

APRIL 2011

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Dear Friends,

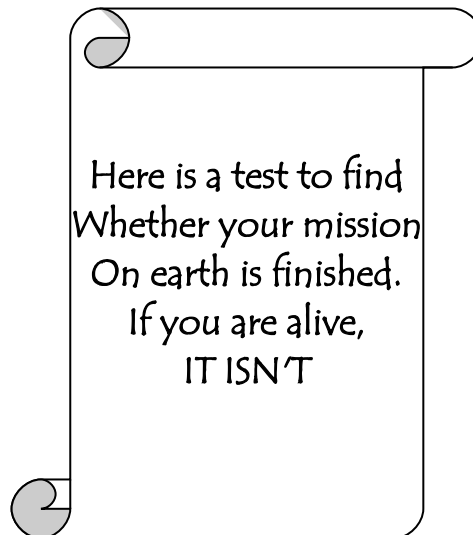
Easter is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. While we may like the baby Jesus stories of Christmas, and Easter's picture of crucifixion is something from which we might run away, the real beginning of the Christian Church starts with the resurrection. This is critical, because where as other faiths and religions might start with the life and teaching of a wise man or men, some of which may reference God or gods, the Christian faith starts with the proclamation of a fact. "This Jesus whom you crucified is risen."

Peter's declaration to the assembled city dwellers in Jerusalem showed how much this meant to the disciples; no longer hiding away for fear of their lives; no longer the regretful followers of a dead leader; no longer lost in grief for the Man who meant everything in their lives. This fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ propelled them into the known world of the time, to let everyone know that someone had come back from the dead to tell us of the life on the other side, even if it meant their own death. More than that it confirmed that the type of life which Jesus led, and one which they tried to follow for themselves – one of love and self-sacrifice - was not a waste of life, but that that choice of life had been utterly and irrevocably given a divine seal of approval through the raising of Jesus from the dead. No longer was death and evil to have the final say. Life and Love would triumph in the end and always.

So when the news is so bad and depressing on television, and when your personal life seems such an uphill struggle and most of all when loved ones are lost, especially in untimely or ugly deaths, turn to the two four-letter words that are the foundation of Easter – LIFE and LOVE – and let them be your foundation too. I finish with one of my favourite quotes:

"Dance as if no-one is watching you,
Love as though you have never been hurt,
Sing as though no-one can hear you,
Live as though heaven is on earth."

Rev. Malcolm Cuthbertson



Vestry Hours

The minister has established an office in the church to which he welcomes anyone who wishes to see him. The specific times he will make himself available are as follows:
Monday evening - 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday morning – 10.00am - 12 noon
Thursday morning – 10.00am – 12 noon
Thursday evening – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
At present this will be about simply turning up during these times with no specific appointment, which means you may have to wait a few minutes. Other times can be made available by arrangement, as can home visits. The minister's phone number is **07740868181**. Please feel free to pass the times and phone number to anyone who may request them.

During **Holy Week** there will be a forty-five minute service each midweek evening followed by tea or coffee to mark the final week of the life of Jesus. All the services will begin at 7.00pm.

Monday 18th April “The Cleansing of the Temple”. Worship will be led by the Praise Band.

Tuesday 19th April “Dying to Live”. Worship will be led by the organ and choir.
Wednesday 20th April. The choir will perform Vivaldi’s “Gloria”.

Thursday 21st April “The Last Supper” – a celebration of Communion with worship led by the Praise Band.

Friday 22nd April – “A Service of Remembrance” – a quiet, reflective service for Good Friday for those who wish to remember loved ones who passed away.

Funerals

5th March **Kathleen Pollock** - we remember neighbour and friend Marion McFadyean in our prayers.

8th March **William McLuckie** – we remember wife Helen and daughters Anna & Helen in our prayers.

18th March **Rose Ross** – we remember husband Eddie and the family in our prayers.

18th March **Nancy Halliday** – we remember daughter Myra and son-in-law John in our prayers.

23rd March **May Wilson** – we remember in-laws Madge and Robert and all the family in our prayers.

24th March **Anne Russell** – we remember husband John daughters Emma and Sarah, John’s mum Jean and his sister Elizabeth in our prayers.

26th March **George Saunders** – we remember daughters Isobel, Jean and Christine and all their loved ones in our prayers.

31st March **Wilma Watson** – we remember husband David and family in our prayers.


Baptisms

6th March **Maya Isabella & Lily Ann Oakes**, we commend parents Peter and Fiona to your prayers.

20th March **Calvin Rankine**, we commend parents John and Jacqueline to your prayers.

The Knots Prayer

Dear God:

Please untie the knots 
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.
Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
may nots,
might nots that may find
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,
would nots and
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,
Dear God,
I ask that you remove from my
mind,
my heart and my life all of the 'am
nots'
that I have allowed to hold me
back,
especially the thought
that I am not good enough.

AMEN



The **Tulip** is the national flower of Turkey. **Tulip flowers** are considered to be a symbol of perfect romance; depicting their passion, love, romanticism and dreaminess.

THE GUILD NEWS

The Guild meetings have now finished for this session but will be starting again in October. If you are thinking of joining us why not come along on Tuesday evening 4th October and see what enjoyable meetings we have. We would like to thank everyone who supported our Soup and Sandwich morning on Saturday 19th March, the proceeds of which amounted to £940. The Guild outing on the 7th June this year is to St Andrews. At the time of writing there are still a few seats left. The Cost is £27 which includes Lunch and Afternoon Tea. Final payment should be paid at the Church Hall between 7.00 and 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 12th April.



***“Do this in
Remembrance
of me”***
1st

Corinthians 11:24

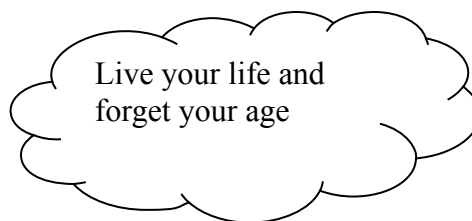
You are invited to join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion at Mure Memorial Church on **Sunday 1st May 2011** at 10.30am.

There will also be a shorter, more informal, evening Communion Service in the hall at 6.30pm.

Tea and coffee will be available after both services.

This invitation is open to all who wish to attend whether or not they are members of the church.

Please note that the Kirk Session has decided to delay our Communion until the first Sunday in May because the last Sunday in April is Easter Sunday when we will have a Baptism.



Once again can I thank you for the lovely flowers and also thank everyone for their kind wishes and prayers as we await the results of the latest tests for our daughter


Margaret Forrester



Flower Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has donated flowers for our Sunday services during March

March	
March 6th	May Crockert
March 13th	June Crawford
March 20th	Mr & Mrs J Gallagher
March 27th	Wilma Carrick



May I make an appeal for help to wrap and deliver flowers on a rota basis, as many hands make light work.

Agnes Nicol

We thank Thee heavenly Father,
 For every earthly good,
 For life, and health, and clothing,
 And for our daily food.



O give us hearts to thank Thee,
 For every blessing sent,
 And whatsoever Thou sendest
 Make us therewith content

Amen



Prayer Group

If you would like a prayer to be said please complete one of the prayer slips available at each church door. Alternatively email prayer@mure.org or telephone Eileen on 573 8142

CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE LINK

If you have an article, news item or announcement for the Link, please either email details to link@mure.org or place a copy of the information in the folder outside the Vestry

Deadline for the next issue is April 27th

The Boys' Bit

DOOR DUTY – April

BEADLE: MOIRA SCOTT

Door & Collection

April 3rd	April 10th
L Bell	A Pollock
I Malcolm	J McVittie
A Kenyon	J Crawford
J Davidson	A Borthwick
H Colquhoun	A Nicol
S Blackwood	A Stewart

April 17th	24th April
W Millar	E Boyd
C Scotland	M McKeller
C Stewart	C Rodgers
C McChesney	B Graham
C Turnbull	
A Walker	

DOOR DUTY – May

BEADLE: ROBERT GETTY

Door & Collection

May 1st	May 8th
Kirk	A Stuart
Session	M Martin
	M Brown
	A Kenyon

Children are not casual guests in our home. They have been loaned to us temporarily for the purpose of loving them and instilling a foundation of values on which their future lives will be built

Well that's us – John, Stephen and I- coming to the end of working towards the Queen's Badge, the Brigade's highest award. The past 18 months have flown in, no doubt because of the vast amount of activities and leadership courses we have been on, developing not only our role as a boy in the BB, but our sense of fun.

But recently, as the snow began to fall (again) in Scotland, the three of us ventured a little north to Auchingillan Outdoor Centre, around 4 miles from Milngavie, to take part in the annual "Queen's Badge Completion Course" which was to last the weekend. (I should probably point out that we had no idea what the course was to entail, so it was certainly a surprise to look at our schedules to find that "wake-up" was at 7am and "lights out", which became much anticipated, was at midnight!) The quintessential Boys' Brigade discipline didn't fail to make an EARLY appearance, when we found, rather abruptly, that an air-horn would take the form of our alarm clock for the duration of our stay.

The daunting task of establishing new friendships was made easier by the group "set up" which placed me, John and Stephen in completely different groups, and completely different accommodation. But by the time you've managed to move "Nuclear Waste" across a river (as well as the members of your group), you can be sure there's a talking point at lunch.

Whether it was performing the Heimlich manoeuvre on dummies or wading through bogs, blindfolded, the weekend turned out to be another weekend that we'll not forget in a hurry, courtesy of the Boy's Brigade.

Bible Class

We, the young people, are writing this article for the LINK magazine as part of the Church of Scotland's RITE! Programme. We have studied the 3 men below to learn what they have done for the Church of Scotland through the Protestant Reformation.

These 3 men all lived at the end of the 1400s and the beginning of the 1500s. They all went to Geneva in Switzerland to avoid punishment in their own countries for having different ideas to the Roman Catholic Church.

Martin Luther was a German monk who wrote 95 Theses (statements or ideas) that he felt were wrong with the Catholic Church and pinned them on the door of the castle church. Martin Luther was sent out of the country. He translated the New Testament from Greek into German. He married and then in 1534 he published the full Bible in German.

John Calvin was French and studied the Bible. When he was in Paris, he left the Roman Catholic Church to join the Protestant movement. To avoid being burned at the stake for his beliefs, he spent three years in his early 20's in Italy and Switzerland. He was persuaded to stay in Geneva for a couple of years to help.

John Knox was Scottish and a Roman Catholic Priest for 25 years before changing to the protestant faith. In 1547 when St Andrew's castle was seized John Knox was made a slave on a French galley ship. When he was freed he worked in England but had to run away to Geneva. In 1559 he returned to Scotland when it became legal to follow the protestant faith. The next year was the start of the Church of Scotland.

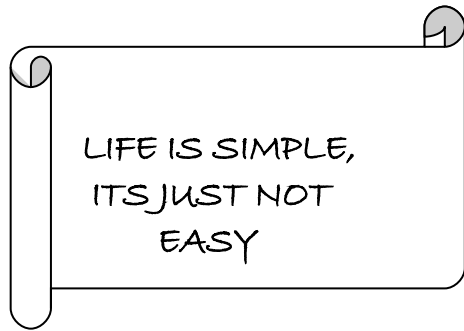
Me and 3 pals from the Bible Class are going to Belgium in April with our school. We will arrive home on the 10th of April and even though we will be exhausted after a 17 hour bus journey, we're choosing to come to church to meet up with our friends and have a laugh with each other.

By Toni

After helping the younger members with the Nativity play the Bible Class enjoyed a well-deserved post-Christmas party. They shared a take-away meal and games on the Playstation. As usual, by the time it was time to go everyone was queuing up for the Dancemat. The New Year saw the arrival of the P7's and Michelle as an adult helper, until the summer. Thanks to the Elders and Mentors who supported the Board Games evening in January. We invited Shettleston New YF to join for another evening of worship in February, learning about an American entrepreneur who gave up his fortune to start a company selling shoes, matching free pairs to be given to the poor. Thanks to the Shettleston New YF leaders for the games in the hall after worship.

Our next activity that we are planning is
TOMS –A Day Without Shoes?
April 5th.

Beverley Bisset - Bible Class Leader



Church Windows

During the recent Quinquennial inspection by presbytery the architect inspecting the buildings stated that the Church Building is in desperate need of window and sill replacements.

The sum given verbally at that time was £100,000 - this is to be confirmed by the written report which we should receive in the next 4 weeks.

The report will then include all other areas of the building including the manse. (Possibly even more money) A new sub-committee for the windows has been set up using members of the finance committee and the property committee.

This committee is currently sourcing funding and grants available to help us achieve the substantial sum required. The committee will look at possibly breaking the church into areas for window renewal as the funding becomes available, with the sanctuary being priority.

In the past few weeks a number of substantial sums of money have been donated to this fund resulting in an approximate sum of £9000. Although this is still a long way short, it is encouraging that this amount of money can be donated over a short period. All donations of any size will be gratefully received and well cared for by Peter Malcolm.

The Windae Committee would like to thank the Thrift Shop, the Line Dancers and the Men's Fellowship for the donations made, and the Guild for the sale of the finest china mugs and fridge magnets with the Winter scene of the church, expertly painted by Margaret Meek, printed on each. (Not available in the shops! Please contact Ishbel Malcolm with a large order)

Andy Stewart
Property



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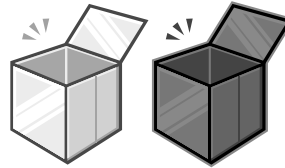
If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross,
His work had been incomplete.
If the Christ who was buried
had stayed in the tomb,
He had only known defeat.
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross
and the way of the tomb leads on
To victorious grace in the heavenly place
where the risen Lord has gone.

Annie Johnson Flint



The tradition of the Easter bunny leaving a basket of treats, such as Easter eggs and chocolates, on Easter Day is common in America, but not in Britain. Parents of American children often hide eggs in the garden for children to find. Sometimes their children leave out carrots for the Easter bunny. The idea of an egg-laying rabbit went to America in the 1700's through immigrants arriving from Germany. They told their children to make 'nests' before Easter with their caps and bonnets and if they were good the Easter bunny would leave them coloured eggs.

I have in my hand two boxes
Which God gave me to hold
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black,
And all your joys in the gold."
I heeded his words, and in the two boxes
Both my joys and sorrows I store
But though the gold became heavier each day
The black was as light as before.
With curiosity, I opened the black
I wanted to find out why
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.
I showed the hole to God, and mused
aloud,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be."
He smiled a gentle smile at me.
"My child, they're all here with me."
I asked, "God why give me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black with the hole?"
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,
the black is for you to let go."



We would like to thank all those responsible for editing and collating the Link in the past years. Their work is very much appreciated.
Many blessings to all our readers this Easter Season

From the Link Team