

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

OCTOBER, 1940.

CLERGY:

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CHURCHWARDENS.

Rector's—GEORGE LEAKE.

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

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER.

October 6th—20th Sunday after Trinity.
October 8th—Monthly meeting of Mothers' Union.
October 13th—21st Sunday after Trinity.
October 18th—St. Luke.
October 20th—22nd Sunday after Trinity.
October 27th—23rd Sunday after Trinity.
Monthly Service in Hacknahay, 3.30 p.m.
October 28th—St. Simon and St. Jude.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES.

BOCOMBRA—

Sunday, Oct. 6th, at 3.30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 7th, at 8 p.m. Preacher, Rev.
J. F. O. Williams, B.A., Lurgan.

CARNE—

Sunday, Oct. 6th, at 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev.
G. W. Millington, M.A., Portadown.
Monday, Oct. 7th, at 8 p.m. Preacher, Rev.
G. F. G. Mann, M.A., Knocknamuckley.

DRUMGOR—

Sunday, Oct. 13th, at 3.30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14th, at 8 p.m. Preacher, Rev.
H. A. Lillie, B.A., Portadown.

LEVAGHERY—

Sunday, October 13th, at 3.30 p.m.
Monday, October 14th, at 8 p.m.

PARISH CHURCH—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Preacher, Rev. J. Hobcroft, M.A., Tartaraghan.

3 p.m.—Children's Service.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer. Preacher, Rev. H. Hughes,
M.A., Moira.

Monday, Oct. 21st, at 8 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J.
Haddock, M.A., Waringstown.

The collection will be in aid of Parochial Expenses
at both services on Sunday October 20th, and it is
hoped, that as in former years, the parishioners will
use the special Thank offering Envelopes which will
be supplied to them.

On Monday evening, October 21st, the collection

will be in aid of the Dublin University Mission to
Fu Kien.

EDENDERRY PAROCHIAL HALL—

Sunday, Oct. 27th, at 3.30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 28th, at 8 p.m.

Preachers will be announced later.

N.B.—Where possible special preachers will be ar-
ranged for all the above services. In these days of
shortage of petrol and the difficulty of travelling in
the black-out, together with the demands on men for
these occasions, it is very difficult to procure special
preachers. We have done and are doing everything
possible to get them, but it may not be possible in
every case to achieve this, so we hope that this will
be understood, if this should prove to be the case.

PARISH CHURCH DECORATIONS.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday after-
noon, Oct. 19th, at 2 p.m. Gifts of corn, flowers, fruit,
etc., will be appreciated and should be left at the
Church on Saturday morning. Helpers for this are
also needed; come and help, if you are free; "many
hands make light work," and the burden of this
should not be left to a few.

ANNUAL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR MEETINGS.

The annual meetings of the Irish C.E. Union were
held in Lisburn during the past month. We quote
the following items of interest from the secretaries'
annual report. There are 418 C.E. Societies with a
membership of 11,862 in Ireland. Of this number 50
are to be found working in connection with the
Church of Ireland. During the year 79 members
passed the Expert Examination. The following office-
bearers were elected for the year 1940-41:—Irish Pre-
sident—The Rev. Prof. Wilson, M.A., B.D.; President
designate—Mrs. J. H. Sinton; General Secretary—Rev.
W. J. Carson; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. S. J. Harvey; Re-
cording Secretary—Mr. H. Martin; Editor of the
"Irish Endeavourer"—Mrs. E. M. Clow. Mr. W.
Hutchinson, Portadown, retains his seat on the Coun-
cil, and will continue the oversight of C.E. work
amongst Sailors and Seamen in the various parts of
Ireland.—(W.H.)

EDENDERRY BRING AND BUY SALE.

The above event took place on Saturday, September
7th, in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, commencing at
3.30 p.m., to raise funds for the Parochial Hall ex-
penses. It was organised by the Hall Committee, to-
gether with the help of the teachers of the morning
and afternoon Sunday School teachers, and realised
the sum of £12 5s 4d. This result was most gratifying
in view of the inclement afternoon and the fact that

there were two other functions of a kindred nature in Portadown on that afternoon.

Our best thanks are due to all the helpers and to our friends who sent subscriptions or material for sale, and to those who by their presence made the venture a success.

NEW RECTORY BUILDING FUND.

The Hon. Treasurer for the above gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions:

Mrs. Tedford, Seafield ..	£0 2 6
Mr. W. H. Best, Goban Cottage ..	0 10 0
Mrs. Hoy, Bridge Street ..	0 10 0
Mr. J. Wilson, Seagoe Road ..	0 5 0
Mrs. T. Mitchell, Seagoe Upper ..	0 2 6
Mr. Geo. Leake, Lurgan Road ..	1 0 0

£2 10 0

Already Acknowledged .. £655 10 1

Total .. £658 0 1

SIDESMEN.

OCTOBER—

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. T. Martin, C. S. A. Twinem, W. R. Sherman, W. G. Best.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. N. Campbell, Thos. Gracey, W. Hewitt, H. Ellis, Wm. Neill, J. M'Loughlin.

NOVEMBER—

Morning Prayer—The Churchwardens, Messrs. T. E. Maginnis, R. Scott, R. M'Murray, J. Stephens.

Evening Prayer—Messrs. A. Kirke, Geo. Wilson, Wm. Hutchinson, D. Allen, W. H. Best, J. Ward.

MOTHERS' UNION.

There was a large attendance of members present at the monthly meeting, held in Seagoe School, on September 10th, when Mrs. Moore very kindly gave a talk to the mothers on children in the home.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 8th, at 7.30 p.m., and it is hoped there will be a special speaker. The members have expressed their preference for evening meetings throughout the coming winter rather than in the afternoon, and to make this possible they have undertaken to be responsible for the blacking-out of one of the rooms in the School so that meetings can be held without contravening the "black-out" regulations.

SCHOOL CARETAKER.

We are grateful to Mrs. Margaret Porter for so kindly carrying on in this capacity until October 1st, when it is hoped that a new caretaker will be appointed. Mrs. Porter is relinquishing the position at her own request after years of faithful and efficient

service, and she has set a very high standard for her successor. Her many friends are delighted to see her about again after her recent illness.

PRESENTATIONS.

Two parishioners received gifts recently on the occasion of their marriage. Miss Jean Watters, now Mrs. Hobbs, was presented with a travelling clock by the Superintendent and teachers of Edenderry Morning Sunday School, where she rendered faithful service as a teacher for many years; she now resides in England.

Mr. Walter Currie, R.A.F., received a canteen of cutlery from the members of the choir on his marriage. The presentation was made by Miss Montgomery on behalf of the choir at a social held recently. We are glad that Mr. Currie still finds it possible to help in the choir when he is home on leave. We extend to Mrs. Currie a hearty welcome to our midst. To these happy couples, and to all married recently, we extend our best wishes for a happy married life.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.

Sunday, September 8th, was observed in Seagoe Parish Church in accordance with the King's wish as a day of special prayer for the British Empire at this time when she faces alone the tyranny of Nazism. We were glad to see so many present, especially at the Morning Service. There was a good turn-out of the local contingents of the "B" Special Police, Home Guard, as well as the Seagoe Company of the Church Lads' Brigade at the Morning Service, and their uniforms added a touch of solemnity to the service. Reports from all quarters of the Empire go to show that these Services were well attended. This is at it should be; these days of crisis and strain have at least this advantage that men everywhere are being driven by the sheer weight of circumstances to a fresh realisation of our need of God. When peace comes again let us hope and pray that this lesson so dearly learnt will not be forgotten, as unfortunately it was forgotten after the last war. Even in peace time we cannot live in God's world without God.

CARNE CHURCH HALL.

We congratulate Mr. Alfred M'Loughlin and the Sunday School teachers of Carne on their initiative in making some much-needed improvements in the hall. It has been painted and coloured internally, and a new harmonium has been procured for use in the Sunday School, the old one had become totally unfit for use. We hope that our parishioners in the neighbourhood of Carne will show their appreciation by their presence and support at the Harvest Services to be held there on Sunday, October 6th, and Monday, 7th.

WHAT DEPENDENCE ON GOD MEANS.

"After a year of war," said the Archbishop of Canterbury in a broadcast address on Sunday, the National Day of Prayer, "our country finds itself alone. We have many friends on both sides of the ocean, but among the nations the British Commonwealth stands the solitary champion of freedom in Europe. We do not complain. It is an honour to hold the fort with the flag of liberty still flying. It is an even greater honour to hold it alone. We are proud of the honour."

His Grace asked his listeners to think quietly, for a short time, what a nation's acknowledgment of its dependence on God ought to mean. The archbishop spoke of faith, humility, loyalty to the will of God, and dedication to God's service. As to faith, "it is an immense help in the midst of all the demands, the anxieties, the perils of the war to rise sometimes above the things that are seen and temporal to the things that are unseen and eternal—the abiding truths that God reigns, that God knows, that God cares; yes, and (however hard it may sometimes be to realize it) that God loves."

A National Day of Prayer used long ago to be called also a Day of Humiliation. But, said the archbishop, "I cannot, I do not, think it right to use that word now, for we are called to rise to the height of one of the noblest causes ever entrusted to a nation. But most certainly humility, the humility which shows itself in penitence. May it not be that one of God's purposes in this war is to show what our once vaunted civilization may become if God is left out and Christian standards are ignored, and to pronounce his judgment upon it?"

THE CHOIR.

The members of the Choir went for their annual excursion to Bangor on August 31st, and by all accounts they had a most enjoyable day.

The steady and regular choir practices are beginning to show a marked improvement in the singing on Sundays, and it is gratifying to note the keenness of the members in attending the practices; at present they are working hard for the Harvest Services.

CHURCH LADS BRIGADE.

The meetings of the above have been resumed for the winter session in the Parochial Hall, Edenderry, on Tuesdays, Training Corps at 7 p.m., Seniors at 8 p.m. There are vacancies for new recruits in both sections, and we commend its useful work for boys to the parents in our parish in the hope that they will encourage their boys to join. In all its varied and interesting activities it has one dominant aim, viz.—"the extension of Christ's Kingdom amongst boys."

LORD HALIFAX AND FUNDS FOR OVERSEA**A PERMANENT CHRISTIAN OBLIGATION.****MISSIONS.**

Dr. William Paton, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, recently wrote to Lord Halifax pointing out that some of those who regularly support the work of foreign missions are in doubt whether it is right in time of war to send money out of the country, and also whether war charities and war work ought not to take precedence over everything else.

In reply, Lord Halifax says:

"Action already taken by several Government departments has shown the desire of the British Government that the services rendered by Christian missions should continue. I am myself quite clear that the support of foreign missionary work in time of war is an essential part of the Church's witness. I should much regret if the responsibility which Christian people rightly feel towards the special needs and charities that press upon us in war-time should lead them to desert this permanent and universal Christian obligation.

"Payments overseas which involve a loss of exchange are, of course, an increasing difficulty in these times; but, as you point out in your letter, by far the greatest part of British missionary work is carried on in countries whose currencies are linked with sterling. In other cases, I understand that the Treasury will look at applications from well-recognised bodies for transfer for missionary work as sympathetically as they reasonably can, having regard to the circumstances as they exist from time to time."

(The above pronouncement by a layman, who is also one of Britain's leading statesmen at the present time, is specially worthy of note at this time for us in Seagoe, when at one of the Harvest Festivals in each of the district services and the Monday evening service in the Parish Church, the collection is in aid of the Missionary work of the Church.)

THE UNWEEDED GARDEN.

"Quite a lot of people make fresh starts to live in real truth and service of God several times in the course of their life. Many people do it every morning, some even two or three or more times a day. They understand that an effort is the kind of thing that rises to a climax and then falls, and that the whole business of life in and for God is worked with a succession of efforts, very much as the machinery works which drives a steam train or a motor car. But then often a new reason for being down-hearted comes and crops up. They would say, perhaps, "Yes, I understand all that about efforts going up and coming down like rockets, and I'm trying to allow for that, but my trouble is that whenever I make an effort,

I always fall back sooner or later into the same sins. It's ridiculous to tell me to go on. What's the use, if I keep doing the same wrong thing?"

"But—supposing for the moment the person to be you or someone you are trying to help—what on earth did you expect? The real cause for despair, or for something very near it, would surely be if each time you made a fresh start you fall away into a totally new form of sin; if when you had started, for instance, fresh after a life of burglary you began setting fire to people's houses, and when you had got over that you began running away with other people's wives, and then took to solid and convincing lying. I have instanced more or less open crimes which are easy to talk about, but you can sketch our parallel cases to suit yourself or your friend. Actually, people very rarely keep on falling away into different sins like that, which is a very good thing; they would be extraordinarily difficult cases to advise and help, because their actions would be apparently unaccountable, like a lunatic's. But falling back into the same sin is not anything like so discouraging. You see, the sin you or I fall back into, perhaps over and over again, is the particular kind of sin to which your special character or mine is liable, the particular weed which tends to grow in the special sort of soil and conditions of your soul and mine. Just as if you find thistles in one corner of your garden, and get them out, it will generally be thistles that come up in that particular corner again some day, because the soil

and conditions in that special bit of ground are suitable for thistles. You'll very rarely find the thistles succeeded by groundsel, and the groundsel by nettles, and the nettles by something else.

"So in your soul and mine, there are special conditions that favour in each of us one particular kind of weed, just as the same conditions favour one or two specially glorious flowers and fruit which can grow there, and perhaps there only, to the honour of God. When you find weeds growing in the garden of your soul, then, pull them up. Don't leave them there because they are the same kind you uprooted before. And then, if we weed regularly and patiently, fresh effort after fresh effort, and the flowers of our better doings have room to grow and are not choked, the garden of our soul may become a cool and pleasant place for the Feet of the Son of God to tread. Don't fuss about weeds; pull them up!"

(From a recent broadcast address by the Rev. Bernard Clements.)

MARRIAGES.

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

28th August—Foster Shanks, Edenmount, Carrickblacker Road, Portadown, and Ruth Hewitt, Marlaeobeg, Portadown.

31st August—George Deane Elliott, 55, Parkmount, Portadown, and Jane Robb, Tarson.

4th September—Samuel Whitten, 100, Park Road, Portadown, and Sarah Mary Simpson, Seagoe Lower

17th September—John Crealey, 5, Ormonde Street, Portadown, and Gladys Winifred Porter, 20, Railway Street, Portadown.

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 annua.

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.