

December 2018



Mure Memorial Church



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Hello again my friends,

It has been good to be with you as the family of God and to see the enthusiasm of the young folks to take part, even when they are told they will be asked to do the 'Impossible'. It is great to see their willingness to tackle any problem. It puts our own sometimes reserved way of looking at things into perspective. When did most of us lose that enthusiasm and willingness, are we afraid of failure or of being seen to fail. The only way we will never fail is never to try to do anything, we are called to make a difference and sometimes we will get it wrong but we must like our young folks be prepared to keep trying – even the impossible.

On 18th November the two boys worked together to do what was impossible for one and by working together is what makes our Christian family so great that it can tackle what others think impossible.

As we approach Advent, remembering the coming of Christ into the world, something had to be done to bring people back into God's grace. Isn't it wonderful to think that when man could find no way, God came up with the solution, to come into our world in the person of Christ to be with us on our terms and to teach and lead us in ways we understand and know.

He came as a model of how to be and how to treat others and that how we treat others reflects how we treat God.

Let us use this wonderful time of Advent to be more like our young family members and be prepared to show enthusiasm and to tackle things that we might think 'Impossible' for us. During Advent we are at the start of the new Christian Year, let us all take time to think about the wonder of God coming in the person of Christ, for our benefit, and find ways that we as his disciples and friends can continue His work and reach out to others in His name.

It has been really good to be with you these past weeks and I am looking forward to this Advent season with you and being with you at the watchnight service.

One service I am really keen to be part of, in a small way, is the Nativity on the 23rd of December when the young folks will bring

their enthusiasm and brightness to show us just what can be done.

Wishing you all blessings for this Advent season and the coming year.

George

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

13th Nov Johnny Graham - Husband of Helen and father of Alison, David and Aileen



*Who are we, God our Father,
amidst all of your creation?
Yet you so loved the world
that you sent Jesus, your Son,
to live fully as one of us.
I rejoice that he is beside me now.
Amen*



Sunday 9 th Dec	Communion Service and Gift Service 10.00 am
Sunday 16 th Dec	Morning Worship 10.00 am Carol Service 6.30 pm
Sunday 23 rd Dec	JaM Club Nativity Play 10.00 am
Monday 24 th Dec	Watchnight Service with Carols from 11.15 pm
Sunday 30 th Dec	Morning Worship 10.00 am
Sunday 6 th Jan	Morning Worship 10.00 am
Sunday 13 th Jan	Morning Worship 10.00 am
Sunday 20 th Jan	Morning Worship 10.00 am
Sunday 27 th Jan	Morning Worship 10.00 am
Sunday 3 rd Feb	Morning Worship 10.00 am

Flower Calendar

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



The Flower Calendar is now ready for 2019. May I take this opportunity to thank the flower team for their support throughout 2018. Special thanks to my friend Margaret Towland for buying and arranging the flowers in my absence, her help is much appreciated.

Help is always needed to lighten the load. If anyone in the congregation feels they could help with flowers in any way, please speak to me any Sunday.

Compliments of the Season to all
Agnes x

Nov 4th	June Crawford
Nov 11th	
Nov 18th	The Guild
Nov 25th	May Mathieson

DOOR DUTY December

BEADLE : G Leiper

Door & Collection

December 16th	December 23rd
R Colquhoun	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Turnbull
S Blackwood	J Davidson
M McEwan	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford

December 30th	
I Whitelaw	
R McLellan	
N Collins	
J Smith	
P McLellan	

DOOR DUTY January

BEADLE : R McKendrick

Door & Collection

January 6th	January 13th
I Main	A Graham
J McVittie	C Rodgers
A Nicol	B Graham
S McKibbin	D Rodgers
M McLachlan	M Hutchison

January 20th	January 27th
A Hunter	A Telfer
M Brown	G McDonald
J Hunt	Alex Wilson
A Kenyon	M McMillan
A Miller	A Tedeschi

DOOR DUTY February

BEADLE : G McDonald

Door & Collection

February 3rd	February 10th
R Colquhoun	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Turnbull
S Blackwood	J Davidson
M McEwan	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford

End of year Accounts

Treasurers of our church organisations are reminded that, as normal, accounts require to be audited for the year ending 31/12/17

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

Thank you



Thank you very much for the lovely flowers sent to my wife, Agnes after her recent operation.

Donald Wilson

Senior Citizens



Calling All Seniors!

The Senior Citizens meet on Mondays at 2.15pm. We have a varied programme and all seniors are welcome to come along and join us.

Dec 3rd	Fire Brigade
10th	Old Glasgow – Douglas Annan
17th	Christmas Lunch in Church Hall at 12.30 p.m. Entertainment by Alex Wilkie (Singer)
Jan 7th	Alastair Borthwick – Namibia
14th	St John's History – Maureen and Diane
21st	Alex Stuart – some songs
28th	Beetle Drive
Feb 4th	Chas
11th	St Valentine's Tea and Quiz



The forthcoming meetings are -

Dec 4th	Senior Citizens' Dinner (6.30 p.m.)
11th	Carols by Candlelight
Jan 8th	Stuart Harbiston
15th	Scottish Prison Service
22nd	Memory Lane (Melody Makers)
29th	Scottish Night
Feb 5th	Project – Working with Malawi Fruits
12th	Mure Memorial Choir (Fund Raiser)

Everyone is made very welcome and we have some very interesting nights to look forward to. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and new members are always made very welcome.



Where has the year gone? It's hard to believe Christmas is here again; we thought it was time to let you know our Christmas and New Year programme, here in Lodging House Mission.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 1st December the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter Initiative starts again.

Please pray for the success of this project and for the street sleepers who use this and other services.

Christmas Day – We shall be opening our doors to provide a 3 course Christmas Meal and a small gift to around 100 Service Users. For many, this is the only present they will receive. We are always grateful to receive little "Extras" at this time e.g. cakes, biscuits etc.

Sunday 3rd February 2018 at 6.30 pm – Our Homelessness Sunday Service will be slightly later this year. Guest speaker will be the Rt Rev Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly. Please come and show your support for Glasgow's homeless and most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you to everyone who purchased our Christmas cards this year. We still have stock for sale. Also, for your help and support during the past 12 months. We simply could not exist without you.

Everyone in the LHM wish you all every blessing throughout the Advent Season.

Yours sincerely,
Gus Smeaton

Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship



Why not come along on a Monday evening at 7.45 pm and join us in the Guild Room? You will be made very welcome.

Our meetings for December, January and February are as follows.

- 3rd Dec – Peter Mortimer
- 10th Dec – Heather Willimot - Antarctica
- 7th Jan - Janet Muir – Panopticon Music Hall
- 14th Jan – Stuart Watson – Revival Radio
- 21st Jan – Canine Partners - Dale
- 28th Jan - Alastair Borthwick - Namibia
- 4th Feb - David Walker – Glasgow's Hidden Treasure
- 11th Feb – Burns Evening



"They say they are three kings."

LINE DANCING



The Line Dancing has stopped for the Christmas holidays and will start up again on Tuesday 8th January at 2.00 p.m. and new members are always welcome to join us

Thank You!

I would like to thank all for cards, flowers and good wishes on my recent knee op. Hopefully, up and running in no time.
Agnes Nicol

Choir Concert



On Saturday 24th November our choir, led by Douglas, entertained approximately 85 Senior Citizens at their Christmas Dinner in the Kirk of the Holy Rood, Grangemouth.

The programme was varied, with a mixture of secular and Christmas pieces, some of which were performed by soloists, a duo and an ensemble. A flute and an accordion added to the piano accompaniment and the music was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The concert concluded with communal carol singing - song sheets were provided – and the audience were in good voice.

The chairperson thanked Douglas and the choir and he accepted a donation of £70 for the choir funds. She extended a warm invitation to return another year.

Thank you!



Two members of our team of distributors have decided to retire, after many years of service. A "thank you" is due to May Crockett and Alison Strachan.

Gift Sunday 9th December

This year, once again, our gifts will be split between the East End Women's Refuge and the Glasgow Care Foundation, whose work involves assisting families and individuals in Glasgow who cannot get help from other agencies. They will accept gifts for teenagers and toys for children, but also supermarket vouchers for families at Christmas.

Christmas Gifts



To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

Mure Access Project

As our project nears completion, this is our most recent Press release which we have to send to WREN.

Work continues on our new disabled access facilities at Mure Memorial Church in Baillieston

Building work is continuing to create a new disabled access facility for the community and the congregation of Mure Memorial Church in Garrowhill, Baillieston.

The Church's project is a step closer now that the improvements are in place at the site in Maxwell Drive, Garrowhill.

The project, which is being largely funded by a £50,000 grant from WREN'S FCC Scottish Action Fund, will provide full disabled access and toilet facilities once it is completed by the end of the year.

Janet Park, Session Clerk of Mure Memorial Church, is excited that the project is starting to take shape. She says: "It's great to see our vision for this vital community facility moving closer to reality. We have recently had a booking for a little girl's birthday party and were asked if it would be possible to accommodate the little girl's grandmother who is wheelchair bound. It was with much delight we were able to confirm that this would be no problem due to our new access. The little girl's grandmother is said to be "over the moon" to be able to attend. We are extremely grateful for the funding WREN has given us and we're looking forward to completion."

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

WREN Grant Manager, Sophie Cade says: "The team at Mure Memorial Church are doing a fantastic job of progressing this project to install these vital facilities; I can't wait to see the end product."

A Puppy's Christmas



It's the day before Christmas
And all through the house
The puppies are squeaking
An old rubber mouse.

The wreath which had merrily
Hung on the door
Is scattered in pieces
All over the floor.

The stockings that hung
In a neat little row
Now boast a hole in
Each one of the toes.

The tree was subjected
To bright-eyed whims,
And now, although splendid,
It's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them.
"Be good", I insist.
They lick me, then run off
To see what they've missed.

And now as I watch them
The thought comes to me,
That theirs is the spirit
That Christmas should be.

Should children and puppies
Yet show us the way,
And teach us the joy
That should come with this day?

Could they bring the message
That's written above,
And tell us that, most of all
Christmas is love.

Author Unknown

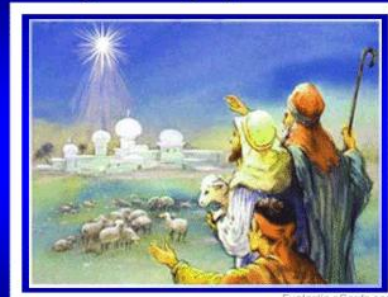
DEAR GOD

I know that I am not
perfect, I know sometimes
I forget to pray, I know
I have questioned my faith,
I know sometimes I loose
my temper,

But thank you for loving
me, unconditionally and
giving me another day
to start over again!!!!



May the Joy of Christmas



bring peace and happiness to all

From the Link team

Wishing all our readers a
Happy Christmas and a Peaceful
New Year

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