

February 2018



# Mure Memorial Church



# The Link

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Vacancy can be a test of Real Faith

Dear friends,

In the Old Testament the people of God had faith and hope in a God who would provide for their everyday physical needs. They had faith in a God who would lead them to the promised land; protect them; offer justice to good and bad alike; be a source of comfort and strength for them in times of trouble.

They had faith that their God would lead them to victory against the enemies who surrounded them and would lead them from the bondage of captivity when they were in exile. They also had faith that He would send them the Messiah of whom the prophets had written.

It was quite a faith but easily knocked and forgotten, as you soon find out if you follow the history of God's dealings with his people through the pages of the Old Testament. It didn't take much persuading for the people of God to start worshipping other gods when the going got tough, or things didn't seem to be going their way. I have a feeling that a lot of folk who are regular worshippers today still have this same Old Testament faith, a simple faith in a God who provides for daily needs, offers comfort through His Word, protects and loves His people.

A faith such as this, although solid, has its eyes on the day to day and not on eternity. Its centre is elsewhere than Jesus on the cross and His promise of eternal life and the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.

Through the pages of the New Testament we find the faith of believers is still grounded in the faith of Abraham, Moses and all those others who were chosen by God, but it is now empowered and made alive through Jesus Christ and the cross.

God is now seen to provide not only for our physical but our spiritual needs, food and water (the basics of life) become spiritual food and the water of life; freedom from bondage becomes freedom from the bondage of sin, and hope for the Promised Land becomes hope in eternal life.

The benefits of such a faith are plain to see and Scripture is very clear about the difference that a New Testament faith (if you want to call it that) can have on a life. In our walk with God we need to be sure of our faith. We need to be sure in whom we are putting our trust and confidence. We need to be sure in our own minds why we believe, and where our faith has difficulties. We need to be honest with ourselves, and where there are doubts these need addressing.

In our journey of life there will be times when our faith will be tested, if it hasn't already happened.

Have faith in God. Look to His promises in the Bible, look at the lives of those the prophets wrote about, look at Jesus, believe his words, accept His promise for all who believe and put your absolute trust in Him.

Then you will be able to stand up and confidently proclaim, we have been tried and tested. In faith we know God will strengthen us for whatever lies ahead during this Vacancy and however long the journey takes, everything we do is in real faith, and to God's glory.

Yours in Christ,

Alex



For arrangements for baptisms, weddings and funerals or for any pastoral matters our Locum Minister, Rev Alex Stuart, can be contacted on **07901802967**.

Sorrow looks back;  
Worry looks around;  
Faith looks up!

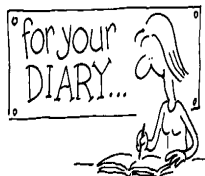
**FUNERALS** “*God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes - Rev 21*”

- 18<sup>th</sup> December **Donald McCallum** Husband of Elizabeth and father of Hazel
- 24<sup>th</sup> December **Betty Stark** Wife of Alex and mother of Campbell
- 27<sup>th</sup> December **Marion Christie** Aunt of Yvonne
- 9<sup>th</sup> January **Margaret Miller** Wife of Archie and mother of Lesley



Lord, we ask you to open our eyes that we may value and appreciate all people, recognising what we have in common rather than focusing on what our differences might be.

Inspire us to distinguish between what is important and what is not, and open our minds and hearts that we may always be people of good will who bring life and joy to others.  
Amen.



- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Morning Worship 10.00 am with a speaker from Leprosy Mission
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Board Meeting 7.30pm
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Guild Soup and Sandwich Lunch
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Baptismal Service of Elliot Kirk 10.00 am
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar World Day of Prayer Service in Baillieston St Andrew’s Church Church at 7.30 pm
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Mar Communion Sunday Service at 10.00 am.

**Flower Calendar**



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

<b>December 3rd</b>	<b>Margaret Hutchison</b>
<b>December 10th</b>	
<b>December 17th</b>	<b>Aileen and Derek Miller</b>
<b>December 24th</b>	<b>Agnes Nicol &amp; family</b>
<b>December 31st</b>	<b>Cath Scotland &amp; Mary Martin</b>

<b>January 7th</b>	
<b>January 14th</b>	<b>Alex Wilson</b>
<b>January 21st</b>	<b>George &amp; Margaret Duncan</b>
<b>January 28th</b>	<b>Agnes Nicol</b>

**DOOR DUTY February**

**BEADLE: G Leiper**  
Door & Collection

<b>February 4th</b>	<b>February 11th</b>
A Pollock	I Whitelaw
C Turnbull	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	A Miller
J Crawford	P McLellan
A Pollock	J Smith

<b>February 18th</b>	<b>February 25th</b>
I Main	A Graham
J McVittie	C Rodgers
C McChesney	B Graham
A Nicol	D Rodgers
S McKibbin	
M McLachlan	

**DOOR DUTY March**

**BEADLE: R McKendrick**  
Door & Collection

<b>March 4th</b>	<b>March 11th</b>
A Hunter	
E Clark	
M Brown	Kirk Session
J Hunt	
S Brown	
A Kenyon	

I will shortly be preparing the rota for Beadle, and 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](mailto:jcoutts515@btinternet.com) or at the Church

J.Coutts



Our syllabus for February and March is -

- Feb. 6. Magic with a Smile. (Douglas Cameron) Guest Night
- 13. Let's stick together - Project
- Sat. 17. Soup and Sandwich Lunch  
11.30 am till 2.00 pm
- 20. Step-up Shoeshine (Isabella Stevenson)
- 27. Arietta Singers (Fund Raiser)
- Mar. 2. (Friday) World Day of Prayer
- 6. 'Old Glasgow' (Douglas Annam)
- 13. 'Jane Haining' (Morag Reid)
- 20. AGM. +. Sing-a-long Hymns

Tickets are now on sale for the popular Soup and Sandwich Lunch price £5. There will be a cake and candy stall, a bottle stall and the usual big raffle so be sure and get your ticket.

Meetings start at 7 30 pm and you can be sure of a warm welcome, an enjoyable evening and a nice cup of tea.

## Senior Citizens



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

Our programme for February and March is

- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb Douglas Jenkins - Singer
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Alastair Borthwick  
– Holiday Slides
- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Yorkhill Hospital - Charity
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Sing along with Harry
- 5<sup>th</sup> March To be arranged
- 12<sup>th</sup> March Half day outing to  
Sandyholmes with afternoon tea
- 19<sup>th</sup> March A.G.M.

## Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship

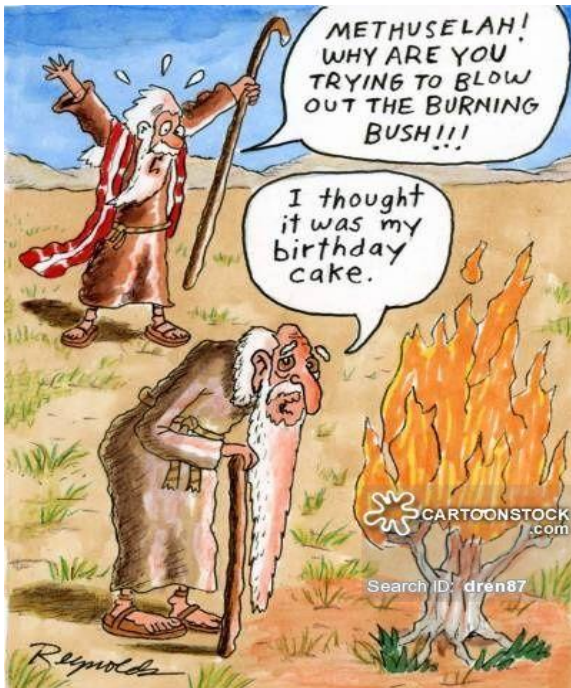


Why not come along on a Monday evening at 7.45 pm and join us in the Guild Room? You will be made very welcome.

Our meetings for February and March are:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb Douglas McBay
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Annual Burns Evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Angela Shapiro – Gathering the  
voices
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Isabella Stevenson – StepUp  
Shoeshine
- 5<sup>th</sup> March Mary McLean – Glasgow  
Care Foundation
- 12<sup>th</sup> March Thomas Barret – First Aid
- 19<sup>th</sup> March Derek Miller – Visit to the  
Holy Land
- 26<sup>th</sup> March AGM





### From Douglas

I cannot believe that we are now in February! It seems like no time ago that we were so busy with the celebrations of Christmas! I would like to record my thanks to all who helped with the Christmas celebrations, be it the Nativity, the Garrowhill Primary Assembly, the Christmas Extravaganza or any of the other celebrations in the church. You helped provide evidence that Jesus is indeed the Reason for the Season!

As we venture through a new year, the goal has to be to keep evidencing and witnessing that Jesus is the Reason for all Seasons! Part of this work is being done at Garrowhill's SU Group where they are looking at the parables of Jesus. The girls who come along to this group are really quite excited, especially as they are soon due to receive the leaflets for the weekend away to Lendrick Muir, which is

happening in June! No doubt the excitement for this will only grow!

At Bannerman I have been asked to attend an exhibition that some of the pupils are leading on Anne Frank as part of the school's work on the Holocaust. I of course have accepted this invite, and am braced for quite a moving and emotional afternoon.

You might be aware that the Scottish Government has assigned 2018 as the Year of the Young Person. The Church of Scotland has jumped on this and has produced resources to help churches celebrate this. Please watch this space for how we at Mure Memorial will celebrate this year!

And finally, a date for your diary! This year's Holiday Club will begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August. If you haven't been a member of the team before and would like to consider volunteering, please speak to me. If our numbers keep up, we will need extra help.

Many thanks for your continued support and prayers

Douglas

### **Guild Soup and Sandwich Lunch**



Don't forget to get your ticket for the now famous Guild Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Saturday 17th February from 11.30 am till 2.00 pm, with a Bottle Stall, a Cake and Candy stall and a big raffle. Tickets are priced £5.00.

# Obstacles

**N**oah, despite a strange assignment and the likely ridicule of his neighbours, obeyed God and built the boat that would preserve life on Earth. (Genesis 6 – 9)

**J**oseph, despite numerous personal tragedies, became the preserver and protector of the fledgling nation of Israel (Genesis 37 – 50)

**M**oses, despite a deep sense of inadequacy, became the liberator, lawgiver and leader of the Israelites. (Exodus 2 – Deuteronomy 34)

**D**eborah, despite being a woman (a position lacking respect in her day), led God's people to victory over their enemies. (Judges 4:4 – 14)

**G**ideon, despite great fear and overwhelming odds, led the Israelites in defeating their Midianite oppressors. (Judges 6 – 8)

**D**avid despite his youth, the scorn of his brothers, and formidable opponent, defeated the dreaded Goliath and showed his mettle as a man after God's heart. (1 Samuel 16 – 17)

**E**sther, despite being young and a foreigner, became queen and saved God's people. (Esther 2 – 9)

**D**aniel, despite exile, opposition and an encounter with some ravenous lions, faithfully served and represented God before the most powerful world leaders of his time. (Daniel 1 – 12)

**J**ohn the Baptist, despite being misunderstood and having occasional doubts, pointed others to Christ. (Matthew 3: 11)

**M**ary, despite being a teenager, became the mother of Jesus Christ who is the son of God and Saviour of the World (Luke 1 – 2)

**M**ary Magdalene, despite once being possessed by seven demons, became a faithful follower of Jesus and told the disciples that Jesus had been raised. (Mark 16:9 – 11, Luke 24: 1 – 2)

**P**eter, despite a history of painful public failures, became the most visible and vocal leader of the early church (John 18 – 21, Acts 1 – 12)

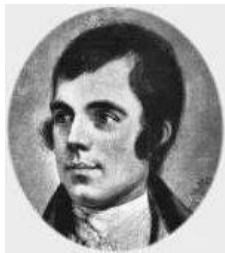
**P**aul, despite having been a bitter enemy of Christianity, became the foremost spokesman and apologist for the gospel (Acts 9 – 28)

Why not take some time and read more about them?  
From *A Barrel of Fun*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books



*Archie and Lesley would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, cards and kind thoughts on the sad passing of Margaret Miller. Special thanks to Alex for conducting a beautiful funeral service. Many thanks too for the generous collection for the Marie Curie hospice which raised £307.*

## Men's Fellowship Burns Evening



The Fellowship will be holding their Annual Burns Evening on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

As of recent years, there will be a selection of musical items including Elizabeth Russell and the Mure Nightingales. There will be light refreshments of bannocks, cheese, tea and coffee. Tickets priced £5.00 are now available.

## LINE DANCING



The line dancing is back in full swing on Tuesday afternoons 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm. Why don't you come and join us and enjoy the company and the exercise?

*Jumping to conclusions is about the only exercise some people get!*



I would like to say thank you for the flowers which I received, they were lovely and were very much appreciated.

Jean Blake

*The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention.*

*~ Khalil Gibran*

## 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](mailto: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 21st February 2018

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