

February 2017



Mure Memorial Church



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Scottish Charity No SC002220

Dear Friends,

There seems to be nothing more changeable than the British weather. One minute you're in a deep frost then you're sweltering in balmy temperatures and shedding clothes. You travel from east to west or from north to south and again you seem to have moved into a different weather zone.

Of course, it isn't just the weather that changes. Clearly both in the UK and America there have been big political changes, with Prime Ministers and Presidents moving in and out, as well as the ins and outs of our relationship with Europe.

Personally too, we know all about changes. Family gets older, new generations are added. The move to a new job, or a new house or even a new partner are all too common a part of our experience far more than it was in the past. Even our own body changes over time, unable to do what we used to do easily, as joints stiffen, and the years take their toll.

In the midst of all this change we look for the stability of something or someone who doesn't change. We are reassured by a presence which is always the same. Some place or person to whom we can go to find a base on which we can rebuild, to find a rock on which we can anchor, to find a home for shelter, peace and tranquillity in the midst of the storms of change.

For many of course the church would seem to fit the bill. The edifice that has stood for some long time. A people with whom you may have grown up, a solid base in the community to hold on to. Yet some of you will be thinking "Wait a minute, the church is changing as well!" The church isn't what it used to be, leaders come and go, and the people too, especially loved ones who were part of its unchanging and attractive nature are now no longer in the seats we remember they used to sit in.

Needless to say, we need to remember that it is not the community or indeed the church, or even our family that provides the unchanging stability we see in a world that is ever changing, but the God who is behind it all. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. This is the rock upon which we can not only rest, but also build. Everything else is sinking sand,

an unsatisfactory, and eventually a futile base upon which to build that will bring only disappointment.

So when all around you seems to be constantly changing, including the church, remember it is the God of our Lord Jesus Christ who provides the stability for the future and no-one or nothing else. This of course also brings a freedom to allow things around us to change. We are no longer dependent on people and places on which to rest. We can see the freedom, family, community and church has to change without needing to feel threatened or anxious because the God we worship is what we put our trust in. It is the sure and steadfast anchor for our souls, what else could we possibly need. Entering 2017 we may not know what the future may hold, but we know who holds the future.

Yours in Christ,
Malcolm

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)

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.



Rev Malcolm
Cuthbertson

Our Assistant Minister, Rev Alex Stuart's
phone number is **07901802967**

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

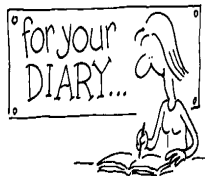
25th November **Wilma Carrick** – We remember Alan and Alison and their loved ones in our prayers.

14th December **John Trotter** – We remember wife Catherine in our prayers



Lord, there are times when we are so concerned about ourselves that we don't think of others. We ask for the gift of your Spirit that we may grow in awareness of others:

- noticing when someone is unhappy,
 - knowing when to say the right word,
 - expressing thanks and compliments,
 - being thoughtful when someone is ill,
 - giving words of encouragement,
 - helping someone to feel welcome,
- May we grow in sensitivity towards others.
Amen.



Sunday 12th Feb Morning Worship 10.00am

Saturday 18th Feb Guild Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Sunday 19th Feb Morning Worship 10.00am

Sunday 26th Feb Morning Worship 10.00am

Friday 3rd Mar World Day of Prayer Service in St Bridget's 7.30 pm

Sunday 5th Mar Morning Worship 10.00am

Sunday 12th Mar Communion Sunday Service at 10.00am,

Monday 20th Mar Afternoon Communion at 1.30 pm before the Senior Citizens AGM

Flower Calendar

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



December 4th	Margaret Hutchison
December 11th	Aileen and Derek Miller
December 18th	Cath. Scotland & Mary Martin
December 25th	Agnes Nicol & family

January 8th	Alex Wilson
January 15th	Mrs Adrienne Girvan (Gallagher)
January 22nd	Anne Stewart
January 29th	

DOOR DUTY February

BEADLE: M Scott
Door & Collection

February 5th	February 12th
I Main	E Boyd
J McVittie	C Rodgers
C McChesney	A Stuart
A Nicol	D Rodgers
S McKibbin	B Graham
M McLachlan	A Graham

February 19th	February 26th
J Hunt	A Telfer
E Clark	Alex Wilson
M Brown	M McMillan
S Brown	G McDonald
Mrs J Hunt	P McDonald
A Kenyon	

DOOR DUTY March

BEADLE: R Getty
Door & Collection

March 5th	March 12th
R Colquhoun	
I Malcolm	
S Blackwood	Kirk Session
M McEwan	
E Colquhoun	
J McLaren	

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, in order to spread the duty dates further apart, more volunteers are required, in particular for Beadle duty. Will you please give this appeal your consideration? I can be contacted on 0141 778 4342, e-mail jcoutts515@btinternet.com or at the Church

J.Coutts



Our programme for February and March is –

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| Feb. | 7 Project – Haitie |
| | 14 ‘Valentine’ |
| | 18 (Sat) Soup and Sandwich Lunch |
| | 21 Windsor Castle – Robert Keys
(Guest Night) |
| | 28 Father Tom Devlin- St Bridget’s |
| Mar. | 3 (Fri) World Day of Prayer in St
Bridget’s |
| | 7 Columban Singers (Fund Raiser) |
| | 14 Stuart Harbinston |
| | 21 Evelyn Mitchell |
| | 28 A.G.M. |

Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and there is still time for new members to come and see what they are missing. Don’t forget to get your ticket for the now famous Guild Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Saturday 18th February with Cake and Candy and a big raffle. Tickets are priced £4.00

Senior Citizens



Calling All Seniors!

The Senior Citizens meet on Mondays at 2.15pm. We have a varied and entertaining programme. All are very welcome.

Our programme for February and March is

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| 6 th Feb | Alastair Borthwick -
Holiday Slides |
| 13 th Feb | Denys Docherty - Singer |
| 20 th Feb | Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson |
| 27 th Feb | CHAS – Children’s Charity |
| 6 th March | Johnnie Taylor - Singer |
| 13 th March | Half day outing to
Sandyholmes with afternoon tea |
| 20 th March | A.G.M. |

Mure Access Project

(Update report on page 5)

The MAP committee are holding a Spring Fayre on Saturday 25th March 2017.

All donations for our Raffle, bric a brac, and bottle stalls will be greatly appreciated; there will be boxes at the back and front of the church for anyone wishing to donate.

If you can help on the day, and are not already involved via our organisations, please let one of the MAP committee know.

Thank you in anticipation.

- MAP Committee
John Coutts
Peter Malcolm
Aileen Miller
Graham McDonald
Myra McMillan
Janet Park
Janis Smith
Alison Tedeschi



Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship



Our group meets on Mondays at 7.45 pm. We meet in the Guild Room. We invite men from our congregation to consider joining us at our weekly meeting- if however you are not available every week we are happy to welcome visitors.

Our meetings for February and March are:

6 th Feb	Burns Evening
13 th Feb	Leslie Grieve – Questions and Answers
20 th Feb	Jim Percival – African Experience
27 th Feb	Alastair Borthwick - Trans Siberia
6 th March	Quiz
13 th March	Rev Alex Stuart
20 th March	George Aird – Singer
27 th March	AGM



"Please don't pray for healing. If it works, your insurance won't know who to reimburse and it messes up our accounting system."

From Douglas

Wow! How have we managed to get so far through January?! Christmas seems like a distant memory, but for me they bring about some enjoyable and busy memories! The assembly lead by P6 at Garrowhill in the church was simply phenomenal! I'd missed the younger school's assembly as I had been busy at assemblies at Swinton and Caledonia Primaries that morning. Just to complete the set, I was involved in the Christmas assembly at Bannerman also, where we wrapped up a couple of teachers as part of our message to the young people! Christmas of course meant Christmas Parties, and there were plenty of those! The three local primary schools SU groups had their party at Garthamlock and Craigend Church with schools from the East End of Glasgow. Likewise, the SU group at Bannerman joined the other secondary schools in the area for a Christmas dinner and party. All the children and young people who attended these events had a great time. The final Christmas event was our own Christmas Party, which trebled up as the JAM Club Christmas Party, Holiday Club Reunion and Baillieston St Andrew's Sunday School Christmas Party! In all, we had over 40 children have a great time playing games, making crafts and learning about the Christmas story! My grateful thanks to all the volunteers who willingly gave of their time and talents to make this event work! Not to be outdone, the YF had a film and takeaway night in the church and the following week went to Laser Tag and

dodgems at Braehead, which all the young people enjoyed!

Looking forward, and all groups are already back up and running. The SU groups at Garrowhill and Bannerman are looking at life events in the life of Jesus, picking up from the Christmas story and going right through to the events at Easter. This is a topic the YF will also be following in their devotions on a Sunday evening. At the Happitots nursery, their Bible Stories will be looking at great characters in the Old Testament, before looking at the Easter story. As ever, I am always searching for ways and ideas to bring the Gospel to children and young people. To this end, I am signed up to an event in February to share ideas with how to be more involved in local schools. In March, I shall also be attending a conference aimed at Church of Scotland Youth Workers. I hope both events will bring renewed vigour and ideas to grow the Faith in our Children and Young People in our community.



On behalf of Neil Sloan, Evelyn and Heather would like to thank all friends and Church members for the flowers, cards and good wishes received at this very sad time. Also many thanks for the kind donations to the MS Society.

Mure Access Project – Update Report

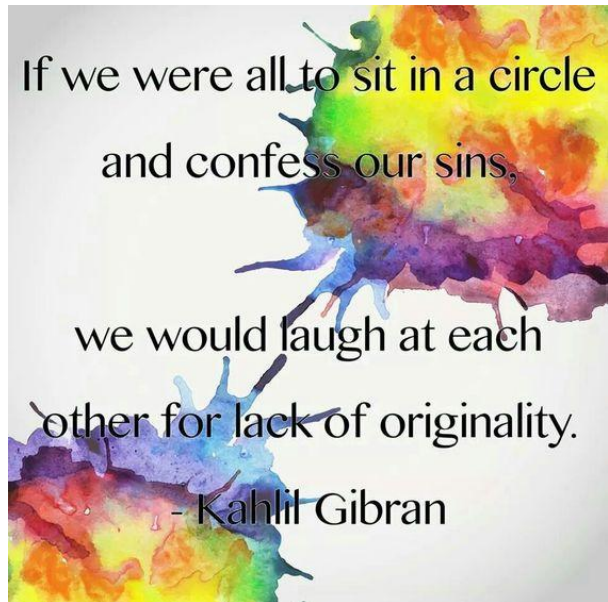
We commenced looking for funding for our Mure Access Project (MAP) in 2012. This was a very ambitious project but we felt it was a necessity because of the access problems being encountered with our not so fit members and also for children buggies etc.

Our architects drew up detailed plans for submission for approval to Glasgow Presbytery and also Church of Scotland to allow us to proceed with the proposed plan. This also involved obtaining planning permission which then resulted in having to get an expensive structural survey which alone cost approx £8000. The detailed plans were submitted for costing from various suppliers and this resulted in the cheapest quotation of approx £270,000. This then set us a task of trying to raise the necessary funding. However we submitted numerous applications but we only received a few smaller amounts and also some guarantees of amounts when the project was nearing completion. Our big problem with a few of the bigger applications we submitted (hoping to get £50,000 each from two of them) was that we had to prove that we had the necessary balance of finance before they would consider our applications. This became a “chicken and egg” situation as none would confirm they would give us the funding without this criteria being met. We are going to use up to £40,000 of the legacy received from Isabel Cunningham and also we have tried to raise as much from events and from you our congregation but this has not been sufficient to justify us getting these large applications accepted.

Since the start of our campaign in 2012 we have raised £34,215 (Standing Orders - £2,436, Gift Aid - £2,267, Donations, - £5,943, Fund Raising - £3,237, Community Development - £300, Grants Received - £4,500, Congregation Income - £15,532 We also received £2,825 from our Organisations giving us a total income of £37,040.

Our expenditure to our Architects and planning applications is £18,960. Our balance held at the end of December is £18,080. (If we use the £40,000 this gives us a currently availability of £58,080)

Our MAP committee are still looking for funding and holding events the first on 25th March is our Spring Fayre. We have decided that we will look again at our project and propose splitting it into 3 separate phases to see if we can raise the necessary funds for initially stage 1. This will again involve a restart on the funding applications but we are looking for a large help from you our congregation.



Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner, and someone saw me grin -
When he smiled I realised I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile, and then I realised its worth,
A single smile, just like mine, could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected -
Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected.

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 22nd February 2017**

