

FEBRUARY 2012

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Of priests, angels and volunteers.

There seems to be a common theme running through much of my thought of late that I feel is worth just highlighting for you this month. The reformation principle of the “priesthood of all believers” recognises the importance of all Christians serving as priests standing between God and humanity, interceding for humanity to God and communicating God’s love to the world.

Another way of putting that is to talk of Christians as angels in the way that angels act as messengers between God and humanity, and seek to find ways to show the love and protection of God, often through unrecognised works of love and care.

As human beings we have the capacity to be both priests and angels in the way in which we look out for other people in our lives, as we seek to love, to care, and to share.

Anyone can do it, and the more that people are able to be together and support one another in the task, the better for both those who give and those who receive. It is the purpose of the church to create the opportunity for the work of priests and angels, giving people the means by which they can serve God, by serving others.

During the last few months we have lost some people, either through death or illness or simply moving away, who played significant roles in the service of others within the congregation and community around Mure Memorial. While it is easy to bemoan this fact and for the doom-mongers amongst us to prophesy the end of the world, or at least of Mure Memorial, I would prefer to see it as an opportunity for others to step up to the plate and take us forward into the future. Anyone can volunteer something of themselves for the community pot. No reasonable offers will be rejected. You and yours could make a difference, indeed possibly a difference unique to who and what you have to offer. You can channel God’s love through Mure Memorial and do something very special for God and others.

You can be a priest or an angel by simply volunteering some time, some interest, and some energy to the work of Mure Memorial. And you can do it a part of a community in fellowship and friendship with other people. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rev. Malcolm Cuthbertson.

Volunteers Needed

Musicians required for the Praise Band.

People who play instruments such as keyboard (piano) or guitar are needed to support Joan, our new Praise Band Leader. Singers of course are always welcome too. Rehearsals are on Mondays at 7.30pm in the sanctuary.

Handymen (or women) who can do a little painting or joinery or gardening are needed for the fabric team. If you can spare some time, to help keep church and manse looking like they belong to God, give Malcolm a shout.

Technical Help needed for the sound and vision team.

Lent Studies

Lenten Study evenings begin again on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm from Sunday 26th February (1st Sunday in Lent) to 1st April (Palm Sunday). The general theme for the series is community engagement or mission. The five evenings to which everyone is invited will be a mix of talk and discussion among those who attend, led by the minister. People from other churches are invited to come along.

Sunday 26th February “The Purpose behind Mission” – what are we trying to do?

Sunday 4th March “The Presence of the Church for Mission” - where do we start from?

Sunday 11th March “The Proclamation Required for Mission” – what do we have to say?

Sunday 18th March “The Practice of Mission” – what actions are required to make a difference?
Sunday 25th March “The Pathos of Mission” – what feelings need to be dealt with?
Sunday 1st April “The Palm Sunday experience “ - a study on Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem as example for community engagement.

Funerals:

7th December **Fay Thomson:**
We remember daughter Elaine and all the family in our prayers.
8th December **Wallace McGow:**
We pray for daughter Elaine.
16th December **Elsie Queen:**
We remember son Cameron and all the family in our prayers.
22nd December **Margaret Dickson:**
We pray for daughters Jane and Isobel and all the family.
23rd December **Karen Murphy (44):**
We remember John and the children in our prayers.
29th December **Joey McDonald:**
We pray for sons Angus and Robert and the family.

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10th January **Charlie Mawer:**
We remember daughters Mairi and Sheila in our prayers.
10th January **Pearl Taylor:**
We pray for daughters Christine and Helen and all the family.
12th January **Ian Rankine (58):**
We remember wife Trish and all the family in our prayers.
13th January **Mary Williamson:**
We pray for daughter Jackie, son Billy and all the family.
17th January **George Lindsay:**
We remember wife Ruby and daughter Karen in our prayers.

17th January **Chris Chapman:** We pray for sons John and David and daughter-in-law Margaret.

21st January **Robert Drain:**
We pray for sons William & Robert, daughter Elaine and all the family.

Wedding

14th January Ann Wood & Bob Wylie:
We wish them every blessing for the future.

Windows Update

Presently a team of architects are sending out the specifications of all 64 windows in the church building to cost the purchase of these. For the purpose of this costing, all sanctuary windows will be single glazed and metal-framed, while all hall and small room windows will be double-glazed. This is because of the aesthetic requirements of the sanctuary windows. Double glazed units are prone to break their seals and cause condensation within the glass. This would take away from the look of the windows and be expensive to constantly replace. The sanctuary is not used that much and so heat loss saved within the sanctuary would be far smaller than the rest of the accommodation which is well used and where the aesthetics of the windows are less important.

The Board has also given permission for one small window to be replaced. This will allow the builders to see what issues there may be when we remove the windows from their positions and be able to better understand how the windows might be installed in the best way possible, and also to ensure that any quote for the work will include the potential hazards to be found in the process, thus making it hopefully more accurate.

All that we can do is wait on the tendering process. We would hope to have a tender price by the end of February with a possible

launch of the main fundraising drive at the AGM which will be held on Sunday, 11th March after a shortened morning service. We also require the tenders to pursue permission for the work through Glasgow Presbytery. Meanwhile I trust you will continue to support the fundraising work already started.

Dear Friends

Janette and I would like to thank you all for your cards, flowers, kind wishes and most enjoyable house visits during my recent illness

Jack and Janette Hunt

Life & Work

Will distributors please note that monies are now due for Life and Work 2012.

Price £21.60

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
22nd February



We were all overwhelmed by everyone's well-wishes, thoughts and prayers and thank everyone for the many cards, love and support shown to us in the loss of our Mum, Pearl Taylor. A happy and peaceful 2012 to you all.

Grateful thanks from

*Kenneth and Helen Duncan and Family,
Jim and Christine Forsyth*

Mens' Fellowship.

Feb.6th. Mima Bell , Israel
Feb13th. City Chambers, afternoon visit
Feb 20th. To be arranged
Feb 27th. Mr.Buchan, Headmaster
Garrowhill Primary School
March 3rd Annual Coffee Morning
March 5th. Uddingston Pride.

The Mens' Fellowship wish to thank all who supported our church BURNS SUPPER, especially our guest speakers and artists. A happy and successful evening was enjoyed by all.

J.Coutts

To All My Friends

*Friends are a big part of my life, so I would like to thank you all, Women's Guild, Senior Citizen Group, and all members of Mure Memorial Parish for all the flowers, cards, and kind thoughts I received on my return from hospital
Thank you.*

Margaret (Meg) Stuart

*Keep your thoughts positive
because your thoughts become
your words*

*Keep your words positive
because your words become
your behaviour*

*Keep your behaviour positive
because your behaviour
becomes your habits.*

*Keep your habits positive
because your habits become
your values.*

*Keep your values positive
because your values become
your destiny.*



If someone listens, or stretches out a hand, or whispers a word of encouragement, or attempts to understand a lonely person, extraordinary things begin to happen

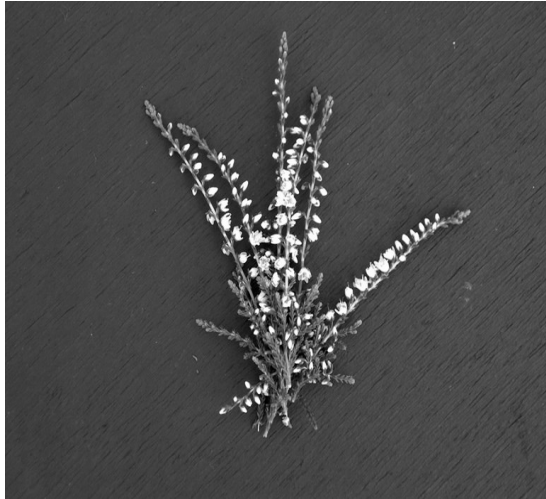
Lord God, give me the will to hold to the truth and the strength to help keep the world true; and may I help others to look up and catch the truth from the purest light.

Amen.



Affordable Warmth Dividend

In November the Council announced the establishment of an Affordable Warmth Dividend of £100 for all over 80's in the City of Glasgow on Pension Credit. It has now been extended to all over 80's regardless of income. The application deadline is the 31st March 2012 and application forms are available at both entrances to the Church. This dividend is payable per person, not per household. Please pass this information on to anyone you think may be eligible.



The idea that white heather is lucky was popularised by the Victorians and their love of Scottish traditions. In 1884 Queen Victoria herself wrote about her servant Mr Brown, who "espied a piece of white heather, and jumped off to pick it. No Highlander would pass by it without picking it, for it was considered to bring good luck." White heather's luck may have been attributed to it because of its scarcity, in the same way that four-leaf clovers brought other Celts luck. Other interpretations include the more romantic notion that white heather grows over the final resting places of faeries, or the idea that in a country of many ancient battles, white heather grew on patches of ground where no blood had been shed. Indeed white heather's luck appears originally to have been associated mainly with battles; in 1544 Clan Ranald attributed a victory to the fact they had worn white heather in their bonnets, and Cluny of Clan MacPherson attributed his escape after Culloden to the fact that searchers had overlooked him whilst he slept on a patch of white heather.



Flower Calendar

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

December	
December 4th	Margaret Hutchison
December 11th	Janis Smith
December 18th	Catherine Scotland
December 25th	Agnes Nicol

January	
January 8th	Mr Alex Wilson
January 15th	Flower Fund
January 22nd	Anne Stuart
January 29th	Flower Fund



Many thanks to the Church, the Guild and all our friends for the lovely flowers and cards received on our respective 90th birthdays; they were very much appreciated. Thanks also for the soup and sandwich lunch given to us on Sunday 29th January. We both enjoyed the camaraderie and the friendship shown to us – a day we will treasure.

Thanks again.

Jean Duncan & Nancy Smith

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DOOR DUTY – February

BEADLE: GRAEME LEIPER

Door & Collection

February 5th	February 12th
E Boyd	J Hunt
A Stuart	J Hannah
C Rodgers	M Brown
B Graham	Mrs Hunt
M McKellar	Mrs Hannah
M Martin	A Kenyon

February 19th	February 26th
A Kavannah	L Kennedy
A Telfer	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
L Strachan	C Robertson
M McMillan	E Colquhoun
A Forrester	J McLaren

DOOR DUTY – March

BEADLE: ROSS McKENDRICK

Door & Collection

March 4th	March 11th
A Pollock	C Stewart
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	J Greenshields
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith

*Be kinder than necessary,
because
Everyone you meet is fighting
some
Kind of battle*

*To be a Christian without prayer
is no more possible than to be
alive without breathing.*

<u>Senior Citizens' Club</u>	
February 6	Short & Sweet – Mr Moyer
February 13	Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson Talking of his travels
February 20	Bridge Film Club (Scotch & Rye)
February 27	Sharon Stevenson - Guitar
March 5	Harry Ben –Entertainer
March 12	Half Day Outing
March 19	A.G..M
	Cathy Dent

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would like to extend a warm welcome to any child up to the age of 16 to join us on Sundays. We have facilities for a crèche, nursery, Sunday School and bible class. I would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thanks to three of our leaders who, unfortunately, are leaving us. Irene Main, Beverly Bisset and Michelle Key have done a fantastic job and have shown great commitment to our children. I give them my sincere thanks for all their work. If you think you could help out in any way either by becoming a teacher or helper, please contact me on 0793205670 or speak to me after the church service. Our children are an important part of our congregation and we owe them as much guidance and teaching as we can.

Lorraine Willock

Bible Class

Since our last article we are pleased to report that our Facebook page for Mure's

SaTellite Club

has been very successful in sending out information to teenagers and young adults connected to our Church. For those of you who use FB look for "Satellite Mure" and request to be a friend.

Members of the Bible Class provided support to the Sunday School Nativity play before enjoying their Christmas Night Out at Ten-Pin Bowling. The young people were joined by Mentors and adults from Holiday Club for a lively evening.

Epiphany Sunday saw us visiting Uddingston Old Church as part of our syllabus. A group of teenagers entering the Church caused quite a bit of consternation, until the Minister – Fiona McKibben – announced who we were from the pulpit. Phew! The relief of the Congregation was short-lived, however, as we proceeded to produce pens and paper and take notes. We were made to feel most welcome and accepted the invitation to "try the pulpit". The modernisation work was much-admired by our group.

The end of the RITE! Programme is in sight and this is the point at which I will be stepping-down as Bible Class Leader to allow me to travel to visit my elderly parents at weekends, when necessary.

Meanwhile we are actively seeking adults with an enthusiasm for working with teenagers in a Worship setting to build up a team to work alongside John. Our search has been extended to the wider community.

Beverley Bisset - Bible Class Leader

When Christ said "I was hungry and you fed me", he didn't mean only hunger for food; he also meant the hunger to be loved. Jesus himself experienced this loneliness. He came amongst his own and his own received him not, and it hurt him then and it has kept on hurting him. The same hunger, the same loneliness, the same having no one to be accepted by, and wanted by. Every human being in that case resembles Christ in his loneliness; and that is the hardest part, that's real hunger.

Mother Teresa



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent flowers, cards and well wishes to me after my recent operation and stay in hospital.

They were most appreciated.

Thanks once more.

Cathy Dent

THE GUILD



We are well into the second half of the Guild year and our programme for February and March is:

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| 7 February | Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson
(this has been changed from
January 31) |
| 14 February | Jean Clegg |
| 18 February | (Saturday)
Soup and Sandwich Lunch
11.30 am – 2.00 pm
(Cake and Candy, Gift Stall
and Raffle) Tickets are now
on sale £4. |
| 21 February | Yorkhill Children's
Foundation – Jena Porter |
| 28 February | Silent Auction |
| 2 March | (Friday)
World Day of Prayer at St.
Andrew's Baillieston |
| 6 March | Bearsden Fiddlers Concert
Tickets £3 |
| 13 March | Retro Glass – Rachel Collins |
| 20 March | A Night at the Pictures |
| 27 March | A.G..M. |

Property Committee Report

The Committee would like to thank Bob Getty for the great job he has done in applying floor paint in the corridors and steps throughout the various parts of the Church. It has improved the appearance of the floors, we're sure you'll all agree, and made them safer too.

Regular maintenance continues – it never stops – and we do our best to do what we can, with the resources available. On that note, if you have a skill – a handy(wo?)man, keen on DIY, or just plain handy with a screwdriver, paintbrush or are confident using ladders, we'd love to hear from you, as there are often small jobs that don't take long but would benefit from there being additional people to help. The more we do ourselves, the less we pay tradesmen, which helps keep our expenses down.

As always, if you see something which requires attention throughout the Church property, please let us or an Elder know, or place an entry in the Fabric Report book in the Session Room.

Church Inventory

It's that time again when the Church Inventory has to be done for Insurance purposes etc. It's fairly important that this is accurate, as items not on the list may not be insured. Each of the Church organisations will be contacted to establish changes during the last year, but if you think your group has been missed, please have a word with Alex Bisset, either in person or by leaving a note in the Property Committee tray in the Session Room.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Congratulations to the Boys' Brigade table tennis team who beat 1st Scone 7 -2. The team of Adam Carruthers, Zen Mohammed, and Daniel Glen now go into the last eight in Scotland, one game away from the regional finals. Well done boys!

Don't be concerned about the outward beauty that depends on fancy hairstyles, expensive jewellery or beautiful clothes. You should be known for the beauty that comes from within; the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God



A HUG

A hug, there's just no doubt about it, we scarcely could survive without it.

*A hug delights and warms and charms,
it must be why God gave us arms.*

Lord, I pray today that you help me to control my thoughts. Help me to not think any evil towards anyone or anything, yet help me to think on things which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of a good report, of virtue and of praise. In the mighty name of Jesus

Amen

There is a time to be quiet... and a time to speak up.

A Good New Year

Please remember to send us all your news or any little items you would like to see in the Link. This is your magazine and we would love to hear from you.

The Link editing team