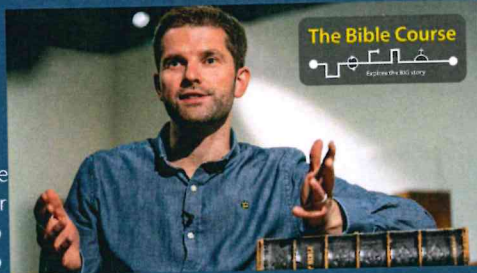


The Bible Course

This course provides a wonderful overview of the Bible suitable for those who are new to the Bible as

well as those who have studied it for years. The course is presented over 8 sessions on DVD with opportunities for discussion.

We ran the course by Zoom during lockdown last year and those who attended it found it really helpful. Because it is such a great course we are offering it again, but this time in the Parish Centre. We strongly encourage as many people as possible to join with us for the course which will begin on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm. A short trailer video for the course can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93yCmmD7gBs>



The Bible Course



Jubilee Trees

Following our Jubilee Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 5th June we were delighted that two trees were planted in our Church grounds to mark the occasion. One was planted by a group of parishioners and the other by members of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade.



Back to Church

On Sunday 18th September we are having a special 'Back to Church' service at 10.30am followed by a fun day. There will be games and crafts, a bouncy castle and some food (you're even welcome to bring your own!). After the success of our Jubilee Party back in June, it was great to see so many of our church family gathered to celebrate, and we want to encourage people to join with us on this special day as part of our Back to Church month.

Please put this date in your diary and use this opportunity to invite your family and friends back to church.

Seagoe Sunday Light (Sunday School)

Following our Family Fun Day in September, we're looking forward to all our children coming back to Sunday Light. Running alongside our 10.30am service each Sunday, the children will have the chance of learning about Jesus, faith and Bible characters in a fun interactive way as we follow the Jigsaw programme through the year.

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	Date	9.00am	10.30am	6.00pm St. Patrick's	7.00pm Parish Centre
	September				
SUNDAY	4th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Evening Worship	
SUNDAY	11th	Mothers' Union Centenary Service	Holy Communion	Evening Worship	
SUNDAY	18th	Sunday Light Service	Evening Worship	Holy Communion	Rotunda Praise Service
SUNDAY	25th	Holy Communion	Evening Worship		
	October				
SUNDAY	2nd	Harvest Communion	Family Harvest		Harvest Thanksgiving in Church
SUNDAY	9th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Harvest Thanksgiving	
SUNDAY	16th	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Rotunda Praise Service
SUNDAY	23rd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Worship	
SUNDAY	30th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Worship	Thankful Remembrance
	November				
SUNDAY	6th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Evening Worship	
SUNDAY	13th	Holy Communion	Remembrance Service	Holy Communion	
SUNDAY	20th	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Worship	Rotunda Praise Service
SUNDAY	27th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Worship	
	December				
SUNDAY	4th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Evening Worship	
SUNDAY	11th	Holy Communion	Morning	Carol Service	

In addition to the above services we have a short Holy Communion service each Wednesday at 10 am in the Quiet Room.

Wednesday Holy Communion

The Holy Communion service on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Quiet Room continues to provide a very important worship opportunity for many people. This short service (about 30mins) is particularly suitable for those who cannot sit through a long service, or for whom worship on Sundays is difficult. After the service people linger over refreshments and enjoy the opportunity to chat to others. We encourage you, if you are free, to come along and join together in the service.

Thankful Remembrance

Having not been able to hold this important service for a few years, we are very pleased that we can offer it this year. During the quiet, reflective service, we remember before God those who have died over the past year. In the past families have found the service itself to be very comforting, but also the realisation that so many others are there having also lost loved ones. The names of those who have died are mentioned in the prayers, and people are provided with the opportunity to lay a flower at the foot of the cross in remembrance of their loved ones, and to light a candle in remembrance. The service is not restricted to those who have been bereaved, but rather is open to anyone. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Rotunda.



Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Seagoe 2nd October

9.00am Harvest Communion

10.30am Family Harvest Thanksgiving (no 6.00pm Service in St. Patrick's)

7.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving & Supper

St. Patrick's 9th October

6.00pm Harvest Celebration and Refreshments



Decorate the Church with food!

We are very aware that this winter will be difficult for many people and so we have decided that our Harvest Thankoffering this year will focus on helping people in the local community.

On the Sunday before Harvest (25th September) we are asking people to bring items for our local FoodBank that we can then use to help decorate the Church for Harvest Non-perishable food items only please. Following our Harvest Festivals we will forward these to the Foodbank.

At our Harvest Services we will receive a Thankoffering of money which will be set aside to help those who will be in need over the following months. Those who pay tax will be able to Gift Aid their contributions thus enabling us to claim back the tax they have already paid. As a result 25p will be added to every £1 donated.



Mothers' Union Centenary

As we in Seagoe Mothers' Union Branch continue in our Centenary year we are looking forward to sharing our celebrations with our Church family. We are delighted that the 10.30am service on Sunday morning 11th September will include a theme of thanksgiving for the service of our members since 1922.

Among our specially invited guests for the occasion will be our Diocesan President, Mrs Mavis Thompson from Dromore. I very much hope that our story, our history and our outreach will encourage others in the Parish to come along to our meetings. Some of you might not know a lot about the work of Mothers' Union. We are a small cog in a global movement active in 84 countries whose aim is to support families through our faith. In the UK MU has successfully lobbied governments to introduce the right to request flexible working for all parents, and internationally MU speaks out on issues of gender equality through its representative status at the United Nations. Our present campaign in Ireland and UK is to support those affected by domestic violence. At a more local level one of our successful projects involves providing toilet bags for Craigavon Hospital patients who have been admitted in emergency circumstances. These contain a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, a flannel, a comb/hairbrush, sometimes a few other essentials and most importantly a prayer card. This is something anyone in the parish can help us with.

Over the past 100 years the members of MU in this parish have helped out in the local charity shops, played an active part in school breakfast clubs, volunteered in local community groups, been Sunday school teachers, sung in the church choir, set up support groups and given women a voice.

The photo below was taken the night I was enrolled in Mothers' Union. It's a photo of my grandmother, Mrs Lily Gracey, being recognised for 50 years of membership, my mother, Mrs Beryl Partridge, who was also a faithful member and my much younger self. I'm so glad I went along to my first meeting and I'm looking forward to continuing in Centenary celebrations, having new members join us and our branch being active for many years to come. We're not just a group of ladies who meet for a chat and a cup of tea and members don't even have to be a mother or married. You will have seen us at Baptism services giving the children a Baptism storybook and card, we are very much an active part of the Church family.

Help us celebrate Seagoe Mothers' Union as we give thanks for 100 years of our branch on Sunday 11th September at 10.30 am.

Shirley Brnayan

Enrolling Member (Branch leader)"



European Heritage Open Days 10th & 11th September 2022

European Heritage Open Days is an annual event celebrating local architecture, history and culture which takes place across Europe on the second weekend in September

This is a once a year opportunity to take time to explore and find out more about the architecture and heritage of our Church. You may not be aware of the following:

The Font is the oldest artefact in the church which was removed from the original Seagoe church in Seagoe cemetery.

When the church was built in 1816 it was a simple 70' by 30' oblong construction without a chancel and a flat plastered ceiling. In the late 1880's the new Rector had the leading architect Thomas Drew RHA increase the size and make major internal improvements in the Church. The front entrance ornate pillars and gates are a War Memorial to those Parishioners who paid the Ultimate Sacrifice during the First and Second World Wars and were constructed a century ago.

If you would like to find out more about the rich architectural heritage of our church, invite friends and family and come along any time between 11am and 5pm on Saturday 10th or 2pm and 5pm on Sunday 11th September where guided tours will be available. You will also have the opportunity to digitally view some of the Parish magazines dating back to 1900.

Everyone is welcome and light refreshments are available.

Philip Morrison



Youth Fellowship

Please spread the word that Youth Fellowship will be commencing again on Sunday 25th September at 7pm in the Parish Centre. YF provides a great opportunity for young people to get together for a range of activities and to discuss the Christian faith together. Like all our Church activities, YF is open to all young people, so please encourage any secondary school aged young people to come along.

Youth Fellowship Starts Sunday 25th September, 7pm

(First year and up)

SEAGOE
PARISH

Seagoe Church Lads Brigade



Fun

Thursday Evenings @ Seagoe Parish Centre

Nursery - P1 (Junior Martins) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

P2 - P3 (Martins) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

P4 - P6 (Y-Team) 6.30pm - 8pm

P7 - Yr9 (JTC) 8pm - 9.30pm

Yr10 + up to 21yrs (Seniors) 8pm-9.30pm

Dues are £30 per boy

Uniform: Sweatshirt £15 Polo Shirt £10

Any boy interested in joining please email:
seagoechurchladsbrigade@gmail.com
and your child will
be placed on a waiting list, preference
will be given to
existing members and
those already on our waiting list
from last year.

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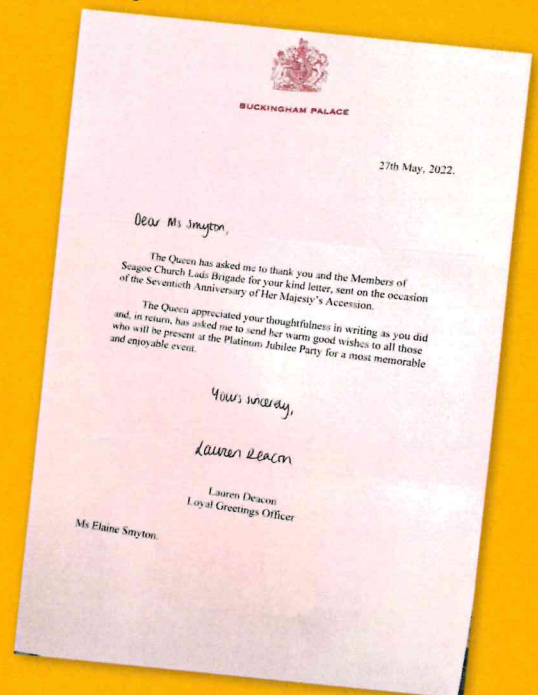


CLCGB

Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade

CLB will start again on Thursday 15th September

Having sent their regards to Her Majesty The Queen upon her Platinum Jubilee, the members of the Brigade were delighted to receive a letter of acknowledgement in return.



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*I send you my grateful thanks for
your kind message on the occasion
of the Seventieth Anniversary of my
Accession to the Throne*

ELIZABETH R
2022



Healing Prayer Group

Seagoe Healing Prayer Group is part of the Church's ministry to intercede on behalf of those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and in need of the healing touch of God.

The prayer group pray every day for those who have asked us to pray for them by name. As only first names are used, confidentiality is assured.

We meet for 1 hour on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7pm in the Quiet Room of the Parish Centre to update the prayer list, pray, praise and have fellowship together.

If you would like to help someone who is sick by praying for them please come and join us.

Janette McCartney

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Seagoe Parish has traditionally been very generous in its support of the Macmillan Coffee mornings. This year we are delighted that the coffee morning will be hosted on Sunday 25th September after 10.30 worship. Please spread the word so that people can come along ready to make a donation. Anyone who cannot make a donation, or does not want to, is still encouraged to come along



What is Walk 4 Life?

It's a women's ministry which aims to reach the women of our church and the surrounding area with the love of Jesus Christ, seeking to introduce them to the one who can change their lives and encourage those who already have trusted in Him.

The evening starts with a walk of 30 minutes to an hour depending on what each lady feels comfortable with. This is then followed by a speaker about a topic relevant to women and sharing from a Christian perspective. We will conclude with a healthy supper. Enjoy a bit of exercise, fun and fellowship. Come along and bring a friend! We would love to see you.

More details to follow. Hannah Abraham, Kathleen Crowe, Kathryn Kerr, Kathryn McMeekin and Judith Paulin

SEAGOE PARISH CHURCH

WALK
4
LIFE

Ladies come along and enjoy a walk, chat and healthy supper!

Guest Speakers each week

Where? Seagoe Parish Church, Portadown

When? Every Monday night in September

5 September
12 September
19 September
26 September

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm



After Church Refreshments

We are so pleased that time to enjoy a cuppa and chat after worship is back, provided by the faithful team of Joan, Heather, Molly and Sylvia after the 9 am service and by our rota of hosts after the 10.30 am service.

We are updating the rotas for hosting the 10.30 am service refreshments during the autumn, so if you feel you could help with a team of 2 or 3 friends/family, whether male or female, please sign at a suitable date on the list in the glass porch - all welcome!

All new members of the team will be guided through the process-it really is very simple!

Many thanks everyone.

SEAGOE MENS GROUP

After a summer break, Seagoe Men's group will be returning with a special event (details below) that we hope will encourage greater fellowship and offer an opportunity to invite others to join with us. The men's breakfast will be part of our wider 'back to church' month. After a challenging couple of years, we are now in a season where we want to encourage one another to fully engage in the life of the church. As part of this sense of wider engagement, members of the men's group have been discussing an idea that we aim to launch over the autumn period. The Seagoe HELP box will be an initiative that offers to support people in their practical needs as just one small way we can Help Everyone Love People (HELP). By offering a little helping hand to parishioners needing practical or pastoral support, we hope to not only be a help, but to be an encouragement to one another and an example of God's love. The group hopes to offer small practical help, like transport for those who need brought to church, running errands for those unable to do so, small DIY and gardening projects, for example. This will be a voluntary group, coordinated by Edward Graham. We plan to launch this project very soon, so look out for our HELP box, and if you, or anyone you know of, need a little helping hand, fill out the card (which can be found in the bottom drawer of the HELP box), pop it into the top of the box, and we will do all we can to help. All requests for help will

be managed with the strictest of confidence. We plan to run this project for six months, and so we appreciate your feedback; also if you have any skills or time you'd like to offer, please let us know.

The next Tuesday night meeting of the Men's

Group will take place in the Parish centre on Tuesday 18th October 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.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 24th September

9.30am

Seagoe Parish Centre

**To book, please contact
Stuart on 07739181466 or
email stuart@seagoe.co.uk**



Safety Ramps

Last year Seagoe Primary School provided funding to enable additional line markings and crossings to be added to the Church carpark for everyone's safety. The Vestry added to this some speed limit signs. The Vestry and Governors of the School have recently decided that the addition of some speed-reducing ramps would add to the safety of all users. Thanks to a group of Vestry volunteers the first of the ramps was recently installed. Whilst these measures are helpful, we continue to ask all users to be mindful of pedestrians and to drive both slowly and carefully. We further request that people only park in the designated parking spaces and not along the roadways or elsewhere.



Parish Register

Christian Baptism

14th August 2022

Lily Claire Henry, daughter of Lee and Lindsey, Ratarnet Road, Collone.

14th August 2022

Jack Allen Henry, son of Lee and Lindsey, Ratarnet Road, Collone.

Christian Marriage

20th August 2022

Aaron Timothy Duke and Christie Van Schalkwyk, Highfield Park, Craigavon

Christian Burial

20th June 2022

Grace Elizabeth Richardson, Bridge Street, Portadown

5th July 2022

Hazel Magee, Elizabeth Terrace, Portadown

6th July 2022

Walter Blair, Tamnamore Road, Markethill

7th July 2022

Gordon Medlow, Kernan Gardens, Portadown

10th July 2022

Florence Beverley Hynes, Ulsterville Park, Portadown

17th July 2022

Aaron Gibson, Kernan Hill Manor, Portadown

19th July 2022

Margaret Gilmour, Brackagh Road, Portadown

27th July 2022

Olive Martin, Bocombra Avenue, Portadown

2nd August 2022

Mervyn Pepper, Killicomain Drive, Portadown

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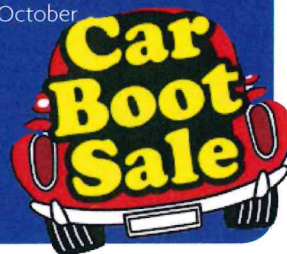
SATURDAY 8 AM – 12 NOON

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Saturday 27th August, 24th September, 29th October

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9th September

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Do you enjoy singing, especially hymns and songs? If so, you might like to join members of the Choir for an hour or so each Tuesday in the Quiet Room, beginning on Tuesday 13 September @7.30pm. There is no requirement to read music (although it helps!) and you will be made most welcome among this group of friends. We rehearse music ahead of each Sunday service and will be looking at appropriate music for Harvest Thanksgiving. Anyone of any age is welcome to join us. (Contact details below.) For the record I would like to thank all those members of the Choir who have faithfully sung at weekly services throughout the pandemic, taking them beyond their comfort zone and behind microphones in this season of live streaming!

Alison Cadden (07535 638880)