

FEBRUARY 2013

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Dear Friends,

I recently had a visitor to my vestry who had come to apologise for not being at church. The reason for this was the need to care 24/7 for an elderly relative. She felt guilty that she wasn't able to come.

I assured her that worrying about coming to church was the least of her problems with the hard task she and the family had taken on. I was however disappointed though not surprised that such guilt still raises its ugly head in the life of the community.

Guilt, shame and fear were for much of the church's long life our major weapons of recruitment to membership. We told people incessantly both from the pulpit and in pastoral visiting how bad they were, and if they weren't bad we would create sins so they could be labelled bad and cajole them into coming to church to be better. We majored on afterlife fears, hellfire and damnation, to give people no alternative but to be there on a Sunday morning and the church felt powerful in the control they had over people.

Most people have seen through this strategy and it is I believe one of the major reasons why people don't come to church because they perceive it is still operating under the same methods, and in many cases it is. However a recurring theme in worship over the past few weeks is the notion of freedom, which is central to the teaching of Jesus.

Jesus came that we might have abundant life, freedom to serve others unburdened by all that would keep us from better serving him. Jesus called people to serve him in the world by caring and sharing the love of God in community with others. If guilt, shame or fear is causing you pain, and putting obstacles in

your way of living a fulfilled and fulfilling life, then the Gospel can bring you freedom, and the church is a master at helping you deal with it. However do not further burden yourself with inappropriate cares and concerns, which would prevent you from experiencing the joy of the Lord, and add to the woes you may already have.

Here at Mure, we are seeking to create a community of love and care, based on people who know the freedom of the Lord, leading to joyful worship and praise of him, giving the strength to face all that the world might throw at them. I look forward to your contribution to that.

Yours in Christ,  
Malcolm

### Vestry Hours



The minister has established an office in the church to which he welcomes anyone who wishes to see him. The specific times he will make himself available are as follows:

**Monday evening - 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

**Tuesday morning – 10.00am - 12 noon**

**Thursday morning – 10.00am – 12 noon**

**Thursday evening – 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

At present this will be about simply turning up during these times with no specific appointment, which means you may have to wait a few minutes. Other times can be made available by arrangement, as can home visits. The minister's phone number is **07740868181**. Please feel free to pass the times and phone number to anyone who may request them.



*Dear Lord, please help me to be conscious of the words I speak. Help me to be slow to speak and quick to hear. Help me to only say uplifting and encouraging words that will build and never tear down. Help me to protect my heart and only allow inspiring words to leave my mouth.*

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

### Mens' Fellowship

A warm welcome is extended to all men of the congregation and community to join with us in Fellowship. We have a varied syllabus and our meetings are held every Monday at 7.45pm. The syllabus for February is as follows:

- 4th Burns Night,
- 11th President's night.
- 18th Sandy Robertson (Tour de France)
- 25th "The living Well" J.Coutts

### Flower Calendar

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



<b>December</b>	
<b>December 2nd</b>	<b>M Hutchison</b>
<b>December 9th</b>	<b>J Smith</b>
<b>December 16th</b>	<b>June Crawford</b>
<b>December 23rd</b>	<b>Catherine Scotland</b>
<b>December 30th</b>	<b>Agnes Nicol</b>

<b>January</b>	
<b>January 6th</b>	
<b>January 13th</b>	<b>A Wilson</b>
<b>January 20th</b>	<b>Anne Stuart</b>
<b>January 27th</b>	<b>Joanne McGregor</b>

*The family would like to thank everyone for the many cards, phone calls and flowers received on the recent death of Leslie. They were very much appreciated*

*Evelyn, Carol, Audrey and Gordon Fleming*

## SMALL GROUP

### **DOOR DUTY – February**

#### **BEADLE: G Leiper**

Door & Collection

<b>February 3rd</b>	<b>February 10th</b>
W Millar	E Boyd
Mrs Walker	A Stuart
J McVittie	C Rodgers
C McChesney	B Graham
A Nicol	M McKellar
E Nimmo	M Martin

<b>February 17th</b>	<b>February 24th</b>
J Hunt	A Kavannah
Mrs Hunt	A Telfer
J Hannah	Alex Wilson
Mrs Hannah	L Strachan
M Brown	M McMillan
A Kenyon	A Forrester

### **DOOR DUTY – March**

#### **BEADLE: R McKendrick**

Door & Collection

<b>March 3rd</b>	<b>March 10th</b>
L Kennedy	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Scotland
S Blackwood	J Davidson
C Robertson	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford
J McLaren	C Turnbull

A warm welcome awaits anyone interested in joining our Small Group, which meets every second Monday in the Church Office at 7.30pm.

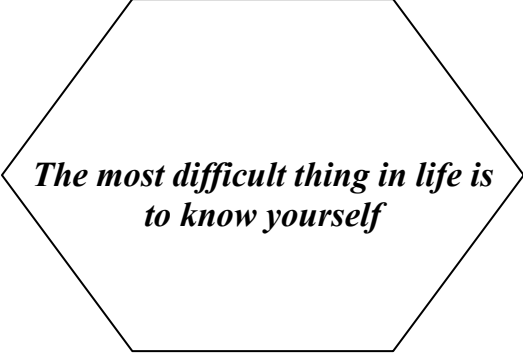
A new session entitled “Developing Deeper Devotion to Christ” will begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> February and the 6 studies we will discuss are “Hang On for Heaven”, “Developing a Heart of Faith”, “Fixing Broken Relationships”, “Looking, Lusting, or Loving?” “An Audience of One” and “Why Worry?”.

Our discussions are interesting and lively and they are conducted in an enjoyable atmosphere of close fellowship and friendship and each one concludes in a time of prayer.

Why not drop in at any time and try us out for yourself or give me a call.

Cathy Wallace

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*The most difficult thing in life is  
to know yourself*

A feeble, elderly woman, all hunched up and using a cane, limped into a doctor's office. Five minutes later, she came out, walking erect, and without a limp. A gentleman in the waiting room said, "What did the doctor do? You are doing just great". The lady replied, "He gave me a longer cane".

*Remember, you may choose your sin, but you cannot choose the consequences.*

*Along the way you will stumble, and perhaps even fall; but that, too, is normal and to be expected. Get up, get on your feet, chastened but wiser, and continue on your way*

## THE GUILD

Our programme for February and March is as follows -

- Feb.** 5 Mum's Recipes – Linda McDonald  
12 Guild National Convener – Mary Ford  
16 (Saturday ) Soup & Sandwich Lunch - Tickets now on sale £4  
19 Rev Les Brunger  
26 The In-Betweens
- Mar .** 1 World Day of Prayer – (Friday)  
5 Summerlee Heritage Trust Jenny Noble  
12 A Power of Attorney – Ian Leiper  
19 Party Night  
26 A.G.M.

Our meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and you can be assured of an interesting and entertaining evening and a warm welcome.

*Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony*

## FUNERALS

- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. **John McGregor:** we remember wife Fay and all the family.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Bobby Miller:** we pray for wife Helen and son Eric.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Les Fleming:** we remember wife Evelyn and all the family.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Albert McCreadie:** we pray for wife Julie and the family.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. **Agnes Willock:** We pray for Tommy, Lorraine and the wider family.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Jim Paterson:** (Malcolm's stepdad) We pray for wife Jean.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Jenny Paterson:** We remember all the family in our prayers.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. **Ethan & Cameron Travers** (stillborn twins): We pray for parents Stephen & Aleisha.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. **Ann Martin:** We remember husband Tony in our prayers.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. **William Kennedy:** We pray for mum Lydia and the family.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. **Margaret Millar:** We pray for daughter Margaret and all the family.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. **June Kerr:** We remember husband Bobby and all the family in our prayers.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. **Gordon Stevenson:** We pray for wife Susan and all the family.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. **Kate Wotherspoon:** We pray for daughter Cathie and all the family.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. **Duncan McKay:** We pray for Una and all the family.

- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. **Robert McGurgan:** We remember Liz and all the family in our prayers.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. **William Reilly:** We pray for daughters Yvonne and Nicola.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. **Agnes Campbell:** We pray for Ian, Kim and Kenny and all the family.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. **Drew Herd:** We pray for mum Jean and all the family.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. **Mary Summerhill:** We remember Ann and Brian in our prayers.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. **James Sime:** We remember Donald, Bernard and Jessie in our prayers

## BAPTISMS

- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. **Charlotte Drummond:** We pray for parents Colin and Julie and the future happiness as a family.

*Sincere thanks to everyone who assisted me with Beadle duties in what seemed to be the wettest and windiest December for a long time! Gates refused to stay open, doors were blown shut, and in one instance, blew off its hinges. Special thanks also to those who stood in for me over Christmas when I had family staying - it was greatly appreciated.*

*There's room on the Beadle team for more if you would like to join us? I'm sure John Coutts will be delighted to talk to you.....*

*Moira*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	Baptismal Service 10.30am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Worship Development Committee 7.30pm
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Baptismal Service 10.30am
(Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> inclusive minister on holiday)	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Kirk Session Meeting with Presbytery Congregational Facilitator 7.30pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Worship Service led by Session Members 10.30am
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Service of Dedication for new Elders 10.30am
Sunday March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Baptismal Service 10.30am
Thurs. March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Property Committee 7.30pm



*Forgive, O Lord, for Thy dear Son  
The ill that I this day have done.  
That with the world, myself, and Thee  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
Amen*

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE LINK

The Presbytery of Glasgow Prayer Diary for January - March is now available to view on the Glasgow Presbytery website as a link from Resources:

[www.presbyteryofglasgow.org.uk](http://www.presbyteryofglasgow.org.uk)

Alternatively, you can view it on the Notice Board at the Hall entrance and paper copies can be made available if required.

If you have an article, news item or announcement for the Link please either email details to [link@mure.org](mailto:link@mure.org) or place a copy of the information in the folder outside the Vestry

**Deadline for the next issue is  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**