



December 2016 /

January 2017

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Mure Memorial Church is the known name of Glasgow : Mure Memorial,
Church of Scotland,

Scottish Charity No SC002220

FUNERALS *“God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes - Rev 21”*

25th Nov. Wilma Carrick: We remember son Alan, daughter Alison and all their loved ones in our prayers.

BAPTISMS *“Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them – Mark 10”*

6th Nov: Jack James Florence: We ask God’s Blessing for parents Karen and Stuart

20th Nov: Jacob Martin McKenny: May God’s blessing be upon parents Martin & Susan and big brother Angus

WEDDINGS *“So they are no longer two, but one.– Matthew 19”*

5th Nov Ashley Hewitt and Peter Chalmers: May God richly bless them both.



Our prayer this month uses some words of Robert Louis Stevenson:

O God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men...

May Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake.

Amen.



Saturday 10th Dec Christmas Extravaganza
1.0 pm to 3.30 pm for
Sunday school and
Holiday club members

Sunday 11th Dec Communion Sunday
10.00 am

Please note, there will be no afternoon Communion in December, but there will be a short Service of Communion on Monday 5th December at 1.30pm, before the start of the Senior Citizens.

Thursday 15th Dec Baillieston Churches
Together Ecumenical
Carol Service in St
Bridget’s at 7.30 pm

Sunday 18th Dec Nativity Sunday Service
led by the Sunday
School

Wed 21st Dec Performance by the united
Choirs of Mure Memorial
and King’s Park Church
of “Night of Miracles”
7.30 pm

Saturday 24th Dec Watchnight Service
11.30 pm with community
carol singing from
11.00 pm

Sunday 25th Dec Christmas Morning
Service at 10.00 am

Sunday 1st Jan Morning Worship
10.00 am

Sunday 8th Jan Baptismal Service
10.00 am

Sunday 15th Jan Morning Worship
10.00 am

Sunday 22nd Jan Morning Worship
10.00 am

Sunday 29th Jan Morning Worship
10.00 am

Sunday 5th Feb Morning Worship
10.00 am

Flower Calendar



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

November 6th	Jean McVittie
November 13th	The Guild
November 20th	May Mathieson
November 27th	Jack & Janette Hunt

May I take this opportunity to thank all who have donated to the flower fund in 2016. The Calendar for 2017 is now in the vestibule and anyone wishing to choose special dates can do so now. I wish to thank the flower girls for their support in the delivery of the flowers; Anne, Doreen, Elaine, Jacqueline.

A special thanks to Anne Stuart who does a lovely job arranging the flowers each week of the year. We are very privileged to have someone in our church with such a talent. Anne has been doing this service for over forty years; we really do appreciate her efforts.

Thanks
Agnes Nicol

DOOR DUTY December

BEADLE: R McKendrick

Door & Collection

December 4th	December 11th
A Pollock	
C Scotland	
J Davidson	Kirk Session
A Borthwick	
J Crawford	
C Turnbull	

December 18th	December 25th
I Whitelaw	M McLachlan
R McLellan	I Main
N Collins	J McVittie
A Miller	C McChesney
P McLellan	A Nicol
J Smith	S McKibbin

DOOR DUTY January

BEADLE: G McDonald

Door & Collection

January 1st	January 8th
E Boyd	A Hunter
C Rodgers	E Clark
A Stuart	M Brown
D Rodgers	Jeanette Hunt
B Graham	S Brown
A Graham	A Kenyon

January 15th	January 22nd
A Telfer	R Colquhoun
G McDonald	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
M McMillan	M McEwan
P McDonald	E Colquhoun
	J McLaren

January 29th	
A Pollock	
C Scotland	
J Davidson	
A Borthwick	
J Crawford	
C Turnbull	

DOOR DUTY February

BEADLE: M Scott

Door & Collection

February 5th	February 12th
I Whitelaw	M McLachlan
R McLellan	I Main
N Collins	J McVittie
A Miller	C McChesney
P McLellan	A Nicol
J Smith	S McKibbin

The Blessings of Peace
The Beauty of Hope
The Spirit of Love
The Comfort of Faith
May these be your gifts
this Christmas Season

Senior Citizens



Calling All Seniors!

Our programme for December and January is:

5 th Dec	Alastair Borthwick – Holiday Slides
12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch at Kaldi's

9 th Jan	Douglas Jenkinson – Singer & Entertainer
16 th Jan	Sing along with Harry B
23 rd Jan	Burns Afternoon - Scottish Films
30 th Jan	Rev Alex Stuart on Guitar
6 th Feb	Alastair Borthwick



Our programme for December, January and February is

Dec.	6th	Senior Citizens' Dinner
	13th	Carols by Candlelight
Jan.	10th	Janet Park – MBE
	17th	Liz Cotton – Rainbow Turtle Charity
	24th	Rhona Hughes - Singer
	31st	Scottish Night
Feb.	7th	Project – Haitie
	14th	'Valentine'
Sat.	18th	Soup and Sandwich Lunch
	21st	Windsor Castle – Robert Keys (Guest Night)
	28th	Father Tom Devlin (St Bridget's)

Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and are always informative and entertaining. New members can be assured of a warm welcome and a nice cup of tea.

Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship



Our group meets on Mondays at 7.45 pm. We meet in the Guild Room. We invite men from our congregation to consider joining us at our weekly meeting

Our meetings for December and January are as follows

Dec 5 th	David B Vennard – Battle of the Somme
Dec 12 th	Jill Scott & Bill Hicks – Grand Central Hotel
Jan 9 th	Douglas Robertson From Greenwich to Garrowhill
Jan 16 th	Janet Park MBE
Jan 23 rd	Moira Scott – Hong Kong
Jan 30 th	James Robertson - Stone Writing
Feb 6 th	Annual Burns Evening

Thank You



Many thanks for the lovely flowers we received on Sunday. Your good wishes are much appreciated.

Janis & Bill Smith



How on earth are we now in the season of advent? Christmas is racing ahead, and just a quick glance at my diary gives an indication of just how busy I will be! On Saturday 10th December we are hosting our Christmas Extravaganza, which is a cross between the Holiday Club Reunion and a Christmas Party! The day will feature all the fun of Holiday Club, and we hope to have a special visitor pop in to see us!

Numbers at the Youth Fellowship have steadily grown, and we now have twelve young people on the register! Various commitments mean we don't get them all on the same night, but it's great to have them along as often as they can manage! Their Christmas plans are now in place, following last year's model of two events! They have planned a trip to Braehead to play a couple of games of lasertag one week, and then the other week they will chill with a takeaway and watch a Christmas film!

It is not just the YF who have seen numbers increase! The SU Group at Garrowhill Primary has now grown to seven! To see this growth is really encouraging & it's great to have their enthusiasm on a Thursday lunchtime. The local primary schools in the Glasgow East area will be meeting to go to Garthamlock and Craighend Church for their Christmas Party. There is a total of seven schools going, so it promises to be a busy night! Not to be outdone, Bannerman's SU Group also have their Christmas Party, this time travelling to Moddiesburn Church! Again, it promises to be a great night for those young people who go!

My diary is filling up with Christmas events between the local schools and Happitots Nursery. Happitots are using the church hall for their annual Nativity, and unsurprisingly enough have asked me to help with this! I have also been invited to lead a Christmas Assembly at Bannerman on the final day of term, and plans are already being made for this! I'm also greatly looking forward to this year's Christmas Assembly from Garrowhill Primary.

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Guid New Year when it comes.

Douglas

Thank you for the flowers on my 97th birthday.

I miss my friends, I miss playing the organ and I miss Bill.

Kind regards
Tom Mahon

End of year Accounts

Treasurers of our church organisations are reminded that, as normal, accounts require to be audited for the year ending 31/12/16

The accounts, when finalised, can be handed to Stuart McKibbin, Peter Malcolm or Alex Pollock

Thank you

Wold Mission Committee



DEAR SUPPORTING CHURCHES,

You are often in our prayers and we praise the Lord for His blessings through you. We are very grateful for your continuous prayer and support in helping people to overcome poverty. May God bless you abundantly in all your ministry! In recent months, local churches in Metu, Hawassa, Arbaminch, Shashemene and Segen have been working closely with the community in solving security and health issues.

OVERTAKEN BY FEAR

Recent political instability in Ethiopia had left a feeling of nervousness over the whole area. There have been protests about ethnic divisions. Some people have died - although there are disputes between the government and watchdogs about how many people that might be.

In Metu and Shashemene, the Self Help Groups (SHGs) weren't meeting or performing their day to day activities. They were afraid and didn't want to leave the house. Local church leaders saw that this situation wasn't good for their development. So they visited the group members, comforting them and encouraging them to meet as usual. They advised them to not speak about the current

political issues during their meetings, and instead to keep focused on their businesses and training.

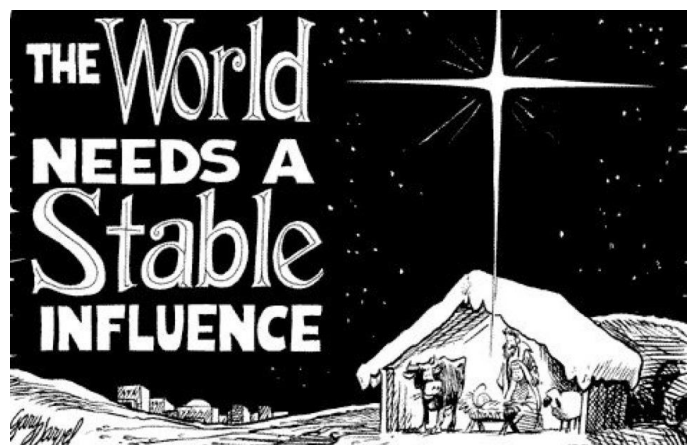
They also brought together government officials and the SHG members to have a discussion about keeping the peace. The church leaders emphasised the value of peace, and the government promised to work with them to calm the situation down.

CHURCHES CLEANING UP THEIR ACT

The other major issue in the past three months has been an extensive outbreak of chronic diarrhoea in the Arbaminch area. As well as being an unpleasant illness, it is also dangerous for children and vulnerable adults. The outbreak has led to a significant increase in child and adult mortality.

The government is trying to control the situation by promoting both the prevention (good sanitation) and the cure. They are giving free medical treatments for emergency patients in many health centres. To help tackle the situation, local churches in Arbaminch have launched a campaign about good hygiene and keeping your environment clean. To give a good example, they got together lots of SHG members to clean dirt in the villages. The campaign was carried out for a week, and non-SHG members were encouraged to join in so that they could protect their household from this severe disease.

As a thank you, the government gave the churches good media coverage and those that initiated it have earned goodwill from the community and the government. The latest reports suggest the rates of infection are reducing and more and more people are aware of what they need to do to stay safe





Please accept my grateful thanks for cards and flowers received following my stay in hospital and my birthday. These were very much appreciated.

Dolly Lang

Presbytery Report

The guest speaker at our November meeting was Lynne Paterson from Tearfund Scotland. You may remember Lynne who came to launch our Tearfund Connected Church project last year. She defined poverty as a broken relationship with God, with others and with the environment. This encouraged a mindset of broken self esteem and a lack of self respect. The ethos of Tearfund is based around a vision of unlocking people's potential and allowing them to flourish.

The Business Committee intimated that The Moderator of the General Assembly for 2017 - 18, the Rev Dr Derek Browning, will visit Glasgow Presbytery during his Moderatorial year.

The Convener also gave an update on the planned twinning between Glasgow Presbytery and the Diocese of Hyderabad. Four representatives of the Diocese were invited to visit Glasgow with all travel costs being met by the World Mission Council Faithshare Fund. The planned visit in May was cancelled as visa applications applied by two of the party were refused (the other two representatives have dual nationality). The reasons for refusal given concerned the financial situation of the applicants; there is no right of appeal or administrative review. Advice was obtained from World Mission Council staff responsible for twinning and it was agreed to make further applications. Letters of invitation from the Presbytery and the World Mission Council were resubmitted emphasising that all costs of travel, accommodation and day to day expenses would be met by the Council and the Presbytery. A further visit was planned to commence on 2nd November. However, two weeks before the visit, the visas were once more refused on similar grounds. The visit

was therefore postponed. The two people involved are "very depressed and shocked at the way the applications have been handled".

It was agreed that Presbytery expresses deep concern at the refusal by the UK Government of visas to two of its invited partners and would instruct the Presbytery clerks, working with the World Mission Council, to make these concerns known directly to the UK Government, local MPs and more widely.

Members of Presbytery and congregation are encouraged to write expressing their concerns to their MPs. They also fear that this refusal threatens to frustrate not only this twinning but the possibility of the World Council of Churches General Assembly and other international events coming to Glasgow, if only those whose personal finances meet the criteria are likely to be granted visas.

The Convener of the Strategic Planning Committee presented the OLM Job Description for Roland Hunt and intimated that he would be ordained on 24th November to the congregations of Carmyle linked with Kenmuir Mount Vernon.

Following a recent appeal for volunteers to help set up a Spiritual Befriending Service for women who have been previously trafficked, there has been a good response, although more volunteers would be welcome. The need for training is being considered and this will be made available.

Following the appeal for volunteer teams to assist at the Lodging House Mission on Saturday mornings, there have been a small number of congregations who have offered their help, but it is hoped that others will come forward.

The Learning and Nurture Committee raised awareness of the fact that 2018 is the Scottish Government's 'Year of the Young Person'. Various ideas have been discussed and planning is underway for special events.

The Stewardship and Finance Convener reported that Presbytery has been assigned a figure of £6,127,304 for its 2017 Ministries and Mission Contributions. The total represents a decrease of 1% from last year. Our contribution figure for Mure Memorial for 2017 is £55,960.00.

Janet Park

A Parent's Night Before Christmas



'Twas the night before Christmas when all
through the house,
I searched for the tools to hand to my
spouse.
Instructions were studied and we were
inspired,
In hopes we could manage "Some
Assembly Required."
The children were quiet (not asleep) in
their beds,
While Dad and I faced the evening with
dread:

A kitchen, two bikes, Barbie's town house
to boot!
And, thanks to Grandpa, a train with a
toot!
We opened the boxes, my heart skipped a
beat....
Let no parts be missing or parts
incomplete!
Too late for last-minute returns or
replacement;
If we can't get it right, it goes in the
basement!

When what to my worrying eyes should
appear,
But 50 sheets of directions, concise, but
not clear,
With each part numbered and every slot
named,
So if we failed, only we could be blamed.
More rapid than eagles the parts then fell
out,
All over the carpet they were scattered
about.

"Now bolt it! Now twist it! Attach it right
there!
Slide on the seats, and staple the stair!
Hammer the shelves, and nail to the
stand."

"Honey," said hubby, "you just glued my
hand."
And then in a twinkling, I knew for a fact
That all the toy dealers had indeed made a
pact
To keep parents busy all Christmas Eve
night
With "assembly required" till morning's
first light.

We spoke not a word, but kept bent at our
work,
Till our eyes, they went bleary; our fingers
all hurt.
The coffee went cold and the night, it wore
thin
Before we attached the last rod and last
pin.
Then laying the tools away in the chest,
We fell into bed for a well-deserved rest.

But I said to my husband just before I
passed out,
"This will be the best Christmas, without
any doubt.
Tomorrow we'll cheer, let the Christmas
bells ring,
And not have to run to the store for a
thing!
We did it! We did it! The toys are all set
For the perfect, most perfect, Christmas, I
bet!"
Then off to dreamland I gratefully went
To enjoy my repose, I was feeling content
Though I suppose there's something to say
for those self-deluded...
I'd forgotten that batteries are never
included!





Thank you for making my birthday so special, especially the church for giving me a party and the Guild for the lovely bouquet of flowers. Also all my friends for the good wishes, cards and gifts I received. I enjoyed every minute of my birthday and I had a wonderful time.

May Mathieson

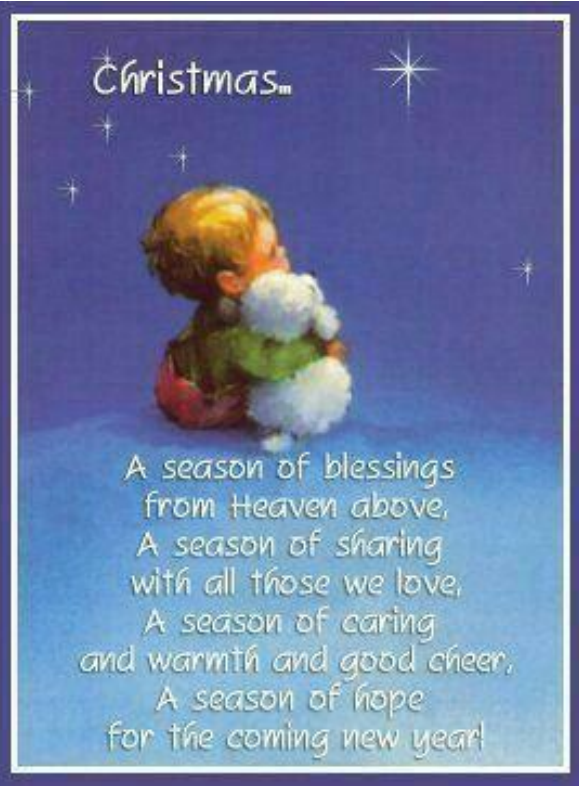


A big thank you to everyone for all the lovely flowers, card and good wishes I received which were very much appreciated. Hopefully I am now well on the way to recovery.

Joyce Stevenson

From the Link team

We wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year



A season of blessings
from Heaven above,
A season of sharing
with all those we love,
A season of caring
and warmth and good cheer,
A season of hope
for the coming new year!



Merry Christmas!

*May you know joy and peace this
Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year*

From

Margaret and Alex Gibson

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**Deadline for the next issue is
Wednesday 25th January**

