

# Seagoe Parish Magazine.

JUNE, 1929.

## RECTOR:

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

## LAY READER (Bishop's Licence):

Mr. Robt. Gracey, 23 Railway Street, Portadown.

## CHURCHWARDENS:

Rector's—George Henry Wilson.

People's—John Harrison Twinem.

## The King's Thanksgiving Service.

Sunday, June 16th, has been fixed as the day on which the King will go to Westminster Abbey to return thanks to Almighty God for his recovery from his recent severe illness. His subjects in all parts of the British Empire will unite their thanksgivings with his in an act of united Public Worship. Here in Seagoe we will join together for worship and thanksgiving in the Parish Church on that day. The following services have been arranged:—

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11-30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Special Service of Thanksgiving.

7 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

## Anniversary of Confirmation.

It was on Friday, June 8th of last year, that the Lord Bishop held a Confirmation in Seagoe Parish Church. A large number of young people were then Confirmed. Some have ever since been regular Communicants, others have attended occasionally, but some have been altogether absent. We heartily invite our young friends to come to the celebration of Holy Communion which will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning, June 16th, at 8 a.m. In the quiet of the early morning they will dedicate themselves afresh to their high and holy calling.

## The Choral Festival.

The Annual Choral Festival for the choirs of the Lurgan district was held in Waringstown Church on Saturday, June 1st, at 4-30 p.m. Seagoe Choir took part in the Festival. The preacher was the Rev. Canon David Wilson, Rector of St. Mary's, Donnybrook, Dublin. Canon Wilson's mother was born at Peacefield, Ballinacor, in this Parish. Canon Wilson is a distinguished musician and edited our Irish Church Hymnal. One of the Hymns in that Hymnal, No. 628, "Now the daylight goes away," was set to music by him and he called the tune "Peacefield," after the name of his mother's birthplace.

At the practice of Seagoe Choir held by the Rev. J. Bentley in Seagoe Church on Friday, May 23rd, Mr. Bentley congratulated Mr. and Miss Wilson and the choir. It is a great help to true spiritual worship in the House of Prayer when the music is rendered in a hearty and devotional manner. Mr.

Bentley, who is Rector of Jonesborough Parish, in the Diocese of Armagh, is one of our leading Church musicians, and his approval is only given when the standard of musical attainment is high.

## Photographs

Two of our Parish organisations were photographed last month. On Tuesday, May 21st, the Church Lads' Brigade marched up to the Church to be photographed. They were arranged in a group at the side of the Church. The Rector, Captain Gracey, Lieut. Casey and Lieut. Metcalf were in the group. The photograph was most successful and Mr. Moffett is to be congratulated on the result. On Tuesday, May 28th, the Choir was photographed in a group in front of the Church door. It is more than 30 years since a photograph was taken of the Choir, and the only person who appears in both photographs is our veteran organist, Mr. T. H. Wilson, who is still as fresh and keen as ever.

The children attending Seagoe Public Elementary School were photographed in groups last month. A school photograph is always interesting, and the groups will be treasured by parents and children. The photographer, an Englishman, remarked to the Rector that he had photographed many schools in the neighbourhood, but had nowhere noticed so many bright and healthy faces as amongst the children of Seagoe School.

## Seagoe Mothers' Union.

Mrs. Magill, of Killicomaine Road, wife of the Rev. W. Magill, curate of St. Mark's, Portadown, was the speaker at the May meeting of the Mothers' Union, held in Seagoe School on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7-30 p.m. There was a large gathering of members and Mrs. Magill's address was much appreciated by the members.

Mrs. Twinem, of Lylo, has kindly invited the Mothers to hold their next gathering at her house in Lylo on Tuesday, June 11th, at 4 p.m. Lylo is a beautiful and healthy place and the Mothers always enjoy their visit to Mr. and Mrs. Twinem's hospitable home. As in other years, the members will assemble at the Parochial Hall at 3-15 and drive in charabancs to Mrs. Twinem's house.

## Seagoe School Excursion.

Our Sunday School children are looking forward with eager expectation to our Sunday School excursion to Newcastle. It will take place on Thursday, July 25th. The Committee is busy perfecting all the arrangements. Special attention is being paid to the catering, and we hear that the ham sandwiches which were so popular an innovation last year, will be provided again this year. Newcastle is a delightful place for a holiday. The lofty mountains and the great expanse of open sea make it an ideal centre for a Sunday School excursion. The beach is a very safe place for children.



### **Congratulation.**

We congratulate our popular Sexton, Mr. Robert Richardson, on his recovery from a very severe illness. "Bob" Richardson has been Sexton of Seagoe for eleven years and he is much respected and esteemed by all who know him. We hope he will soon be quite restored to his former health.

### **Jumble Sale.**

The Committee recently formed for the Upkeep and Improvement of Seagoe Parochial School have decided to hold a Jumble Sale, with farm produce and "White Elephant" stalls, in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Friday, June 21st, at 7-30 p.m. Contributions towards this object will be gratefully received by the Committee or by the Hon. Sec., Mr. George Wilson, Seagoe Cottage. Collecting cards to help our school funds have been issued. It is hoped to raise a sum of at least £50 to carry out necessary repairs. Seagoe School has a warm place in the hearts of many of our people who received within its walls their education in secular and in religious knowledge. The School has a great tradition, extending over 200 years, and many who now occupy high and responsible positions received their education there. It is the wish of the Committee to make the building in every respect worthy of its position as the ancient school of Seagoe Parish.

### **"Seagoe" in Queensland.**

There are many places all over the world called "Seagoe," after the old Parish at home. A worldwide affection exists for the old place. There is a "Seagoe" in Monkstown, Co. Dublin, in Broadstairs, Kent, in Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., in Melbourne, Australia, and now we hear that there is a "Seagoe" in Queensland. Major Edward Costello has given the name of "Seagoe" to his farm at Thane, Warwick, Queensland. Major Costello is a nephew of Mr. Andrew Costello, of Tamniflaglasson, and served with the Australians during the Great War. He is of giant stature, being six feet seven inches in height. If this should meet the eye of Major Costello we would be very much obliged to him if he would send the Rector a photograph of Seagoe Farm at Thane, Queensland, for insertion in a future magazine.

### **Memorial Service**

A Memorial Service was held in Drumgor Church Hall on Sunday, May 12th, at 4 p.m., in connection with the lamented death of Thomas George Hopps, Superintendent of Drumgor Sunday School for many years. There was a large gathering of people. Suitable hymns were sung, and Mr. Richard Robb played the accompaniments. The Service was taken by the Rector and Mr. R. Gracey read the lesson. An address on "Jesus Christ the Resurrection and the Life" was given by the Rector, in the course of which he referred to the loss they had sustained in the death of Thomas George Hopps, who in spite of constant ill-health had given a large share of his time and kindly interest to further God's work

in Drumgor and throughout the Parish generally. In the prime of life he has been called by his Heavenly Father to higher service.

### **Church Army Gazette.**

Many of our Parishioners get a copy each week of the Church Army Gazette. It is a very bright little paper. The illustrations, as well as the letter-press are most telling and effective. We would suggest that every family in the Parish should get a copy each week. Parents will find that the children like it and it makes excellent Sunday reading.

### **The General Synod.**

Seagoe was very much in evidence at the General Synod in Dublin, which was held during the week May 13th—19th. Mr. James Twine spoke frequently and was listened to with much interest and sympathy by the members. The Rector also spoke on the subject of the necessity of improving our Church Newspapers.

### **The Venerable Archdeacon Crichton**

The Rector has had a letter, dated 25th April, 1929, from our former Curate, the Rev. W. R. Crichton, now the Archdeacon of Madras, Southern India. He has just returned to India from a lengthened holiday at home. He is very anxious to secure a clerical helper in his work in Madras, a man who can stand a very hot climate and do a good day's work. The Church in Southern India is planning a great Reunion movement, in which Archdeacon Crichton is much interested. "Life," says the Archdeacon, "is very crowded for us just now."

### **The Somme Anniversary.**

On Sunday, June 30th, both at Morning and Evening Prayer special Services of commemoration will be held in Seagoe Church in memory of our Seagoe men who fell in the Great War. The names of those from this Parish who made the great sacrifice will be read during the Service. The collections will be on behalf of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society.

### **The General Election**

Seagoe School was used as a polling centre in the recent election on May 30th, of a member of the Imperial Parliament. We are glad to say the Seagoe voters turned out in large numbers to record their vote. The number of voters on the Seagoe list was 923.

### **Inspection of Seagoe School**

On Monday, June 10th, the Rev. R. H. Egar, M.A., Inspector of Religious Education for the Diocese of Dromore, will hold the annual examination in Religious Knowledge in Seagoe P.E. School. Mr. Egar has recently been appointed as Inspector in Dromore. He is a trained educationist, and his work in Belfast as Curate of Dundela was highly appreciated. As a parting gift the Parishioners presented him with a handsome motor car.



## Parish Register for May. Baptisms.

The following were Baptized on May 4th, 1929, in Seagoe Parish Church:—

**Fiddes**—Henry, son of Robert Logan and Mary Elizabeth Fiddes, of Edenderry.

*Sponsors*—Margaret Vaughan, Mary Elizabeth Fiddes.

**Lyness**—Alicia, daughter of John and Alicia Lyness, of Carne.

*Sponsors*—John Lyness, Alicia Lyness.

**M'Murray**—Noel, son of James Henry and Margaret M'Murray, of Portadown.

*Sponsors*—Anne M'Clatchey, Margaret M'Murray.

## Marriage.

**Lavery and Reid**—May 14th, John Emmanuel Lavery, of Kilvergan, and Amy Louisa Reid, of Lower Seagoe.

## Burials.

**M'Cauley**—April 28th, in Dublin, William James M'Cauley, aged 58 years, formerly of Derryvore, in this Parish.

**M'Nally**—May 7th, Elizabeth M'Nally, of Edenderry, aged 44 years.

**Joyce**—May 11th, Sarah Joyce, of Levaghery, aged 71 years.

**Weir**—May 30th, Thomas Weir, of Killicomaine, aged 71 years.

## Obituary.

Death has again been busy in our midst and has removed from amongst us some who were much esteemed. Mrs. Sarah Joyce, of Levaghery, passed away after a brief illness. She sustained a broken leg through a fall, but a fatal result was not expected. She was a very loyal member of the Church and was a regular subscriber to the funds of the Co. Armagh Protestant Orphan Society, in which she was much interested.

Mrs. Margaret Cole, of Belfast, whose burial we record, had been a useful member of Seagoe Church Choir up to the time of her marriage some thirty years ago. She was then Miss Margaret Lavery. For some years past she had been in failing health and had expressed a wish to be laid to rest in Old Seagoe, for which she had always shown great affection. Thomas Weir, of Killicomaine, a member of a family long connected with Seagoe Parish, has also been called home at the age of 71 years.

## Best Wishes.

We offer our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John Lavery on their marriage as recorded in this issue. Mr. Lavery has been a member of the Select Vestry for many years and has also filled the office of Churchwarden. He is a member of a family which has for generations been associated with Seagoe Church. Mrs. Lavery is the daughter of a former Vestryman and Churchwarden, the late Mr. Tom

Reid, who was closely associated with Seagoe Church. Our readers will unite with us in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Lavery much happiness and blessing in their future life.

## July Anniversary Service.

The Rev. Professor Moeran, M.A., formerly Rector of St. Mark's, Portadown, has kindly consented to preach at the Anniversary Service in Seagoe Church on Sunday, July 7th, at 7 p.m. a

## Dangerous Corners

The recent serious accident at Hoy's Cross, on the Lurgan Road, is a reminder of the danger which still exists at many corners where hedges obscure a view of motor traffic. Serious accidents, involving loss of life or limb have now occurred at the following points on the Lurgan Road between Seagoe Turns and Wells' corner. Man killed at Seagoe Turns, a man seriously injured at Church Lane and several serious accidents narrowly averted. A leg seriously fractured and a shoulder displaced at Hoy's Crossing. A leg crushed and fractured at Balteagh Crossing. This is an appalling list for two mile stretch of road, and it proves the danger which exists where hedges at corners are allowed to grow.

## Old Seagoe Notes

**Seagoe Sunday School in 1864.**—Mr. John Waugh possesses a prize awarded to his aunt, Miss Jane Stanley, at the examination held in Seagoe Church on 15th October, 1864. Miss Jane Stanley's mother was an Irwin, of Carne. The prize is a New Testament finely bound in red leather and a printed slip is pasted on the inside of the cover giving particulars regarding the examination.

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**The Pronunciation of the name "Seagoe."**—The name "Seagoe" is always pronounced "Sagy" by the people of Seagoe, and they ought to know. But many wondered why this word of two syllables is never pronounced as it is written. It is possible to give at least a partial explanation of the discrepancy. Throughout the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries the letters 'ea' were always pronounced as if they were 'ay.' We have plentiful proof of this in the writings of Pope and Swift, as well as in many other writers of the period. For example, the word 'tea' was always pronounced 'tay,' and was made to rhyme with 'obey.' Here are two lines from the poet Pope relating to Queen Anne:—

"And thou, great Anna, whom three realms obey,  
Dost sometimes counsel take and sometimes tea."

The word 'weaver' in Swift's day rhymed with 'favour.' It was, therefore, natural that the 'ea' in Seagoe should be pronounced as if it were 'ay,' and the old pronunciation has continued down to the present. It is not so easy to account for the weakening of the second syllable from 'oe' into 'y' or 'ie,' but as the emphasis was always laid on the first syllable the second syllable would naturally tend to weaken.

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**Seagoe Church Repairs in 1862.**—The interval be-



tween 1860 and 1870 was a period of active repair and renovation in the Church of Ireland, both in Rectories as well as Churches. Disestablishment and Disendowment were seen to be inevitable and so the Church determined to set her house in order. So in the Parish of Seagoe extensive repairs were made both in Church and Rectory. Here is a list of some of the repairs executed in the Church in August, 1862:—Fixtures in Schoolhouse for Service during repair of Parish Church, £2; Kneeling Boards in Church, £4 10s; Carriage on Carpet 3/6; Painting Walls of Church, £6 14s 3d; one bottle of Blacking for Stoves, 10d; Hat Pins, 15/-; Upholsterer's Account, £7 15s; Altering Singers' seat, 12/-. Opening Collection, Oct. 26th, 1862, £20 5s 8d; Cash from Duke of Manchester, £5; from F. Heath, £3 3s; from John Greer, Esq., £1; from Francis Greer, Esq., £1. Balance due Archdeacon Saurin, £16 13s 9d.

### Houses to Let.

We would suggest to those who own house property in the Parish that before they let their houses to parties who are strangers to the district they should get from them reliable testimonials as to character and conduct.

### Dandelion Wine.

In last month's issue of this Magazine in the Home Notes we notice an interesting recipe for the making of Dandelion Wine, sent in by Mrs. Morrow, of Portadown. Readers of the Magazine should refer to it.

Dandelion Wine.—Gather two quarts of dandelion petals. Pour over them  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon of water which has been boiled and cooled, cover with a flannel

cloth and leave for three days, stirring now and again. Strain it then and put the water to boil for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour with the rind of a lemon and add a little ginger, slice the lemon into it with  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lb. of lump sugar. When cool add  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. of yeast and leave for a day or two, then put in a jar for a month or two. Half a glass in the morning is excellent for liver complaints.

### Exhibition in Portadown.

A C.M.S. Missionary Exhibition, in which Seagoe is taking part, will be held (p.v.) in St. Mark's Parochial Hall, Carleton St., on Monday, June 24th, and the two following days. Six stewards from Seagoe Parish will assist at the Exhibition. The exhibits will be of great interest and we recommend our Parishioners to visit the Exhibition.

### ITEMS.

We regret to learn that a greyhound racing track has been formed at Levaghery. The gambling and betting evil in Portadown has reached destructive proportions already, but now with the introduction of greyhound racing it will become a still greater danger and nuisance in our midst. Parents who are alive to the danger and its disastrous consequences should warn their children against it. We hope the police authorities are awake to the illegal practices which are at present very active in our midst. A public protest should be made against the introduction of a greyhound racing track, especially into a neighbourhood where police supervision is difficult.

All copies of our last issues were sold out the day after publication.

### 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 8 p.m. during Advent and Lent.

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

### DISTRICT SERVICES.

**Hacknahay**—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.

**Drumgor**—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

**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** (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 post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.

### CLASSES, &c.

**ADULT CLASSES**—Sundays at 10 a.m.

For Men—Edenderry. 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.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry, 2nd Tuesday of each month.

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