

FEBRUARY 2015

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

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Church of Scotland,

Scottish Charity No SC002220

Dear Friends,

How many of us made New Year Resolutions and gave them up after a couple of days, because we found them too difficult? At the outset of this year, perhaps we should go back to the basics

The things of God are always simple, at least when they come down to the basics. The basics are known in our hearts simply because we all were made by God, I'm not talking about the basics of morality. I'm not talking about whether we believe in loving one another and in forgiving one another, as we ourselves hope they will forgive us.

I'm talking about the basic thing in us that lets us know whether or not we have actually connected with the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the thing deep down in us that tells us whether or not the God and Father of Christ Jesus our Lord actually lives within us.

You see, God made us in such a way that ultimately it is not enough for each one of us simply to believe in Him as a force who permeates the world and especially nature.

The journey of faith, the kind of journey that Abraham made is a tremendous journey, a journey that we should be glad we are on, a journey that we need to be on. It is a journey that gives us new life which causes us to be reborn and it begins and it ends in saying, "I believe Lord, and I will follow"

God wants us to know that with him there is a new life to be had and a whole new world coming that, as it was for Abraham in his call to follow God, there is a whole new land out

there for us and that all we have to do is trust in God and set out confidently on the journey he calls us to make, the journey of faith.

It's a process my friends, a journey of faith that leads us to places we have not been before, a journey that calls us away from our old and familiar lives into a whole new adventure and direction.

God wants us to connect to him personally, to connect to him as one who is able to guide and direct us in our daily affairs, to connect to him as one who parents us, who is a father to us, to connect to God as a Father, and to Jesus as a brother, as one who is here to walk with us each day.

God wants us to connect with him as one who nurtures us as a Mother nurtures her children, as the rain nurtures the dry ground as a friend nurtures another friend at a table, with bread and wine, and a communion of mind and heart and soul.

God wants to birth us into a new family, his own special family, where his love rules and his mercy and forgiveness washes and cleanses, and his spirit gives energy and the seal to the promise of eternal life.

It is an event, a process that has a beginning, a place in which we ultimately say Yes or No to the Lord our Saviour and an end, when we do not know, when we inherit the kingdom that has been prepared for us.

In the middle, when you have said Yes, there are some things you can do and experience that no one else experiences.

You can feel peace, you can feel confident, you can be humble without being proud about it, you can love those whom you do not like, you can bless those who curse you, you can be free and yet give that freedom up to serve others and to help them in their weakness, you can do this because God is born in you and God is with you to help you.

Ever Blessing,
Alex Stuart.

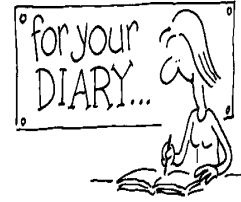
VESTRY TIMES

Monday 6.30pm – 7.30pm Mure Memorial
 Tuesday 10.00am-11.00am Mure Memorial
 (Thrift Shop and Café available at same time)
 Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm St. Andrew’s
 Saturday 10.00am – 11.00am St. Andrew’s
 (Pop-In Café available at same time)



Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson

No specific appointment is necessary. 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.



Thursday 5 th Feb	Board Meeting 7.30 pm
Sunday 8 th Feb	Morning Worship 10.00am
Monday 9 th Feb	Congregational Burns Supper 7.00pm Tickets (£15) from the Men’s Fellowship Committee
Sunday 15 th Feb	Morning Worship 10.00am
Wed 18 th Feb	Kirk Session meeting 7.45pm
Sunday 22 nd Feb	Morning Worship 10.00am
Sunday 1 st Mar	Morning Worship 10.00am
Sunday 8 th Mar	Communion Sunday Services at 10.00am, 2.00pm and 7.00pm
Monday 9 th Mar	Men’s Fellowship Concert by the Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir

*Be as patient with
others as God has
been with you.*



*Lord, give us each day the wisdom to recognise which things are important, and which things are not.
Show us how best to use the time and talents you have given us.
Help us to use all opportunities wisely that we may give in service to others the good gifts we have received from you. Amen*

Pray as if everything depends on God, then work as if everything depends on you.

Martin Luther



**Congregational Burns Supper
Monday 9th February at 7.00pm**

The Annual Burns Supper will take place on 9th February 7.00pm. As in recent years we have been fortunate in obtaining the services of three visitors who will deliver the main speeches.

We look forward to an enjoyable evening of entertainment, including singing and a junior choir led by Elizabeth Russell.

Tickets priced £15 are available from committee members of the Men's Fellowship.



To everyone who sent cards, flowers and get well wishes of any sort while I was in hospital, may I offer my sincere thanks. I genuinely feel that they contributed greatly to my recovery. I feel blessed to have such friends.

With many thanks

Betty Stark

**Men's Fellowship Concert
Monday 9th March**

Following the success of last year's concert, our fundraising effort to enable us to support our church and to donate to other charities is to be a concert by the Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir on Monday 9th March commencing at 7.45pm. Admission is £3.00 (payable at the door). We anticipate an enjoyable evening so come along and join us.

February

9th Annual Burns Supper
16th Rev Murdo McLean –
Prison Chaplaincy
23rd Bill Russell – Route 66

March

2nd Visit to Glasgow City Mission
9th Concert by Kirkintilloch Male
Voice Choir
16th Churches House Youth Centre
23rd George Aird – Folk Singer
30th A.G.M



Flower Calendar

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

December 7th	Willock Wedding
December 14th	Margaret Hamill
December 21st	Cath. Scotland & Mary Martin
December 28th	Agnes Nicol

January 4th	
January 11th	Alex Wilson
January 18th	
January 25th	Jeanne McGregor



I will shortly be preparing the rota for Beadle, door, and collection duties, and I express the thanks of the Kirk Session to the members who have carried out those duties for the past year. However, and in order to spread the duty dates further apart, more volunteers are required, in particular Beadle duty. Will YOU please give this appeal your consideration? These duties are part of our service of worship. Will YOU put your name forward?? I am available at 0141 778 4342, e-mail jcoutts515@btinternet.com or at the Church

J.Coutts.

DOOR DUTY February

BEADLE: G Leiper

Door & Collection

February 8th	February 15th
I Whitelaw	
R McLellan	I Main
N Collins	J McVittie
A Miller	C McChesney
P McLellan	A Nicol
J Smith	S McKibbin

February 22nd	
E Boyd	
C Rodgers	
A Stuart	
D Rodgers	
B Graham	
A Graham	

DOOR DUTY March

BEADLE: R McKendrick

Door & Collection

March 1st	March 8th
J Hunt	A Telfer
E Clark	Alex Wilson
M Brown	M McMillan
S Brown	G McDonald
Mrs J Hunt	A Forrester
A Kenyon	P McDonald



Our meetings for February and March are;

- February 3 Heart for Art - Guild Project
- 10 Passage from India - Guild Project
- 17 Piggery Brae (Tickets available soon, includes tea and home baking)
- 24 Olympia Speaker

- March 3 Salvation Army Songsters
- 6 (Friday) World Day of Prayer - St Johns
- 7 (Saturday) Soup and Sandwich Lunch
- 10 John & Peter Douglas – Cinema Projectionists
- 17 Sheila K - Party Night
- 24 A.G.M.

New members are always welcome. Our meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. and you can be sure you will have an interesting and enjoyable evening. Why don't you come along and join us.

From the World Mission Committee



This letter from Lynne Paterson, who visited to help launch our Tearfund Project, arrived just too late for inclusion in our December Link

Thank you so much for your recent gift of £500 and associated Gift Aid forms from Mure Memorial Church, as your first donation to your connected Church project, Kale Heywet Church, Ethiopia.

I hugely value your partnership with us, and Tearfund will use your gift to help empower people to make their way out of poverty in Ethiopia – for good.

I am so pleased that your church has been inspired through my visit last month. Thank you for your kind invitation to allow me to share with you the wonderful hope of self-help groups in Ethiopia.

My visit to Ethiopia in October was very successful. I sadly didn't hear any update to Genet's story this time in Ethiopia, but did hear other amazing stories of transformation and renewal from self-help groups. My favourite quote of the visit was: "self-help groups are about women seeing their potential and coming out of the darkness".

For example, before one of the self-help groups started, one lady's husband wouldn't trust her with 100 birr (£3) in case she lost it. But now she has taken a loan of 7,000 birr from the group savings and started several small businesses, including selling corn. Now her husband respects her and loves her being in the group. She can afford to feed and clothe her family and send her children to school. The women praise God for the group and so do I.

I really appreciate Mure Memorial's partnership with Tearfund through your giving and prayer, as we seek to transform the lives of those in poverty.

Yours in Christ
Lynne Paterson

Thanks to your support for the project, we have been able to send a further £935 in December and the following letter has now arrived from Lynne

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your recent gift of £935 – your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Your donation will support your Connected Church link with the Kale Heywet Church in Ethiopia, bringing life-changing help to people in poor communities. Don't forget you can log in

to our website to see the impact your gifts are making.

Thank you for praying for and investing in this work. You are bringing lasting transformation to many lives. By enabling people to do things themselves the stronghold of poverty is being broken down and God's kingdom is being built up – all led by local churches and rooted in Christ. Your partnership is enabling this to happen.

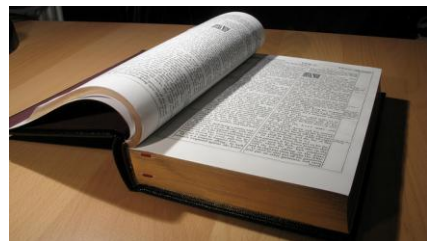
I hope that Connected Church is giving you an exciting insight into what can happen when the church becomes all it's truly meant to be in the world.

Thank you again for your support for Tearfund's work in this way.

Yours in Christ
Lynne Paterson



They lie on the table side by side
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
One is well worn and cherished with pride.
Not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
One is used daily to help folks decide.
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
As the pages are turned, what shall we see?
Oh, what does it matter turn on the TV.
So they open the book in which they confide.
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.
The Word of God is seldom read.
Maybe a verse before they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be.
Not from reading the Bible, from watching TV.
So then back to the table side by side,
Lie the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the Word,
The plan of Salvation is seldom heard.
But forgiveness of sin, so full and free,
Is found in the Bible, not on TV.



From *A Barrel of Fun*, J John and Mark Stibbe,
Monarch Books.



Lodging House Mission Update

Dear Friends,

A big thank you to everyone who sent in donations of food, sweets, clothing and money over the Christmas period to help us sustain a service for the men and women who come through our doors.



Our picture shows one of our service users cosily wrapped in a hat, scarf and gloves provided by one of our generously supportive churches.

This winter, the LHM is again involved in a partnership with the Glasgow Winter Initiative Night Shelter. This service provides a secure and safe environment for Glasgow's vulnerable rough sleepers during the coldest time of the year. Tea, coffee and snacks are also provided. The LHM has supplied free meal vouchers for those attending and to date

over 500 have been distributed. Since the beginning of December the average number attending has been around 20 per night. This is well above last year's attendance.

Not only has practical support been offered at the LHM; but I the LHM Chaplain, have been a volunteer twice at the night shelter covering the whole shift from 9.30 p.m. till 8.00 a.m. the next day. I plan another couple of night shifts before the shelter closes at the end of February as does Angela, our support worker. Doing these shifts helps the LHM establish vital contacts with service users and with other organisations involved in the shelter.

Give thanks for this vital Night Shelter service and pray for all those involved in running it and for the safety of all who use it.

Blessings

Gus McKay
Chaplain

**When God gives the vision,
He gives the provision.**

And finally - It is 75 years this month since the "Church on the Hill" was first opened for public worship so we have included some extracts from the very first Church Leaflet printed in October 1940

Pastoral Letter

This is our first Parish Leaflet and we hope to publish one every month.

Our aim is to keep every member of the congregation in touch with all the activities of our Church.

In these days of dire reality the nation is crying out for an active religion, A Christianity that calls up for active service every believer. The Church has a great task before it in preserving the welfare of the individual and of the community and the Church must not fail in this respect. Amid the pressing needs of our defence in these days we must never lose sight of the armour of the soul. No nation can endure if it neglects the power that is given by God, "Power that cometh from on High." "The nation that will not serve God will perish."

Apart from the stated services on Sunday and the varied activities to be resumed this winter there is the vital daily necessity for contact with God.

Some people may find that they can do this best in their homes. Others feel that there is strength in unity, and for such there is a weekly service of Intercession in the Church on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm. We hope all who feel the need of corporate prayer will make use of this service. Prayer is the one

great source of courage, confidence and strength.

On 8th September last our King called the whole nation to a day of Prayer and many people throughout the country found new strength and courage from the worship of that day. But we must remember that it is only by sincere, persistent prayer that great things are wrought for us and for the world. We would do well to follow the example of our beloved King by being in our places in the House of God regularly week by week.

There is a great variety of work our Church is attempting to undertake this winter, especially among the young people. We hope every member of the congregation will take an active interest in our activities. Never before did our country need an active Church as it needs to-day.

R C MATHERS

Air Raid Precautions

We wish to intimate to all parents of young people attending Youth organisations in the Church Hall during the week that we have provided a shelter for them in the basement. The young people are taken there during an air raid and are under the charge of their leaders. Also at least one of the Ministers will be on ARP duty outside the Church Hall during a raid and will keep in touch with all people in the Hall. After the raid is over children will be escorted home by their leaders.

Red Cross Work Party

The Red Cross Work Party was formed under the auspices of the Guild on the 24th October 1939, Previous to that, the members of the Work Party were making garments for evacuees. Since October 24th all the work has been for the Red Cross, and during the past eleven month 693 garments have been handed to the Coatbridge Centre as well as 311 articles which have been donated making a total of 1,004 garments in all.

The women of the Work Party are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts in this great work for the relief of suffering.

The Work Party meets in the hall every Thursday afternoon at 3.00pm. All women who are interested in this work are cordially invited to attend.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will resume its meetings this winter on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm.

The opening meeting will be on Wednesday 9th October, and will be addressed by the Rev H.C. Whitley of Port Glasgow. His subject will be "The Experiences of a Worker in the Church of Scotland Huts in France". This ought to be a very interesting subject for most of us, as Mr Whitley came in touch with some of the men from our own parish in Lille.

Church Choir

Practices have now been resumed and will continue during the winter on Thursday evenings at 8 pm.

Praise enters largely into our services and good congregational singing has an uplifting and stimulating effect. A well-balanced Choir is indeed a great help in leading the Praise and this is a means of service which should appeal and attract all with musical talents.

There is room in all parts for additional members but more particularly in the tenor and bass sections, and new members will be welcome.

Boy's Brigade

With high hopes and aspirations the Company launches out on session 1940 - 1941. Although handicapped with a great part of the staff on Active Service, Lt Halkett and two Staff-Sergeants intend to make this new session even better than the last. The roll strength at the moment is 50 NCO's and Boys. During September, 16 boys were enrolled as recruits. With prices soaring the problem of rigging out recruits has been acute, and it has been found necessary to raise the recruits' fee to 3/-.

The Bible Class has for its Syllabus "The Old Order Changeth", being the fourth of the series of the Five Year Course for Junior Bible Classes of the Church of Scotland. Despite the War the Bible Class

has continued every Sunday morning throughout the year.

The month of October is associated with the founding of the BB Movement by Sir William A Smith in 1833 and accordingly the Company holds its Founder's Day Parade on Sunday 27th October, at the evening service. Parents and friends are asked to join us in this service.

The Company is indebted to Mr N Fotheringham whose untiring devotion to the training of the Company Pipe Band has raised it to its present state of efficiency. During the past summer the band has responded to numerous calls and its last engagement had the distinction of leading the Children's Fancy Dress Parade in aid of The Local Lads' Comfort Fund.

**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 Post Box 35 in the Session Room

**Deadline for the next issue is
Wednesday 18th February**

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*He loves you.  
He loves you as you chew on your  
nails or furrow your brow.  
He loves you when you process  
through the fifty different ways  
that things could go wrong.  
He loves your smile. He wipes  
your tears.  
He doesn't love the clean-up  
version of who you are. He loves  
the messy, slightly neurotic, often  
humbled reality of you....  
Elsa Kok*