

# The Link

## Mure Memorial Church



December 2019

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## ***Letter from our Interim Minister***

Hello everyone

I am delighted that we have a Link off the ground before Christmas. A huge thank you to the folk who took this on – it is great to have a way of communicating with church members and with our community.

Autumn has been a busy time. I continued getting to know both congregations – I'm quite good on faces now but still getting names muddled.

Ann started her pastoral work with us in October.

There have been a whole host of different kinds of services.

The liaison group had its first meeting (this is the group where representatives of both Mure Memorial and St Andrews can meet and talk about matters of shared interest). At the first meeting the groups discussed the pattern of advent and Christmas services, the discussion was relayed to the Kirk Sessions and from that a good and smoothly ordered programme of Christmas services have been arranged.

December begins with communion on the first Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. The gift service is the following Sunday.

The Nativity Service is on the Sunday before Christmas and plans are already underway for that.

On Christmas Eve the watchnight service is being held in St. Andrews this year. The service starts at 11.15pm. I hope as many folks as possible attend for all are welcome.

On Christmas morning there will be a service at 10.30am in Mure Memorial with St. Andrew's folk joining us for that.

I am very pleased that this smooth pattern of services was achieved with discussion and goodwill all round.

In the New Year we will have a meeting of both congregations with the Transition Support Group for the interim ministry. This group which has representatives from Ministries Council, Presbytery and one of the other Interim ministers facilitates a meeting of church

members so that aims and objectives for the interim ministry can be worked out. It is also the group which will be able to say when the interim ministry is finished and ask presbytery to restore your right to call a minister. I hope that we can have this meeting towards the end of January – so more about it, I hope, in the next magazine.

For now, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. May the hope of the season light your heart  
Blessings  
Sandra



## ***A note from our new Deacon***

***Ann Lyall***

It is just over 6 weeks since I started working in Mure Memorial and I already feel very much at home. Thank you for your warm welcome and your patience when I forget your name. I come to you having been an Interim Deacon for the last 10 years working in 5 different places across Scotland from Lochaber in the north-west to the Borders in the south and a little bit of Edinburgh and West Lothian in the middle. Before that I worked as Homeless Chaplain at the Lodging House Mission and before that I was the Deaconess in Castlemilk for 23 years – so it is lovely for me to be back in Glasgow. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all a little better in the coming months and to working with Sandra and all of you as we seek the way forward.

## ***TRANSFORM***

The magazine entitled “Transform” is a twice yearly publication from The National Bible Society of Scotland. It contains several interesting articles. Please help yourself to a FREE copy of this magazine, available from the front and back of the church, while stocks last.



*Services for December*

**Sunday December 1st**

Communion

**Sunday December 8**

Gift Day

**Sunday 15th December**

Normal Advent Service

**Sunday December 22**

Nativity/ All age service

**Tuesday December 24**

Christingle Service

6.30pm at St Andrews Church

Watchnight Service to be held jointly  
in St Andrews Church at 11.15pm.

Transport will be arranged for those who need it.

**Wednesday December 25**

Christmas Day Service at 10.30am  
in Mure Memorial Church

**Sunday December 29**

Songs and Stories – a service of readings and music.





We are coming to the end of what has been a very successful and enjoyable first half but there are still two meetings in December

Dec	3	Senior Citizens Dinner
	10	Carols by Candlelight
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Jan	7	Keep Fit
	14	George Grant - COS Reader
	21	Rev Murdo McLean
	28	Scottish Night
Feb	4	Project – Crossroads
	11	Deaf Blind Scotland
	15 (Sat)	Our always popular Soup and Sandwich Lunch
	18	Beetle Drive
	25	Robert Fernie – Burns & Scottish

Our meetings begin at 7.30pm everybody is made very welcome and you can be sure of a nice cup of tea.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Our meetings for December are –

Dec	2	Indigo Nursery (singing)
	9	Melody Makers (DVD)
	16	Christmas Dinner with entertainment

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Jan	6	Women's Aid (Speaker)
	13	Bring and Buy
	20	Erin's Way Irish Band
	27	Robert Fernie (Speaker)
Feb	3	Douglas Annan (photographic journey)
	10	Ian Walker (singer)
	17	George Rodgers (singer)
	24	Bingo

Meetings begin at 2.15pm, everybody is made very welcome and you will get a nice cup of tea.





Our Thrift shop is open every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 11:30am, situated in the church large hall.

All are welcome so please come along and browse for some great bargains.

Enjoy a nice tea/coffee and meet friends for a good chat

## Line Dancing

The Line Dancers meet in the big hall every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

Everybody is welcome. We are not experts but we enjoy the exercise and the company why not come and join us. We are taking a holiday now but start back on Tuesday 7 January 2020.

The Word became flesh and moved into the neighbourhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son..

*John 1:14 The Message*





## JAMCLUB

Our members started meeting again in September. There are currently about 14 children on the roll, although we are always happy to accommodate "visiting" children. We are also keen for new members to join us.

In the summer three of our longstanding leaders stepped down. Between them, Jean Russell, Aileen Thornton and Helen Stewart had given about 125 years in service as Sunday School teachers. Quite an achievement! Their contribution was recognised by the Church in June.

Currently we have one leader in Jamclub with the parents taking turns to work with the leader. However we do need others to come forward to continue this ministry to the children. The Bible class leader John Birkinshaw will now resume this role when his work commitments allow.

In Jamclub we use material from the ROOTS programme to provide a focus for each session. This has recently involved us looking at some of the letters Paul wrote. After reflecting on the lesson each week the children then play games, do quizzes, arts and crafts and even occasionally sing! We have decided to continue next year following the ROOTS syllabus.

Our members are getting excited about Christmas and are looking forward to the Advent season and all the preparations and celebrations to follow.

If you think you might be able to help at Jamclub, please speak to the minister or Anne Carmichael.





We started again in September when we were happy to welcome our new leader Sharon McGarry. Sharon has experience in working with Brownies and Guides and she has shown enthusiasm in taking on the challenge of Rainbows. This has allowed us to revert to operating as two separate units as before. We currently have 24 Rainbows with 4 leaders and 2 young helpers.

A large number of Rainbows moved onto Brownies in September. However one evening in October we were delighted to have 19 girls make their Rainbow promise before their families. This was a happy if chaotic evening due to the numbers!

In the session so far most of the activities were geared towards the new girls preparing for the Promise, playing games and doing craft activities. We held a joint Hallowe'en party also. Girlguiding introduced a "new" programme last year, so the leaders are currently engaged in learning about the new resources and adapting the activities into the weekly programme.

The Rainbows are now looking forward to all the Christmas activities, making decorations and gifts, singing carols to the Senior Citizens at the Guild party and their own Christmas party of course!

## **LODGING HOUSE MISSION**

Many thanks are due to the congregation, including of course our Jamclub members, and to the children of Garrowhill Primary School for their generous donations of food at Harvest time. Four cars were needed to transport all the food to LHM where it was gratefully received. Our thanks are also due to the volunteers who loaded the food into the cars and to the drivers who transported it.

Some of the congregation donated money to LHM and others have bought Christmas cards to support the work of LHM

LHM has a new Chaplain, Claire Herbert, who took up her post in July. She was ordained and introduced to the post at a service in November. Obviously the winter months are a particularly busy and challenging time for LHM. Claire asks us to pray for the “visitors” (service users), staff, volunteers and funders and all connected with the work of LHM.

### **Jesus is born**

Swaddled and small he sleeps in hay  
Setting aside his power and glory  
Homeless he enters human story  
Christ comes to earth.

*[CH4 311]*



**the girls' brigade**  
girls' lives transformed  
god's world enriched



## **45th Glasgow Girls Brigade**

Our 2019/20 session is well underway and we have 57 girls across the 3 sections - 20 Explorers, 33 Juniors, 4 Brigaders all supported by 14 Officers.

The Explorers theme this year is under the sea and we have been learning to be deep sea divers, about pollution in the sea, making mermaid tails, seahorses and mini aquariums amongst much more.

The Juniors have been looking at their bible knowledge, making crafts, playing games and learning about the importance of the food bank.

The Brigaders have also been learning about the food bank, making crafts and learning about and taking part circuit training as part of their health and well being.

In October a coach of 54 went to Deep Sea World North Queensferry. A great time was had by all and you can see some pictures of what we got up to on the wall in the big hall.

November sees the annual trip for the Juniors to entertain the patrons of Baillieston Care Home for St Andrews Day, entertainment with a Scottish theme, then in December the Explorers will visit the care home to put on a Christmas concert - something we are all looking forward to and enjoy every year.

For our fundraising this year the Juniors and Brigaders have decided to support the local food bank. On Wednesday 4th December from 6:30pm till 8pm we are having a Christmas Carol evening serving tea, coffee and cake. We will also have a few Christmas crafts on sale. A little different from normal we are not having an entry fee for this event: the ask is for a donation towards the food bank, men's toiletries, cereal, tins of soup etc... All are welcome to come along and join us on this evening and we look forward to seeing you there supporting the girls as they entertain you, they are practising hard. Come along in your festive jumpers if you wish, there will also be a chance for you to join in the singing as we go through the old favourites! If anyone would be able to donate home baking for the event this would also be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to find out more about anything that we have going on please do not hesitate to contact one of the officers or you can follow us on Facebook, search for:  
45th Glasgow Girls Brigade or @GB45th

Thank you for your continued support  
Officers and Girls of the 45th Glasgow Girls Brigade  
Sharon McKibbin



# **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Hello to everyone from the Men's Fellowship.

We are having a great session with many varied talks being given to us. We are being entertained with music and song to hearing the history of Benny Lynch to the history of Old Glasgow. The speakers have been expertly organised by our Secretary Bobby Colquhoun and many thanks to Bobby for organising the syllabus of such varied topics. We meet on a Monday evening 7.45pm to around 9.00pm. It is very informal with tea/coffee/biscuits being dished up and a blether to each other which makes for a lovely evening. We would dearly like to see more of us at our meeting and as such please come along and join us. You will be surprised how easy the night is. If you want some relaxation and a chat with some interesting topics to listen to then the Men's Fellowship is the place to be. We look forward to seeing you.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Derek Miller [President]

## **PROPERTY**

Thanks to everyone in the Church and to those who attend the Church for various other reasons for all your support, following the new disabled extension which was completed last year. This was a long overdue project and a well needed extension which is now in operation and I am pleased to say is now being well used. We have got to say a massive thanks to Janet Park and Peter Malcolm for their tremendous input regarding this extension.

We have had more major renovation in and around the Church and the project that stands out this year is the new pathways around the Church and the new Car Park at the front of the Church and at the side where the ramp is. New disabled parking bays are now in place and the project has been a major success. This has also been long overdue. No more broken slabs to negotiate and easy access for prams and wheelchairs and individuals to gain access to the Church. I can only say – Fantastic.

We have had other projects in the Church completed namely hot water has now been installed into the vestry, the ladies toilets are now freshened up having been painted and we have had on-going maintenance to the Manse.

Other projects in the Church are in the pipeline but as you know it all takes time to source suppliers, get quotes and budget out the finance. I would like to think that we are progressive and things are happening in our Church.

We are beginning to transform the inside of the Church in a way not to disrupt the workings of the Church. Think back even 5 years, all this was only a dream.

We read in Acts 16 verse 5 - *“So the Churches were made stronger in the faith and grew in numbers every day.”* Let’s go forward in faith and grow our numbers. We are trying to make our Church a more modern Church, a happier place to be, a more appealing place to come to.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Derek Miller



## Flower Duty

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who contribute to the Flower Calendar throughout the year. We are very fortunate to have such generosity in our church. Many thanks to our Flower Team who wrap and deliver the flowers. We could do with some more helpers to deliver each week. Also, if anyone can help arrange the flowers I would be delighted. The 2020 Calendar will go up the first Sunday in December so if you want a special date let me know. Best Wishes to all for 2020 and thank you once more.

Sincerely  
Agnes Nicol



Thank you so much for the lovely flowers that were left at my door. We were away for the weekend and it was a lovely surprise to come back to. They were very much appreciated.

Janette Showell

I would like to express my thanks for the flowers I received from the church. It was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated

Sincerely.

Mamie Dalglish