

FEBRUARY 2011

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Dear Friends,

Just starting to arise out of the depths of a long cold winter, which as you will see from the list of funerals, has taken its toll on our community, we now turn our thoughts thankfully to Spring, the season of new birth. Already in one or two of the gardens locally there is a glimpse of the green shoots of new growth bursting through the soil, until recently hardened by frost or covered by snow. I think this is my favourite time of year, with the snowdrop my favourite flower, because it is usually the first to show and after the cold, dark winter brings with it the promise of warmer, brighter days ahead.

We celebrate new birth in worship with Baptisms on Sundays the 6th and 13th of February and hope you can join us for worship on these days. These services will be family (all age services) where the children of the church will be with us for all the service and we will sing some cheery choruses, and the minister (I promise) won't speak for so long. These services are part of the new beginnings we are trying for our Sunday School. On non-family service Sundays the children will spend the hour in the Church Hall in a "Junior Church", with their own songs, prayers, talks and activities, which they haven't had time to do with the time split between Church and Sunday School in the past. They will however still come into church a couple of Sundays per month to special services geared for their enjoyment and participation. We want to try and give our children the best and most positive experience of being at Mure Memorial, and therefore of the name of Jesus Christ.

At the other end of the age spectrum it has come to our attention that a number of our members are moving into nursing home care without the appropriate follow-up from the

congregation. We are really sorry about this neglect, especially if you or your loved ones have experienced it, and we aim to put some new practices into place which will ensure a more caring continuation of the pastoral care on offer from the congregation. Along with other changes which we will say more about next month, there will be an increased opportunity for volunteers to help us in the wider work of the church. I hope you may see this as an opportunity for a new beginning for the congregation and even for yourself as you play your part in building the warmer and brighter future of Mure Memorial.

Wishing you every blessing for the future,

Rev. Malcolm Cuthbertson



Funerals:

24/12/10 Mrs Ellen Jordan, we remember husband Jim in our prayers.

30/12/10 Mr Thomas McIntyre, we remember daughter Hannah in our prayers.

06/01/11 Mrs Jean McPherson, we remember husband Ricky and the family in our prayers.

06/01/11 Mr William McMaster, we remember wife Nan in our prayers.

07/01/11 Mr William Herd, we remember wife Jean in our prayers.

13/01/11 Mr William (Kirkie) Kirkpatrick, we remember wife Mary and all the family in our prayers.

14/01/11 Mr Garry Paterson, we remember wife Angela, parents Anna and Sam and the family in our prayers.

17/01/11 Mrs Margaret Pert, we remember husband George in our prayers.

18/01/11 Mrs Margaret Blues, we remember Harry and the family in our prayers.

OOPS!

Driving through town on his way to visit his parishioners, a minister knocked down a pedestrian. He rushed to the man's side, but the pedestrian stood up, brushed himself down and declared himself unhurt, absolutely fine, no injuries. The minister, however, concerned there may have been delayed shock, told the man to get in touch with him, and insisted on giving the man one of his business cards which he usually puts through the letterbox if a parishioner was out when he called. On the front of the card were the minister's details, e.g. name address, phone numbers, etc. On the reverse of the card was printed "Sorry I missed you. Hope to get you next time."

Many thanks for all the get well cards and Christmas cards I received in December. I am pleased to say that I am making good progress after my knee operation. Your good wishes were much appreciated.

Ella Tran





Flower Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has donated flowers for our Sunday services during December & January

<u>December</u>	
<u>December 5th</u>	Ms Margaret Hutchison
<u>December 12th</u>	Mrs Janis Smith
<u>December 19th</u>	Mrs Mary Martin
<u>December 26th</u>	Mrs Agnes Nicol

<u>January</u>	
<u>January 2nd</u>	
<u>January 9th</u>	Mr Alex Wilson
<u>January 16th</u>	Mrs May White
<u>January 23rd</u>	
<u>January 30th</u>	



For this new morning with its light,

For rest and shelter of the night,

For health and food, for love and friends,

For everything thy goodness sends,

We thank thee, dearest Lord

Amen



Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers, cards, support and kindness which we have received at this very sad time.

Angela, Lauren and Emma Paterson



Once again may I make an appeal for help to wrap and / or deliver flowers on a rota basis, as many hands make light work.

Agnes Nicol

Prayer Group

If you would like a prayer to be said please complete one of the prayer slips available at each church door. Alternatively email prayer@mure.org or telephone Eileen on 573 8142

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 the folder outside the Vestry

Deadline for the next issue is
23rd February

DOOR DUTY – February

BEADLE: GRAHAM LEIPER

Door & Collection

February 6th	February 13th
L Kennedy	L Bell
R Dennett	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	A Kenyon
C Robertson	J Davidson
A Telfer	H Colquhoun
A Forrester	S Blackwood

February 20th	February 27th
A Pollock	W Millar
J McVittie	C Scotland
J Crawford	C Stewart
A Borthwick	C McChesney
A Nicol	C Turnbull
A Stewart	A Walker

DOOR DUTY – March

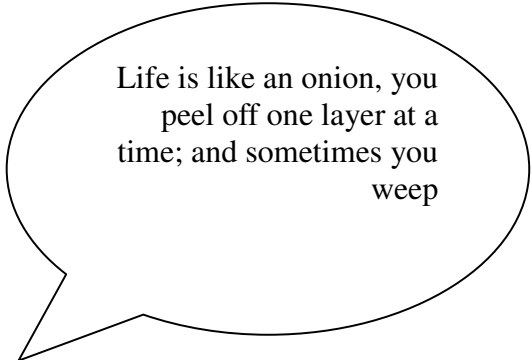
BEADLE: ROSS McKENDRICK

Door & Collection

March 6th	March 13th
E Boyd	L Strachan
A Stuart	L Bell
C Rodgers	A Frew
B Graham	A Smith
M McKellar	A Kenyon
M Martin	M Brown

Within the next 2/3 weeks I will be preparing the Door and Beadle duty rota and I wish now to give YOU the opportunity to volunteer for this necessary part of our Sunday service. Will you please give this appeal your earnest consideration. A few names are required for door duty and collection uplift, but I particularly wish to emphasise the need for additional names for the duty of Beadle. This is an important role in our church service every Sunday, and one or two volunteers would be greatly appreciated by those already performing this duty. If you would like more details of what is involved for any of these duties, please don't hesitate to contact me either at church or at 0141 778 4342. I wish to stress that this appeal is not confined to office bearers, but to all members of the congregation. I wish, on behalf of the Kirk Session, to thank those members who currently carry out these duties and to assure them that they are greatly appreciated.

John Coutts



Life is like an onion, you
peel off one layer at a
time; and sometimes you
weep

THE GUILD



Our programme for February and March is -

- Feb 1 Clickman's Confectioners
8 Tunnocks
15 My Incredible Journey –
Mima Bell
22 Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson
- Mar 1 Choir Concert
4 (Friday) World Day of Prayer
8 Games Night
15 Gentle Exercise & Healthy Eating
Sandra Paterson
22 Daffodil Tea
29 A.G.M.

We have two extra events in the Guild Calendar. The Guild will be holding a Soup and Sandwich Lunch on March 19. This is to replace the one that had to be cancelled in December because of the snow. Tickets already sold for the December Lunch will still be valid for the new date.

Also, Bill Russell has kindly offered to hold a piano/organ recital in aid of Guild Funds on Sunday afternoon 13th February at 3.00 p.m. in the Church. Tickets, including tea and homebaking are £3.00 and are available from Margaret McKendrick.

Our meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and everyone is warmly welcome.

Can You Help?

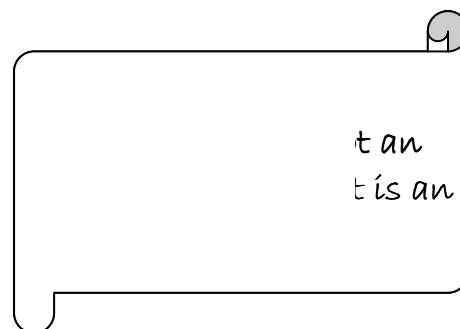
I'm sure you agree that it's lovely to see the church seats filling up on Sunday mornings and although we don't always have the children in with us now, we know there are a few babies who are being brought by their parents or grandparents.

With this in mind we are re-instating our creche facility and this is where you come in.....

If you are a magnificent mummy, an adoring auntie or a glamorous granny (and yes, why not - a doting daddy, a nurturing uncle or a proud papa) we are urgently seeking helpers. If enough volunteers come forward, you would only need to take an occasional turn on the rota and, as intimated, it is expected that the children will be in church when baptisms are taking place.

Please consider helping out your church family. If you would like to offer your services please speak to Janet Park or me - it will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Moira Scott





BOYS' BRIGADE

The Boys' Bit

Once again this Christmas, the boys ventured out for some festive fun ... but not for snow ball fights and snowmen. It was far more high-tech than that! As has become the custom, we journeyed to Motherwell, despite the heavy snow and ice, to take part in our annual laser-quest challenge at The Zone on Friday 17th December. The boys – and officers – were separated into two groups and in those groups given teams. The objective from then on was simple – to 'zap' as many of the other team you possibly could in order to win (it's all about the winning)! A great time was, as always, had by all.

*All the water in the world
However hard it tries
Can never sink the smallest ship
Unless it gets inside*

*And all the evil in the world
The blackest kind of sin
Can never hurt you in the least
Unless you let it in*

Anon

LIFE & WORK

Will distributors please note that monies are now due. Price for the year is £21.60.

Thank you

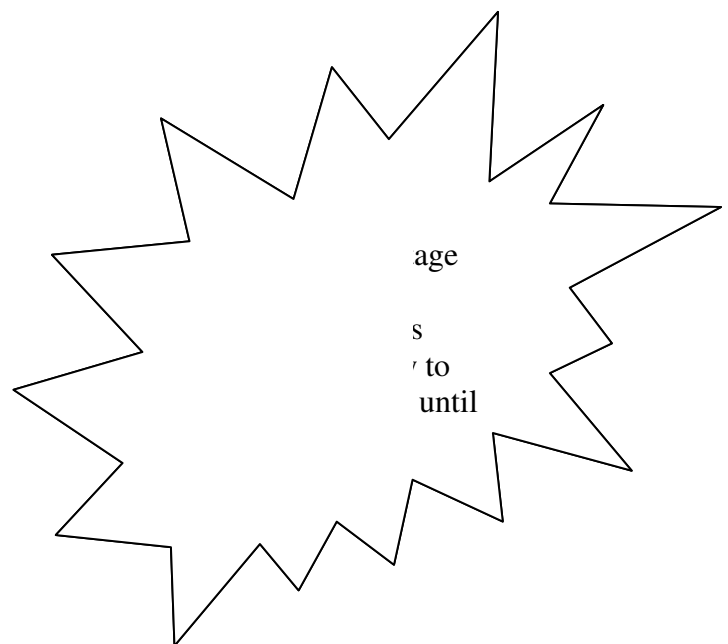
Margaret Getty

Senior Citizens' Club

February 7th Tom Barrett - First Aid
February 14th Just Us
February 21st Senior Citizens Orchestra
(see below)
February 28th Ossie Montgomery

The concert on the 21st Feb will take place in the church starting at 2pm, and all are welcome. Tea will be served in the main hall after the concert

Cathy Dent



Men's Fellowship

New members will be made welcome, come along and join us on a Monday evening at 7:45pm. Our meetings are quite informal with interesting speakers. The syllabus for February and March is as follows:

February

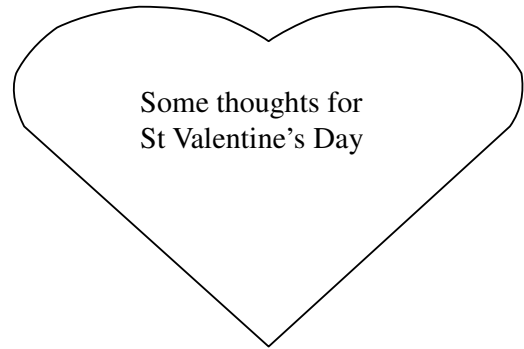
- 7th Derek Miller-collecting debt.
- 14th Tina Ferrie -Singing with the Big Bands
- 21st Alec Reynolds -Parks Dept.
- 28th Video Evening

March

- 5th Coffee morning
- 7th John Mason- Life at Westminster
- 14th Quiz Night

Our coffee morning is our main fundraising effort of the year and we look forward to seeing you all there to support this event.

John Coutts



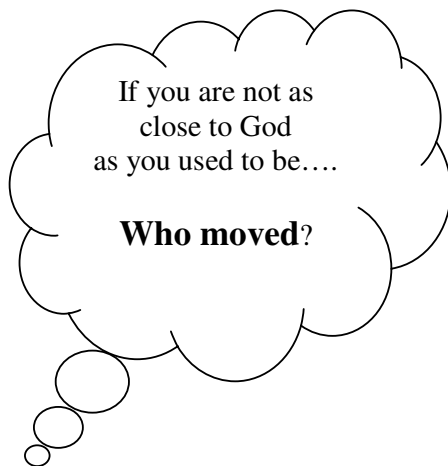
Some thoughts for
St Valentine's Day

Before I heard the Doctors tell the dangers
of a kiss,
I had considered kissing you the nearest
thing to bliss.
But now I know biology and sit and sigh
and moan;
Six million mad bacteria, and I thought we
were alone

Anon

A good marriage is the union of two
forgivers.

The first duty of love is to listen.



If you are not as
close to God
as you used to be....

Who moved?

To all our readers

We would like to take this opportunity in
the first Link of 2011 to wish everyone a
Happy and Healthy New Year. We would
be happy to have **YOUR** input into **YOUR**
church magazine. Share your stories and
anecdotes with us and all our readers

Baillieston Mary's Meals Projects

Dear Supporter



On behalf of all the volunteers who work on the projects in St Bridget's Parish Centre each Tuesday and Thursday, I am writing to thank you and all who have been so faithful in supporting our efforts during 2010.

Goods donated for backpacks have been utilised and since January, 2530 filled bags have been sent to disadvantaged children in Liberia and Haiti. This brings our total bag pack contribution to 4,560 since August 2008.

Donated goods were delivered to the Mary's Meals shop in Duke Street and helped boost funds to feed children. It costs an average of £9.00 to feed one child for one year.

On 12th January 2010, it was proposed that we would raise £7,000 to provide a feeding station in Malawi. This target was achieved on the 12th December 2010. The kitchen has been allocated to Sanjika School which is run by the Malawian Government in Mphande Region of the Mwanza District of Southern Malawi. Currently 1009 pupils attend the school. The completion date for the construction of this school kitchen is April 2011.

We always welcome new volunteers, especially car drivers who can spare some time to help us transport goods to Duke Street.

Finally, "On behalf of the child who will not go hungry today because of you, thank you.

On behalf of the child who is in school today because of you, thank you.

On behalf of the child who is singing a new song today because of you, thank you.
On behalf of the child who dares to dream because of you, thank you."

Yours sincerely
Margaret McElroy

P.S. We are always looking for donations of towels which do not have to be new.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The service this year had the theme "All things in Common" and was based on material from Christians in Jerusalem. The following was the Prayer of Commitment which was said by all at the end of the Service.

"Take us from where we are, to where you want us to be; make us not merely guardians of a heritage, but living signs of your coming Kingdom; fire us with passion for justice and peace between all people; fill us with that faith, hope and love which embody the Gospel; and through the power of the Holy Spirit make us one. That the world may believe, that your name may be enthroned in our nation, that your church may more effectively be your body, we commit ourselves to love you, serve you, and follow you as pilgrims not strangers."

