



April 2016



Mure Memorial Church



The Link

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Dear Friend

I write this, having just watched the Primary 3 children of Garrowhil Primary enact in story and song, the death and resurrection of Jesus for their Easter Service in Mure Memorial Church. I had been thinking about the theme of this letter for a while, however the wonderful acting of the young girl who played Caiaphas sold me on the need to commit my thoughts to the written word. She went ballistic as she berated Jesus and his relative silence before him and the suggestion that He (Jesus) was putting words into his (Caiaphas') mouth. The wildness and venom with which the young actress spat out the words into the face of Jesus, underscored what I had been thinking for a while. Jesus was killed, crucified, because of religion.

This religion is universal. It knows no boundaries. It is universal because it lies in the darkened heart of humanity. It subverts the true aims of any faith and twists it into a horrible counterfeit. Where true faith promotes love, this religion promotes exclusivism and blame. Where faith promotes simplicity and humility, the counterfeit is ornate and proud. Where faith serves the poor, the counterfeit blames the poor. Where faith is full of humour, the counterfeit is self-righteously unsmiling. Where faith cultivates freedom, the false religion is legalistic. Where faith calls for the growth and fulfilment of the human spirit, the false religion suppresses and enslaves the individual. Where faith calls for risk and the spirit of adventure, the false religion is based on fear and suspicion. Most of all, where faith

embraces and forgives the sinner, the false religion accuses and blames the sinner. The inspiration, even revelation, I had with the young actress was that she wore a lovely pink ribbon in her hair and a pink top under the loose fitting bed sheet that was Caiaphas' outfit. It underlined for me the way in which religion is delivered so devastatingly oppressive, while dressed as something so sweet, so nice, and so sincere, butter wouldn't melt in their mouths. How often have we been enticed by such a people?

But when the chips are down, how horrible these sweet, angelic "messengers" of God become, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" in an irrational and hate-filled rant at Jesus who had done nothing wrong to anyone, yet who in simple loving and caring actions had won the popularity stakes, crossing the religious leadership of the day and undermining their own self-appointed status and so-called expertise. Theologian of the Second World War, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who saw this in the church that supported Hitler talked often of the need for a religionless Christianity – a Christianity without the trappings of privilege or status or expertise, just a community of people who cared and shared in the name of Jesus. I can't help but feel the same way in seeing how the so-called "evangelical church" is falling in behind to support Donald Trump's attempt to become President of the United States. Friends let's keep our faith simple. Let's not become too arrogant in our believing.

Let us rather show humility, love, openness and forgiveness, and hope and pray that people will see through the charlatans within our faith, and indeed all faiths, and find the true road to peace, justice and the kingdom of God in the crucified and risen Christ.

Your friend in Christ,

Malcolm

BAPTISMS

20th March DEBORAH ROSE
CHRISTINE RANKINE: We wish parents John and Jacqueline every blessing.

27th March GEORGE BLAIR GILLESPIE: We ask God's blessing on parents Lyndsay and Neil.

FUNERALS

15th March MARY DONALD: We pray for sons Ian and Stuart and the wider family

VESTRY TIMES

Monday 6.30pm – 7.30pm Mure Memorial
Tuesday 10.00am-11.00am Mure Memorial (Thrift Shop and Café available at same time)
Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm St. Andrew's
Saturday 10.00am – 11.00am St. Andrew's (Pop-In Café available at same time)

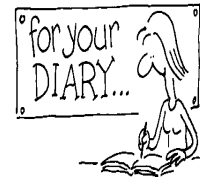
No specific appointment is necessary. Other times can be made available by arrangement, as can home visits. The minister's phone number is **07740868181**. Please feel free to

pass the times and phone number to anyone who may request them.




Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson

Our Assistant Minister, Rev Alex Stuart's phone number is **07901802967**



Sunday 10th April Morning Worship 10.00 am
Sunday 17th April Morning Worship 10.00 am
Wed 20th April Kirk Session meeting 7.45 pm
Sunday 24th April Baptismal Service 10.00 am
Wed 27th April Girls' Brigade Concert 7.00 pm
Sunday 1st May Morning Worship 10.00 am
Sunday 8th May Morning worship 10.00 am
Sunday 15th May Morning Worship 10.00 am
Week of Prayer Ecumenical Service at St Bridget's 7.30 pm
Wed 18th May Week of Prayer Forum at Mure Memorial 7.30 pm



Lord Jesus, you invite each of us by name and you call us “friends”.
Lead us to show as much respect and care for others as we would like them to show for us.
Help us to look for and bring out the best in all who share our lives day by day.

Amen

Flower Calendar

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



March 6th	May Crockert
March 13th	Jeanie McGregor
March 20th	The Nicol Family
March 27th	Mr & Mrs Sloan

DOOR DUTY April

BEADLE: M Scott
Door & Collection

April 10th	April 17th
E Boyd	A Hunter
C Rodgers	E Clark
A Stuart	M Brown
D Rodgers	S Brown
B Graham	J Hunt
A Graham	A Kenyon

April 24th	
A Telfer	
Alex Wilson	
M McMillan	
G McDonald	
A Forrester	
P McDonald	

DOOR DUTY May

BEADLE: R Getty
Door & Collection

May 1st	May 8th
R Colquhoun	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Scotland
S Blackwood	J Davidson
M McEwan	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford
J McLaren	C Turnbull

From Douglas

Where on earth is the time going to? By the time you read this we will have celebrated Easter and will be looking forward to Pentecost. I'm coming to realise that there is no such thing as a "quiet period" in the life of a church Children, Young People and Family Worker! At the schools I have been busy with Easter Assemblies at Bannerman for S1-S4. I also was fortunate enough to attend the Garrowhill Easter Assembly, and it was phenomenal.

Within the church, things have been equally as busy! I had the great privilege to attend the Anchor Boy and Company Section Display last month, and it was an excellent night. It was a real honour to witness Kallum Coulqhoun achieve his President's Badge and Gregor Stewart and Jack Wallace attain their Queen's Badge. Having been to the Company Section over the year, I know how hard all three young men have worked for their awards, so well done to all three for the reward of their efforts. I look forward to attending the Junior Section Display, as well as

the Girls' Brigade's Concert in the coming weeks.

At Youth Fellowship, due to so many of our number sitting exams we have decided to finish a little earlier. We ended in style by having an Easter egg hunt around the church, with every person getting a chocolate Easter egg! We do have a few events planned for June for when the exams are finished, so all is not lost!

Looking forward, any hopes of a quiet period are diminished! In April I shall be going to Crieff to attend a staff conference, where the theme is "Ministry in a Parish Context". I greatly look forward to sharing ideas with colleagues and I'm hopeful of bringing ideas I can bring to Mure Memorial Church. The other exciting news is that Happitots Nursery has approached the church to ask if someone would mind going in to teach the children Bible stories. This was an opportunity that is far too good to pass up, so as of Monday 4th April, I shall be going in, potentially on a weekly basis!

Looking even further ahead, I have signed up to help at a Scripture Union camp. I shall be going to Kings Cross on Arran with ML Stone, the SU Regional Worker for Glasgow. The camp is open to anyone in P6-S2, but there are other events for others. Please do speak to me if you wish any more information.

As you can see, life is busy, but in truth I wouldn't have it any other way! Many thanks as ever for your continued prayerful and practical support.

Every blessing

Douglas



I would like to say many thanks for the lovely flowers I received from the church on Mother's day. It was particularly nice on that special day.

I would also like to say thanks to my church friends. I hadn't been to church for quite a few weeks and, as I walked to my seat, they were all saying nice to see you back and hoped I felt better. It was quite heartening.

Nancy Smith



This is an appeal on behalf of your church and there is still time to volunteer.

Every year our church Christian Aid volunteers do a truly magnificent job.

Every year our collections from church and the local community are truly amazing.

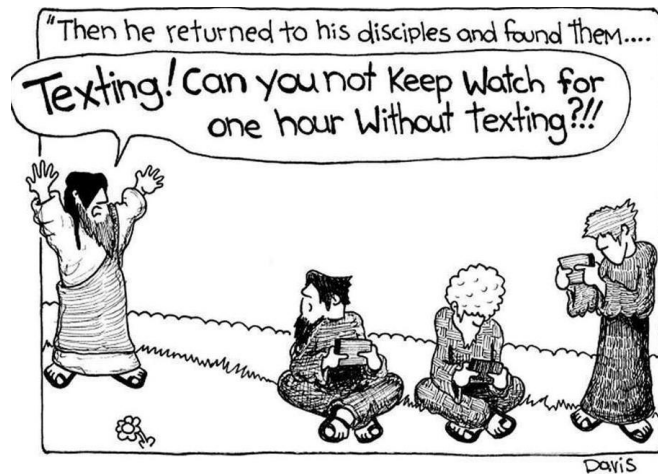
With less than half the streets in our collection area being collected in, it could be even better.

We have many dedicated, hardworking collectors who desperately need help to fulfil our mission with Christian Aid.

If you think you could help us this year by delivering and collecting envelopes, please, please get in touch with me and I can give you a list of vacant streets.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Helen Stewart 01236 879003



Presbytery Report

For our March meeting we were back at Pollokshields Church. Our guest speaker was Angela Molloy who is the Project Manager at Church House, one of the Projects supported by Presbytery. This was started in 1942 when £400 was donated to put heat and light into an old church building in Bridgeton to create a meeting place for young boys. They are now working with the fourth generation of some families and while originally they worked with children they are now beginning to focus their work on families. They are known locally as “Churchy” and 2015 had been another significant year for “Churchy”. In mid-October work started on building a new annexe onto Bridgeton, St. Francis-in-the-East Church to rehouse Church House, thanks to funding from the Scottish Government and the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. Their core weekly groups are a P6&7 group, the Parent and Toddler group and P1-3 and followed by a P4&5 group. In these groups the young people have the opportunity to try various activities

including cooking, baking, arts and crafts, sports, games, team building exercises etc. They aim to provide as many new experiences and opportunities for the young people as possible. As they progress towards working with families, instead of only young people, they have offered baby massage classes and cooking for parents. They aim to increase their activities over the next year in their new building which should be finished by Summer 2016.

The Business Committee reported that, following the decision of our Presbytery Clerk Bill Hewitt, to move to a half time post with effect from 1st July, it was recommended that Graham Blount, who is at present the minister at St Enoch’s Hogganfield, be appointed to share the post. This was given Presbytery approval. The Ministry Committee had invited Jonathan Fleming to address Presbytery about his work as Glasgow Presbytery Vocations Champion. (You may remember Jonathan taking a service at Mure Memorial shortly after he had completed his probationary year and before he took up his charge at Erskine.) He explained that his role was to act as a sign post to anyone who felt that they have a calling to ministry. He recalled that, when he had felt a call, he was unsure where to go for advice and he now regarded it as a great honour to have been given the opportunity to be in a position to be there for others and to help them on their journey. Doug Gay from Glasgow University had set a challenge to the Church to have 30 people

going through training each year and, following the success of the “Tomorrow’s Calling” programme, we now have 31 this year. Jonathan spoke of the exciting opportunities that came with the position of being a minister and he was delighted and encouraged to see the 13 people who were then presented by the convener of the Ministry Committee as Candidates and Probationers currently under the care of Glasgow Presbytery.

The Mission Committee intimated that they are looking at providing training for congregations or small groups of people who are interested in working as a new mission initiative team in the many new-build areas around Glasgow Presbytery. Training will start in September 2016 and will be a year long spare time course.

The Learning and Nurture Committee introduced Iona Kimmitt who is a Vocations Volunteer working with Maryhill Parish Church. She is part of a scheme which was set up by the Church of Scotland for 18 to 25 year olds who have any inclination or calling to work with the Church. She shares a flat with three other volunteers who work within Presbytery.

The convener of the World Mission Committee spoke about the “Let us Build a House – Nepal Project” which we at Mure Memorial have been supporting over the last few weeks and, hopefully by the time you are reading this, we will have raised the £500 needed to build a new earthquake resistant home for a family in Nepal.

Janet Park

The U in JesUs

Before U were thought of or time
had begun,
God had stuck U in the name of His
Son.
And each time U pray, you'll see it's
true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not
include U.
You're a pretty big part of His
wonderful name,
For U, he was born; that's why He
came.
And His great love for U is the
reason that he died,
It even takes U to spell crUcified.
Isn't it thrilling and splendidly
grand,
He rose from the dead with U in His
plan.
The stones split away, the gold
trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is
spelled with a U.
When Jesus left the earth at His
upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just
had to mention.
"Go into the world and tell them it's
true,

That I love them all-Just like I love U.
So many great people are spelled with a
U,
Don't they have the right to know
JesUs too?
It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know, but it all starts
with U.
Will U pass it on?
JesUs Loves U!!

Mure Access Project

By the time you are reading this, our first Cabaret Night will be past and we hope everyone will have enjoyed their evening. A big thank you is due to everyone who helped in any way setting up, making sandwiches, clearing up and donating raffle prizes. A special thank you to Alex and his friends in "The Shades" who gave their services free. A thank you too to Graham McDonald who provided us with brunch and some delicious baking after the service on Easter Sunday. The proceeds were used to offset our costs. And a final thank you to the Bowling Club who allowed us the use of the clubhouse at no cost. The good news is that we now have another Cabaret Night arranged. This time our entertainment will be provided by "Twilite" who is well known to us at Mure Memorial. The date for your diary is Saturday evening 8th October and we are back at the Bowling Club. More details to follow nearer the time.

We have also fixed a date for our Summer Fair, which will now take place on Saturday 20th August. We are looking for the support of all our members and organisations, so if you have any ideas for stalls and fund raising activities for the day, please pass them on to any member of the committee.

On the funding front we have made some progress. We received a cheque from the Bellahouston Trust for £5,000. This now means that, with what we have already raised and paid out and have had pledged from both outside funding and from within the congregation, we have raised just over £90,000. This means that we are able to go back to the Allchurches Trust. Their Trustees had considered our application for funding and advised us to come back once we had raised one third, which we have now done. We hope that they will look favourably on our application.

We continue to look for your support practically, financially and prayerfully.

The MAP Committee

Peter Malcolm, Alec Pollock, Myra McMillan, Janis Smith, Alison Tedeschi, Aileen Miller, John Coutts, Graham McDonald and Janet Park

*The two marks of a
Christian - giving
and forgiving.*

Thanks

Ian Carmichael would like to thank the Church family for all their cards, presents and good wishes on the occasion of his 90th birthday on 22nd March.



Congratulations to Adam and Mark Clifford and Grace McKibbin who were the winners of our Easter Word search competition. Watch out for a further competition for Pentecost in our May Link. The correct answer was, of course, stone but we are sure you had all got it correct.

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 Post Box 35 in the Session Room

**Deadline for the next issue is
Wednesday 20th April**

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