

APRIL 2012

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Easter 2012

One of the earliest movies I can remember from the old black and white TV days was the movie “King Kong”. The outsized Gorilla climbing the Empire State Building in New York with Fay Wray in the palm of his hand, is surely one of the most iconic moments in the history of film.

Fay of course was a sacrifice to the gorilla from the villagers who sought to appease the monster and keep him out of their hair for a little while. This act of appeasement or its more developed sense of sacrifice, seeking forgiveness from a righteous God, is one of the foundations of the Jewish cult expounded in the Bible to help us understand the necessity of the death of Jesus, and was common in ancient times. A more contemporary take on the death of Jesus, is that he died like many social, political or religious upstarts, a victim of those who wished to maintain control - a victim of man’s arrogance, and fear. He became far too popular with the masses, made too many challenges to the lifestyle and beliefs of those who were in power, and quite simply he had to go.

Sadly at all kinds of different levels this is still the case. People experience being victims in all manner of situations. They are victims to powerful people, to untimely accident or death, to illness and disease, to natural disasters etc. Each experience is deeply profound and shocking, and many people never recover from the experience of being a victim.

Fortunately Easter is a battle cry for the victims. Jesus who died on the cross is alive

and reigns, the victim is now the Victor. Death and evil, arrogance and fear, pain and disease, the weaknesses and failures of creation are put to the sword, and the resurrected Jesus emerges from the battlefield, scarred and bloodied, **but not defeated!**

For those of us who implicitly or explicitly define ourselves as victims, constantly bemoaning our loss, constantly seeking redress if not revenge, happy to wallow in self-pity, or even worse to try to bully others as we were bullied, Easter tells us “**Get A Life**” – the resurrected life of Jesus. We are victors in him. Justice will come. We will be made whole. Take the promises of Easter and begin to live the resurrected life now.

Happy Easter,

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.

FUNERALS

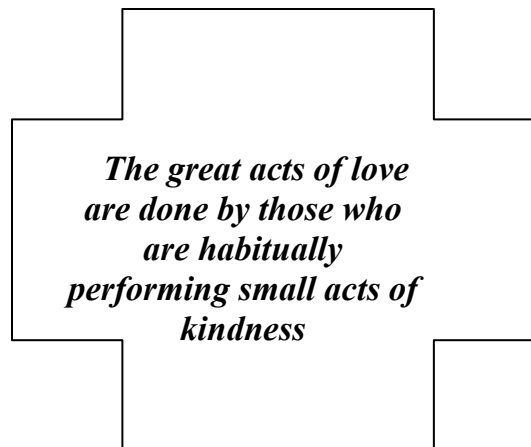
- 17th March **BETTY BARCLAY:** We remember husband Tam and all the family in our prayers
- 19th March **EFFIE PARK:** We pray for husband John, son Iain and daughter Joyce and their families.
- 21st March **THERESA WALLACE:** We remember husband Garry, son Stephen and daughter Claire in our prayers, as well as the wider family.
- 21st March **HARRY GILMORE:** We remember wife Dot and all the family in our prayers.
- 26th March **MARY CAMPBELL:** We remember son Daniel & his wife Margaret and all the family

MURE MEMORIAL TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The club, which meets in the small hall on Monday night brought home its first silverware since its inception, with Hannah Shiels winning the Junior League Individual title in the Stirlingshire and Midland Table Tennis League, and with partner, Taylor McDevitt, receiving a Runner's Up award in the team competition. This despite the fact that at 13 years of age both were up against under 17 year olds and playing against boys!! Well done, girls.

Due to a grant from the Local Area Committee, allowing the purchase of more Table Tennis equipment, the club is going to

continue throughout the Summer on Monday evenings. Everyone is welcome from 7.30pm – 10.00pm.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Sunday, April 1st Palm Sunday. Family Service led by Sunday School 10.30am
Palm Sunday Bible Study 7.30pm
- Monday, April 2nd Holy week service led by Praise Band 7.00pm
- Tuesday, April 3rd Holy week service with St. Andrew's Baillieston 7.00pm. Preacher is Rev. Neil Galbraith, Interim Moderator, St. Andrew's Baillieston.
- Wednesday, April 4th Holy week service led by Choir 7.00pm
- Thursday, April 5th Holy Week Communion Service 7.00pm

Friday, April 6th Holy week service for the recently bereaved led by the minister 7.00pm

Sunday, April 8th Early morning service at 9.00am, outside if dry, in Hall if wet, followed by breakfast in Hall. Easter Sunday Service followed by Egg Rolling with Sunday School, 10.30am

Wednesday, April 11th Kirk Session Meeting 7.30pm

Sunday, April 15th Baptismal Family Service for Emma Dickson, daughter of Michelle and Colin, and sister to young Kyle, 10.30am

Sunday, April 22nd 10.30am Normal Service

Saturday, April 28th Coffee Morning and Gift Day for Windows' Fund.

Sunday, April 29th Spring Communion, 10.30am & 6.30pm

Thursday, May 3rd Board Meeting 7.30pm (Please note change from original date of 26th April).

Sunday, May 6th Baptismal Family Service for Luke Bradshaw, son of Nicola and Craig, 10.30am

Sunday, May 13th Normal Sunday Service 10.30am

Sunday, May 20th Baptismal Family Service for Ola Brandon, daughter of Charlene and Thomas, and sister to young Rio, 10.30am

Sunday, May 27th Pentecost Baptismal Family Service for Daniel McKibbin, son of Sharon and Stewart and brother to young Grace, 10.30am

Evening Service for Pentecost led by the Praise Band 6.30pm

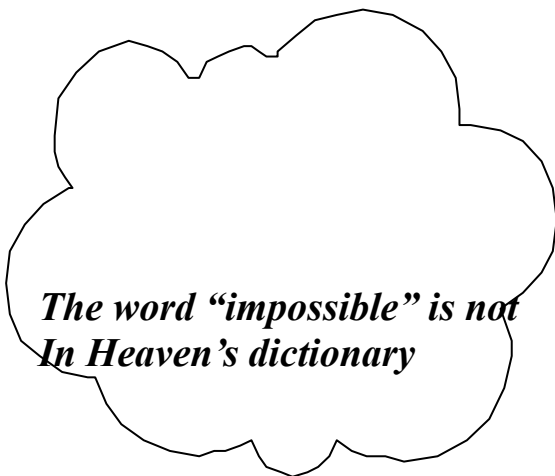
Thursday May 31st Board Meeting.

**NEW WINDOWS REPORT
WINDOWS TARGET SET AT £80,000**

Costs are now available for all elements of the replacing of all the church building's windows and it has come in at **£80,000**. This includes the removal of the present windows, the resetting of the sills, lintels and surrounding brickwork for each window, and the supply and fitting of over sixty windows.


The windows will all be UPVC double glazed windows, with a brown wood effect exterior surround and a white interior surround. The external glass will be a clear laminate or frosted laminate for toilets and low level windows, and the interior glass will be toughened to minimise accidental damage. The cost also includes VAT.

While some permissions have yet to be received from City Council and Church authorities, we are launching the main fund raising drive with a Coffee Morning and Gift Day on the 28th of April at the Church. Almost £25,000 has already been raised, but we need to have the vast majority of the money in to give the go-ahead for the work to take place over the summer holidays when the use of the building is much less. If anyone would know of any source of potential funding, do not hesitate to let us know, whether this be from grants, businesses or individuals who may be worth approaching, every avenue will be tried. In the meantime do please support the ongoing fund-raising in the knowledge that “every mickle makes a muckle”.



Coffee Morning and Gift Day

The Windows Fund Raising Committee are holding a Coffee morning and Gift Day on Saturday 28th April 2012 from 10.00 am till 12 noon. Gift Aid forms will be available for tax payers not presently in the Gift Aid Scheme. For members wishing to spread their donations, standing order forms are also available. All donations of home baking, books, tins and bottles for the tombola stall and unwanted gifts would be greatly appreciated. Please come along and support us.



My Lord, I thank thee for the wisdom and love that is spoken through the lives of strong men and women. Grant that I may be willing to learn of them, and gladly serve where I am needed, remembering that thou art Lord of all. Amen.

DOOR DUTY – April

BEADLE: Moira Scott

Door & Collection

April 1st	April 8th
J Hunt	A Kavannah
J Hannah	A Telfer
M Brown	Alex Wilson
Mrs Hunt	L Strachan
Mrs Hannah	M McMillan
A Kenyon	A Forrester

April 15th	April 22nd
L Kennedy	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Scotland
S Blackwood	J Davidson
C Robertson	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford
J McLaren	C Turnbull

DOOR DUTY – May

BEADLE: R. Getty

Door & Collection

May 6th	May 13th
C Stewart	W Millar
R McLellan	Mrs. Walker
N Collins	J McVittie
P McLellan	C McChesney
J Smith	A Nicol
I Whitelaw	E Nimmo

BIBLE CLASS

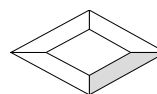
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Over the past 2 years we have been on a journey of discovery together. Some joined us along the way, others stayed for part of the journey. All of us have learnt about our Church, our World and ourselves.

It is important to recognise the support we received from

- the adults who agreed to mentor the young people,
- the parents who encouraged their teenagers and
- those in the Church who took the time to show an interest in our work.

The responsibility for the weekly running of the Bible Class returns to Lorraine Willock, Sunday School Superintendent, with the continued support of John Birkinshaw, when his work commitments allow.





BOYS' BRIGADE

Congratulations to Robert Fleming who won two prizes in the Eastern District Creative-Arts Competition.

Robert won second place in the Drawing Section and First place in The Short Story Section.

A copy of his story (*The Last Bus Home*) is attached to the back of the Link)

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
25th April

Three Hymns

One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a £1,000 note in the offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

And there sat our Rosie all the way in the back shyly raising her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said,

"I'll take him and him and him!"

Author is Unknown

*The best mathematical equation I have
ever seen:*

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

The trouble with some of us is that we have been inoculated with small doses of Christianity which keep us from catching the real thing.

Leslie Weatherhead

Almighty God, grant that as the fulfilment of the green comes to the withered grass, so thy restoring may come to me with the glory of life that comes in the resurrection of the soul. I trust thee to bring me out of winter's seal, that I may help make the spring.

Amen

Community Development Committee

On Sunday 3rd June after church, we are having a lunch to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Tickets for this event will be available nearer the time at a cost of £5 per adult and £2.50 for children under the age of 16. A family ticket will also be available at a cost of £15.

Lets get out the *BLING* for this occasion and add sparkle to the celebration.



Baillieston Churches Together

At the last meeting of Baillieston Churches Together, an appeal was brought to us on behalf of Ross Kerr who lives in Baillieston. Ross is a little boy of three who has Cerebral Palsy which means that he cannot skip, run or play like most children of his age. Due to his Cerebral Palsy his balance and coordination have been affected. Ross has been accepted for a life changing operation called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy in Saint Louise Children's Hospital in Missouri in America. This operation, which is not available in the UK, will allow Ross to lead an active life and be able to join in the activities his friends enjoy. In order to send him to Missouri, his family are trying to raise £45,000 by July this year.

As a group, all the churches decided that we would aim to support this appeal and a bucket collection will be taken at the end of the Good Friday Walk of Witness.

Here at Mure Memorial, we have also decided to have a retiring offering on Easter Sunday which we will donate to the appeal and we hope that you will support this decision.

Ross has a website which gives more information. You can find it at

www.therightstepforross.co.uk.



LET'S GIVE THE TOOLS
to help people in poverty out of
poverty
13th – 19th May 2012

Please support this year's Christian Aid Week. We need a few more volunteers to ensure that the whole of Garrowhill is covered during the collection week. If you can offer some of your time to support the work of Christian Aid, please contact Alice Smith or Janet Park.



Church Choir Spring Concert

**Tuesday 1st May at 7.30 pm
in the church**

Tickets are priced £4.00 and include a cup of tea and homebaking. These are available from members of the choir or you can pay at the door.

Presbytery Report

Presbytery was happy to accept the nomination of the Rev Howard Hudson of Bridgeton St Francis in the East as our next Moderator, with effect from June 2012.

We then received the report from Church House, Bridgeton. This, along with Lodging House Mission and the Well, is one of the projects overseen by Presbytery. They work with children from one of the poorest and most deprived areas of Scotland.

Some of the children had been taken to Lindisfarne on holiday, which introduced them to a completely new environment. They had been visited by an organisation called Kids and Co who had led some healthy eating sessions. Scottish Squash and Racketball Ltd had provided the paint and manpower to line up two courts and had introduced the youngster to Racketball. Celtic Football Club had also provided coaching sessions. But we were reminded that the project did not simply exist to give an alternative to hanging around street corners but to show the youngsters that there is another way to live and to share with them the story of Jesus.

At present they employ two full time workers, but are dependent upon the work of volunteers. They are required to raise over £1,000 per week and rely on the support of congregations and individuals through donations and legacies. They have also been given funding from BBC Children in Need.

The report from the Strategy Advisory Group (STAG) reminded us again the Church of Scotland has to reduce its number of Ministry posts by 200.

A notice of motion had been brought to the meeting which read :

Presbytery, whilst recognising the work undertaken by STAG over the last months, regrets that the first draft of the Presbytery Plan is not easily understood and fails in its own aims 'to promote creative outreach and mission.' The methodology used and the reference to part-time and percentage ministry has impacted adversely on ministerial and congregational morale across Presbytery and is at odds with the legal advice received through the Ministries Council which states that part-time ministers of word and sacrament should be "the exception rather than the rule." Presbytery therefore instructs STAG to revisit the first draft of the proposed Presbytery Plan and bring back a revised plan which affirms the centrality of the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and recognises the necessary pastoral tie between congregation and minister.

Much discussion followed, but when a vote was finally taken, the motion was carried with 115 voting for the motion and 106 against.

The Rev John Matthews announced that he was standing down as convener of STAG and that all of the members of the group were tendering their resignations.

The Rev Tom Pollock then asked if the original Presbytery Plan was still in place, although it has been suspended, and this was confirmed.

On a lighter note, the convener of the Community Responsibility Committee encouraged everyone to ask their local supermarkets to stock The Real Easter Egg.

The egg is produced by The Worthwhile Chocolate Company and is the only egg which is Fairtrade, donates money to the charity, Traidcraft, and tells the Easter Story. More information is available at www.realeasteregg.co.uk.

The Ministry and Stewardship Committee reported that the appeal by the congregation of St George's Tron against their Ministries and Mission contributions for the years 2007 – 2011 was unanimously refused by the Appeal Panel of the Council of Assembly and the Panel confirmed the amount of the contribution, which is around £400,000, as previously determined.

Other matters relating to the Tron were also due to be reported, but as a result of an oversight, the congregation had not been called to appear before Presbytery and therefore no discussion could take place.

The World Mission Committee highlighted the fact that the government are intending to water down the UK's anti-tax haven rules. These rules make it harder for multinationals to use tax havens to lower the amount of tax which they pay both in this country and in developing countries. This could cost the UK £1 billion a year and developing countries £4 billion a year. For developing countries, this money is urgently needed to invest in the healthcare and education of their people. The Government should be leading international efforts to close tax

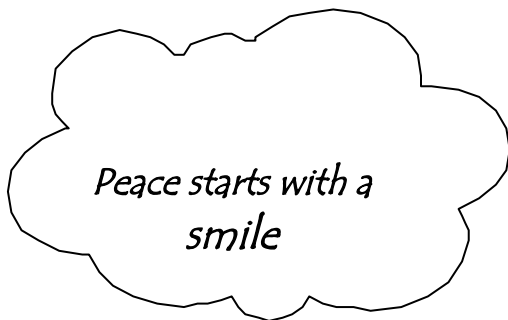
loopholes, crack down on tax havens and make it harder for multinational companies to dodge their taxes. More information can be found at www.actionaid.org.uk/taxjustice.

Presbytery has taken the decision to create a group to oversee any congregations considering their continued relationship with the Church of Scotland. The group will be called the Glasgow Cohesive Group. This has come about largely because of the reported desire of St George's Tron to leave the Church of Scotland.

Janet Park

Prayer for the Day

My Lord, I thank thee for the wisdom and love that is spoken through the lives of strong men and women. Grant that I may be willing to learn of them, and gladly serve where I am needed, remembering that thou art Lord of all. Amen.



For some a cherry blossom is a symbol of humanity and hope. The cherry blossom meaning in different cultures represents life and love.



**What our children write
(unedited)**

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

TO ALL OUR READERS

Happy Easter

The Link Team

