



April 2017

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Mure Memorial Church is the known name of Glasgow : Mure Memorial,
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Dear Friends,

I do so like this time of year. The whole of creation is coming back to life again after the dreary dullness and coldness of winter. The snowdrops have been seen and now starting to go and the gardens beginning to fill with colour and life as the crocuses and daffodils push their way through the ground, out of their sleep, to announce a new season is dawning. The days are lengthening and the temperatures are rising, as further proof of a brighter, better world.

It is of course not unsurprising that this time of year was chosen for the remembering of the Easter story. As creation resonates to the dying and rising of the natural world, so Easter arrives with its story of the dying and rising of our Lord Jesus Christ. Dying on the cross Jesus shows us the love of God and the extent to which that God would go in his amazing, even outrageous, grace, to forgive us and renew us. In His rising Jesus pronounces to the world that evil and death does not have the final say, and that hope and faith, and especially love, will win the day.

In the church the numbers requesting the baptism of their children rise as does the number of people coming to book in their weddings for the coming years. All of this echoing the constant refrain of new beginnings, moving forward, and thinking of the future in faith.

Most of you will have heard of my own desire for a new beginning elsewhere other than at Mure Memorial. I trust you will appreciate that this has not been an easy decision.

However in the twilight of my ministry it has become clear that the workload of looking after the two churches is having a major effect on me, and possibly threatening my health and well-being.

Though nothing specific has brought me to this decision, there is little doubt that I am no longer able to be the minister I would want to be, as I become merely a functionary moving from meeting to meeting, service to service, funeral to funeral, and from one event to the next. Relationships become much more focussed on business, and telephone calls/texts/emails much more about reminders of things to be done, rather than the building

of relationships and getting to know people. I will be able to tell you where I am heading in the near future, but it will be a smaller parish, with only one congregation, and possibly in one of the poorer communities. At least that's the plan!

While I look for my own rebirth into a less stressful, more relaxing future, there is an opportunity for a new birth to come to the congregation as well. I believe you can look into the future positively and if you can pull together, there is also the capacity for Mure Memorial to be reborn with a new ministry in the future. While the labour pains of that new birth may be considerable, the resurrection of Jesus Christ again reminds us of the faith, hope and love with which we can enter the future ahead of us, whatever it may hold. Wishing you every blessing individually and as a community in Christ this coming Easter and beyond,

Malcolm

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.



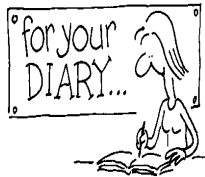
Rev Malcolm
Cuthbertson

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



An Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness
 Transformed to the brightest light.
 The most dreadful end
 Became the most beautiful beginning.
 The depths of despair
 Fade to reveal hope everlasting.
 The curse of death
 Defeated by eternal life.
 Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.



- Sunday 9th April Baptismal Service
10.00 am
- Monday 10th – Friday 14th April Holy Week
Services 7.00pm (See separate notice)
- Sunday 16th April Easter Early morning
service 9.00 am followed
by breakfast.
Easter Service 10.00 am
- Sunday 23rd April Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 30th April Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 7th May Morning Worship 10.00am
- Wed 10th May Kirk Session meeting
7.45 pm
- Sunday 14th May Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Wed 17th May Girls' Brigade Display

Flower Calendar

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



March 5th	Flower Fund
March 12th	Flower Fund
March 19th	Jill & Iain Leiper
March 26th	Sheila Blackwood

DOOR DUTY April

BEADLE : G Leiper
 Door & Collection

April 2nd	April 9th
I Whitelaw	I Main
R McLellan	J McVittie
N Collins	C McChesney
A Miller	A Nicol
P McLellan	S McKibbin
J Smith	M McLachlan

April 16th	April 23rd
E Boyd	A Hunter
C Rodgers	E Clark
A Stuart	M Brown
D Rodgers	S Brown
B Graham	J Hunt
A Graham	A Kenyon

Holy Week Events

- Sun 9th April – Palm Sunday Service with
Sacrament of Baptism 10.00am
- Mon 10th April -Evening Service at 7.00 pm
led by Alex
- Tues 11th April - Evening Service at 7.00 pm
when we welcome Rev
Malcolm Crook from St
John's who will preach
- Wed 12th April - Joint performance by the
choir with King's Park
Church choir under
the leadership of Jonathan
Buchan of "Hallelujah what a
Saviour" by Peterson.
7.00 pm.
- Thurs 13th April - Joint Communion Service
with Baillieston St Andrew's
congregation in St Andrew's
Church 7 00 pm.
- Fri 14th April - BCT Good Friday Walk of
Witness leaving St Andrew's
at 11.00 am and walking to
Mure Memorial
- Evening Service at 7.00 pm
led by Malcolm
- Sun 16th April - Early Easter Morning
Worship 9.00 am
- Easter Morning Worship
10.00 am



Hello there

Once again I am asking for your help this year with Mure Memorial's collection for Christian Aid. This collection, all around Garrowhill, is done on behalf of our church for Christian Aid.

As you know, every year I say that we are in desperate need for new collectors to join our small but very wonderful team. It only takes a couple of hours from your week and would be of great help to us.

Choose a street or half a street (ie. one side)
Collect your district envelopes from the session room on the first Sunday of Christian Aid week.

Deliver the envelopes and, at some point during the week, go back and collect them. Return your bag back to the session room the following Sunday. Job done!!

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like any more information please just ask me Helen Stewart on 01236 879003 or find me in the large hall on any Sunday morning usually singing or dancing with the Jam Club.

Thanks again
Helen xxx



*Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers received on Sunday 5th March. Very thoughtful and much appreciated by the family on the passing of our much loved Dad, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.
Helen and Kenny Duncan*

From Douglas

A common theme of my monthly magazine reports is how busy I often am, and this month is no exception. I had the great honour of being asked to be the inspecting officer at the Junior Section display. It was a brilliant night, and reflected the hard work and dedication put in by both boys and staff. My heart was in my mouth several times during the cycle obstacle course, but the boys demonstrated great confidence in completing the course set! At the time of writing, I am looking forward to attending the joint display of the Anchor Boys and Company Section, as well as the Girls' Brigade Display.

Schools work is as busy as ever! So much so, that between the local schools I shall be at nine assemblies! This includes five over this coming Tuesday! I have to say, I love the busy-ness that the assemblies bring, and it is such a great privilege to serve our local schools in assisting in religious observance. The SU Groups continue to be another excellent way to develop relationships and evangelise the Gospel. Of the three local primary schools, sixteen children are signed up for their



SU weekend away, so that promises to be an excellent weekend!

The Youth Fellowship continues to be an excellent space for our young people to explore their faith, and they have just finished looking at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and what that fully means to their lives.

With the two weeks school holidays, this gives me a perfect opportunity to take stock and start to plan for the next few months, and in particular plans for Holiday Club in the summer! If you would like to serve in this venture, then please let me know.



Thank
You!

Somehow just saying thank you doesn't seem like enough. But I hope you know how much your thoughtfulness has meant to me. Your cards, flowers and visits are very much appreciated.

*With sincere thanks
Dolly Lang*



The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake. - Basil Hume

Presbytery Report

Our guest speakers were from Church House, which is one of Glasgow Presbytery's Projects. They presented their annual report for what has been an exciting year for them as they moved into their new building which was purpose built and is attached to Bridgeton St Francis-in-the-East Church. They highlighted the fact that they now have windows which allow them to see what is happening in the community and allows the community to see what they are doing to provide services for families in the area.

They have also increased their staff numbers from two to three with the addition of a Weekend Programme Leader which now allows them to run activities seven days a week. They also have a young adult volunteer from East Tennessee, who is spending a year working with them as part of a Presbyterian Church (USA) programme. They offer programmes ranging from Mother and Toddler Groups right up to young adults, five of whom have started their Duke of Edinburgh Award. They had run two residential trips for the young folk. The first was a skiing trip to Glenshee and the second a summer trip to Dalguise Outdoor Centre.

They have now set up a youth committee which gives the young people a voice and the opportunity to say what they really enjoy and what they would like to see happening. When they started there were just four groups, but they now run sixteen various groups. This includes working with adults to help them find employment or to act as volunteers. They thanked those who work as Church Reps and volunteers and asked that we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

The Business Committee asked Presbytery to note that around 250 people had attended training events in connection with the arrival in Glasgow of unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and 85 families had made further enquiries about hosting a young person. The Council had said how special it had been to work with faith communities in this process.

The World Mission Committee reminded Presbytery of Christian Aid Week which will run this year from 14th to 20th May. Last year

more than seven million envelopes were distributed. Involving the wider community in supporting Christian Aid is a clear demonstration that Christians won't stand by while our neighbours are suffering.

The Learning and Nurture Committee asked Presbytery to note that 2018 has been designated the Year of the Young Person and, to celebrate this, an international trip to South Africa in July 2018 is being organised with Urban Saints: Rebuild programme.

The Strategic Planning Committee was seeking agreement to continue the current Transition Ministry at St George's Tron for a further five years when the current period comes to an end. This was originally set up after the former congregation of St George's Tron took the decision to leave the Church of Scotland and vacated the building in Buchanan Street.

There are now further details available for the April meetings of Presbytery. On this occasion we will split and meet in various venues each with a different theme. These are: "A World of Difference – Interfaith Dialogue & the People of the Way", which will take place at Eastwood Church; "How do we enable a journey of faith?" which will be held at Garthamlock & Craigend East; "How do we make church relevant to children and young people?" which will take place at Springburn Church; "Media and Communications", which will be held in Gorbals Church and "Finding and nurturing volunteers", which will take place in Knightswood St Margaret's Church. Members of Presbytery are invited to attend whichever topic interests them most and are also asked to encourage members of their congregations to come along. There are leaflets giving further information available for anyone interested in attending any of these events. Please speak to me if you would like one.

Janet Park

WASTE AND RECYCLING WITHIN THE CHURCH

As we now have a legal requirement to recycle, as per blue bin policy at home, we ask that everyone plays their part in ensuring that all waste is appropriately binned.

Bins will be marked 'general waste' and 'recycling' and these will be found in the kitchen, the office and the vestibule outside the large and small halls.

General waste will be in black bags, as at present, which will be removed to the grey bin. There will only be one of these bins and it will be emptied every Wednesday.

Recycling material should be emptied into the blue bin and this will be emptied every Thursday.

Recycling will include milk cartons (washed please and no lids), cans (drinks emptied out), paper and card. Cardboard can also go in this but should be in a plastic bag within the blue bin.

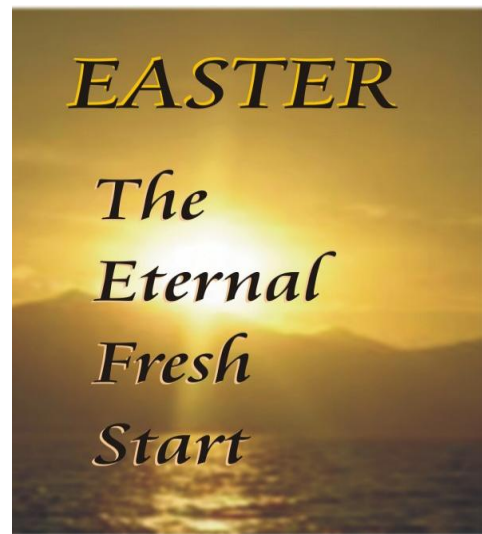
As we pay for our uplift weekly it is important that as many full bags are in the bins before uplift days.

Thank you in anticipation for your help in making this system work.





A great big "Thank You" from the MAP Committee to everyone who supported our Spring Fayre in any way; those who baked, served in the Tea Room, donated items, helped at the various stalls and those who came along on the day. To date, we have raised the magnificent total of £2121.80.



**May you know God's peace and love
at this Easter Season
From the Link Team**

*Bite off more than you can chew,
then chew it.
Plan more than you can do,
then do it.
Point your arrow at a star,
take your aim, and there you are.*

*Arrange more time than you can spare,
then spare it.
Take on more than you can bear,
then bear it.
Plan your castle in the air, then build a
ship to take you there.*

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 26th April 2017**

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