

JUNE 2013

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Dear Friends,

The votes for the linkage with St. Andrew's are in and counted and there is relief all round as both churches voted overwhelmingly for the Basis presented. St. Andrew's also thankfully voted by 106 to 5 for me as their future minister. So it's all systems go.

The evening of Tuesday the 25th June sees the service of linking, and I will be inducted as minister at St. Andrew's. The service will be at St. Andrew's beginning at 7.00pm and I hope as many Mure people will attend as possible because at least half is for you. The service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. David Sinclair of Wellington Church, the new Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery.

Initially the two changes you will see are that the service at Mure will be moving to 10.00am every Sunday as of the 30th June. I will normally be taking that act of worship before moving to St. Andrew's for their later start of 11.30am, and taking that service. Clearly anyone is welcome to any of the services and both services will be different if you wish to attend both.

The other difference might be harder to spot. As a minister I am supposed to work a notional 40 hour week – I wish! This 40 hours will initially be split between the two parishes, so Mure Memorial should only be expecting 20 hours of my time, with 20 hours at St. Andrew's. When I am joined by the Associate, if it is part-time, the time available between the two ministers will increase by 10 hours for each parish, if fulltime, a full 20 hours per parish.

This means that there will inevitably be issues previously done by me which I can no longer do. While it is the Presbytery to which I am

answerable for the use of my time, I would be a pretty poor minister that didn't take into account the fact that I and the Kirk Session, with the Associate all work as a team. There may be activities that only I can do e.g. moderate Kirk Session meetings, or teach table tennis to primary school children, but there is plenty that can be done by others to keep Mure Memorial serving its community, and wider world. I hope and pray that over the next little while some of you may step forward to fill some of the spaces left by losing some of my time. After all the minister is not the church, it is the entire community of believing people who need to take up the challenge to move Mure Memorial forward into the future.

Wishing you every blessing for all that lies ahead.

Malcolm

Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson

Vestry Hours – an opportunity to meet with the Minister.

Malcolm is available in the vestry at the following times:

Monday evening - 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday morning – 10.00am - 12 noon

Thursday morning – 10.00am – 12 noon

Thursday evening – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

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.



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

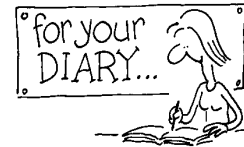
- 10th May **ROBERT CLARK:** We remember wife Margaret and the family in our prayers.
- 13th May **MARGARET MARSHALL (McAULEY):** We pray for granddaughter Janet and the wider family.
- 21st May **INA DICKSON:** We remember daughter Elizabeth and all the family in our prayers.
- 24th May **DAVID PATERSON:** We pray for wife Lucy, mum Ina and brother Eric.

BAPTISMS *“Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them – Mark 10”*

- 5th May **MIRREN MILLER:** We ask God’s blessing on parents Lynn and Colin, and brother Jack.

WEDDINGS *“So they are no longer two, but one.– Matthew 19”*

- 4th May **SANDRA SHANDON & NEIL BROWN:** We wish every blessing on the happy couple.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY SERVICES:

- June 2: Baptism: Jay & Lucy McDonald (twins)
- June 9: Sunday School Prizegiving
- June 16: (Malcolm at St. Andrew’s for baptism)
- June 22: Mission Concert with Jonathon Veira
- June 23: Communion Service Evening Celebration 6.30pm
- June 25: Linking Service at St. Andrew’s Church, Baillieston 7.00pm

(PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SERVICES AS OF 30TH JUNE WILL BEGIN AT 10.00AM.)

- June 30: Baptismal Service at 10.00am Holly Cross, daughter of Robert and Yvonne Cross.

Services during the summer will have the theme of children from the Bible.

September 8th Founders' Day Service.

The Kirk Session has decided to reintroduce the Annual Founders' Day service on the second Sunday in September. This September will be the 140th anniversary since the congregation was formed in a tin hut in West Maryton (roughly where Easterhouse Railway station is now.) The Rev. Les Brunger has agreed to come and take part in the service that day. We are also hoping to make this an annual event, when members who have moved away, might return and meet old friends over the lunch after the service. It is also hoped that these returnees might, with others who cannot make it, form the nucleus of a Friends of Mure Memorial Group who would for a small membership fee receive regular mailings relevant to their interests. Please feel free to invite anyone you may feel would appreciate the service.

Flower Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has donated flowers for our Sunday services during April

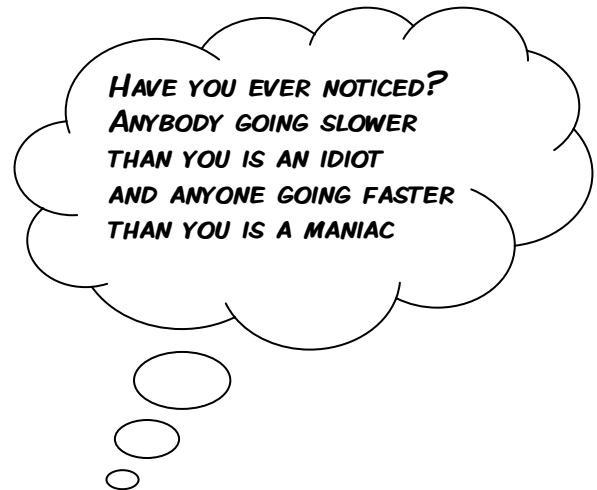


May 5th	Anne Walker
May 12th	Catherine Scotland
May 19th	Jeanette and Graeme Leiper
May 26th	The Brewster Family



*For each new morning with its light,
for rest and shelter of the night,
for health and food,
for love and friends,
for everything Thy goodness sends.
Lord we thank Thee*

Amen



DOOR DUTY June**BEADLE: Graeme Leiper**

Door & Collection

June 2nd	June 9th
J Hunt	A Telfer
E Clark	Alex Wilson
M Brown	M McMillan
Mrs Hunt	A Forrester
S Brown	
A Kenyon	

June 16th	June 23rd
R Colquhoun	
I Malcolm	
S Blackwood	Kirk Session
C Robertson	
E Colquhoun	
J McLaren	

June 30th	
A Pollock	
C Scotland	
J Davidson	
A Borthwick	
J Crawford	
C Turnbull	

DOOR DUTY July**BEADLE: R McKendrick**

Door & Collection

July 7th	July 14th
I Whitelaw	W Millar
R McLellan	A Walker
N Collins	J McVittie
A Miller	C McChesney
P McLellan	A Nicol
J Smith	E Nimmo

July 21st	July 28th
E Boyd	J Hunt
C Rodgers	E Clark
A Stuart	M Brown
M McKeller	Mrs Hunt
B Graham	S Brown
M Martin	A Kenyon

DOOR DUTY August**BEADLE: Moira Scott**

Door & Collection

August 4th	August 11th
A Telfer	R Colquhoun
Alex Wilson	I Malcolm
M McMillan	S Blackwood
A Forrester	C Robertson
	E Colquhoun
	J McLaren

August 18th	August 25th
A Pollock	I Whitelaw
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	A Miller
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith

DOOR DUTY September**BEADLE: R Getty**

Door & Collection

September 8th	September 15th
W Millar	J Hunt
A Walker	E Clark
J McVittie	M Brown
C McChesney	Mrs Hunt
A Nicol	S Brown
E Nimmo	A Kenyon

*When at night you
cannot sleep,
talk to the Shepherd
and stop counting
sheep*



**From the Community
Development Committee**

Our Monday Fellowship will once again commence on Monday 3rd June with a Strawberry Tea. We will continue until 26th August, with further special events throughout the summer. As usual we will run from 2pm till 4pm. Please accept this open invitation to anyone in the community. Come along for tea and a chat. We look forward to seeing you.



A very big "Thank You" to everyone who gave of their time to help with the door to door collection for Christian Aid Week
The total raised so far is just over £2,000.

Helen Stewart



*Open my eyes that I may see
the Presence that is all about me.
Open my ears that I may hear
the voice that is quiet yet ever near.
Open my heart that I may feel
the love of God close and real
Open each sense, make me aware
Of the Power and Peace always
there.*

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

1 CROSS + 3 NAILS = 4GIVEN

**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

Presbytery Report

The Business Committee brought a proposal that Presbytery should confirm that the Presbytery of Glasgow is willing to host Assembly Sunday 2014. This will include the Assembly Services and the equivalent of "Heart and Soul" The reason for the proposal was to tie in with the Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow. This proposal was agreed. The Mission Committee asked Presbytery to approve the Criteria and Process for the Creative Outreach Fund and use of the Evangelism Fund for additional, one off set up grants. The Creative Outreach Fund has been set up as part of the Presbytery Plan and its vision is to help congregations and groups of churches start a new missional initiative that might include church planting or community engagement, but always with a view towards creating a worshipping, witnessing Christian community, either in conjunction with or independent from an existing congregation. Funding will be available for staffing costs only and initially funding will be for three years. This will involve a total spend across the Presbytery of £30,000 per years. Any funding awarded must be matched with funding from local sources.

All initiatives must have the approval and support of a Church of Scotland Kirk Session to whom it will be responsible.

The congregation of Stepps Parish Church have now voted to accept their Basis of Reviewable Tender and were given permission to call a Minister.

The Basis of Union of Priesthill and Nitshill and Househillwood St Christopher's was approved with the minister of Priesthill and Nitshill being accepted as minister of the united charge.

Presbytery approved the Job Descriptions of several Parish Workers for posts which appear in the Presbytery Plan. It will then fall to the Ministries Council to match existing employees into the approved posts and then open up recruitment of new workers to fill the remaining vacancies.

The Ecumenical Relations and Inter-faith Matters Committee reminded us that this year the Iona Community will celebrate its 75th Anniversary and also the 1450th Anniversary of the arrival of St Columba in Scotland. A special event is planned for 9th June in Govan Old Parish Church.

The World Mission Committee intimated that Glasgow Churches Together will have their annual service in the City Chambers on Sunday 9th June to celebrate Glasgow the Caring and Welcoming City.

The Learning and Nurture Committee are looking to appoint a part-time Youth Development Co-ordinator who will offer, facilitate and co-ordinate support training opportunities to those working with young people within the Presbytery. A job description had been drawn up. Both the appointment and the job description were approved.

Janet Park

RAINBOWS



The two Rainbow Units have enjoyed another successful year, with lots of fun.

Highlights of the year included – their Halloween and Christmas Parties including singing carols at the Guild party for Senior Citizens; going to the pantomime Cinderella (Unit B) and going 10 pin bowling (Unit A); and some Rainbows from Unit B also attended “Fiesta”, the Thinking Day County Event where they learnt to samba, made shakers and learnt songs and dances from a Mariachi Band. They also heard about the work project by “Our Cabana”, the Guiding World Centre in Mexico.

Some Rainbows sang in the Junior Choir at the Carol Party and one Rainbow took part in our Church Nativity play.

However, more of the fun took place at the weekly meetings, where the Rainbows made lots of “crafty” items, learnt new songs and played favourite games. They followed activities from the Rainbow Guiding programme. About thirty Rainbows attended regularly.

We had to say a fond farewell to some girls who jumped the “Rainbow” to become Brownies!

Thanks to the Congregation for their continued support of the Rainbows.

A Carmichael

A.S.A.P.

Have you ever wondered about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives, but maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

**There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry –
A.S.A.P. – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER**

**In the midst of family chaos,
“Quality time” is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest –
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER**

**It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear
Slow down and take a breather –
A.S.A.P. – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER**

**God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And he'll respond to all your needs
A.S.A.P. – ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER**

From *A Bundle of Laughs* : J John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books,

Stewardship

You can make a difference!

The Finance Committee have felt for some time that we should look at running a Stewardship Programme. The General Assembly of 2011 welcomed the proposals for a national stewardship programme and instructed Presbyteries to instruct their congregations to participate in this programme.

A national stewardship programme is based on the biblical principles of Christian giving:

- we give in response to the generous giving of God
- we give to enable the sharing of the gospel through the work of the Church.

Every congregation is now expected to take some action with regard to stewardship every year, with a focus on the giving of money at least every third year.

The Finance Committee met with Stuart Sangster, the Stewardship Consultant for Glasgow Presbytery, and had a very helpful discussion. As a result, a proposal was brought to the May meeting of the Kirk Session that we should plan to run the Church of Scotland's Stewardship Programme which is entitled "Giving for Growth" early next year and this was given approval by the Kirk Session.

Why are we embarking on this programme?

We give our time, talent and money to enable the worship, mission and service of the Church. Our giving is an essential part of our commitment to Christ and his Church.

Careful preparation is essential if the programme is to be effective. The first step is the appointment of a Planning Group by the Kirk Session. All the members of the Planning Group do not have to be office-bearers : the Planning Group should include people with the necessary abilities for the various tasks. Listed below are the various rolls which we require to fill;

Planning Group Convener

Co-ordinate the work of the Planning Group

Administration Convener

Record and distribute minutes of Planning Group meetings.

Visitor Convener

With the help of others in the group prepare a list of potential visitors and team leaders.

Publicity Convener

Arrange design, the content and production of all materials required for the programme.

Gathering Convener

Co-ordinate all matters relating to the congregational gatherings, presentations using audio/visual displays and organising an exhibition of the work of the Church.

Follow-Up Convener

Prepare a system for recording and acknowledging responses.

Minister

That post is already filled!

We hope to have the Planning Group in place by the autumn. If you are interested in helping and would be willing to serve on the Planning Group, please speak to Peter Malcolm or Janet Park

“Instruction does much, but encouragement everything.”

I was approached recently by a proud grandma who had attended the 81st Annual Display of the Boys’ Brigade on Friday 17th May. As one of their Visiting Elders I also attended and we both agreed it had been a wonderful evening which should be shared via the LINK.

As is usually the case they had a theme and this year it was “Carry on Camping”, using sketches, drama, dance and keep fit to tell the story from “Getting Ready” for camp through to “The Last Night”. The programme was very entertaining and not short of humour, highlighting the talent and abilities of all the boys, from the youngest to the squad leaders. The young man who showcased ‘the art of the dance’ and the Onesies doing ‘Gangnam Style’ made my night!!

None of this happened by accident of course! It took weeks of planning and arranging, not just by the Officers but by the boys themselves.

In his closing Chairman’s Remarks, Malcolm admitted to being in despair in recent weeks as a result of man’s inhumanity to **woman**, with reports in the media about kidnappings and worse in Ohio, the grooming of young girls in Rochdale, the alleged murder and abduction of little April Jones from

Machynlleth and the murder of Tia Sharp, to name only a few. I wondered at first where he was heading with his remarks but was soon convinced that there wasn’t a person present who didn’t appreciate his comparison between those scenarios and the evening spent with the Boys’ Brigade, whose dedication and discipline was an inspiration to everyone present, giving us all hope for a better future.

This ethos is of course not unique to the BB. Leaders of The Girls’ Brigade, Guiding troops and our Sunday School are wholly committed to the nurturing and development of our young people, and on behalf of the congregation, proud parents, grandparents and family members I would like to thank you for all you do within our church here at Mure Memorial and in the wider community.

‘Oh, and did I mention that among the many prizes awarded that evening we had a President’s Badge, 3 Queen’s Badges and a long service award to John Strachan for his 30 years as Captain of the 137th!’

Now THAT’S dedication!!!

Moira Scott

Jonathan Veira Concert in Mure Memorial Church on 22nd June 2013 at 7.30 pm

All proceed will go to support
Compassion UK

Compassion is an international Christian child development and child advocacy ministry. Partnering with local churches, they are committed to the spiritual, economic, social and physical development of children living in extreme poverty in 26 countries, enabling them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults.

Compassion's work began in South Korea in 1952 when American evangelist Rev Everett Swanson felt compelled to help 35 children orphaned by the Korean conflict. Today there is a worldwide ministry where over one million children are now reaping the benefits of one man's clear, God-given vision.

Understanding Compassion

Compassion UK is compelled by the love of Jesus to serve those living in poverty.

Mission

Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name

Vision

As a result of their ministry to children in poverty, Compassion will be trusted by the Church worldwide as the leading authority for holistic child development and will be the global benchmark for excellence in child sponsorship.

Core Values

Compassion is a Christ-centred organisation committed to the Church. As such, they value: Integrity, Excellence, Stewardship and Dignity.

The Compassion Difference

Changing lives goes beyond changing external circumstances. The hope and inner transformation that comes from knowing Jesus provides the foundations for the most profound human development to occur.

Compassion's holistic approach to child development is unique in that all their programmes are:

- Christ Centred
- Child Focused
- Church Based

Tickets, priced £10, available via the church website ; www.mure.org or on Sundays after church.



Celtic blessing

*May flowers always line your path and
sunshine light your day.*

*May songbirds serenade you every
step along the way.*

*May a rainbow run beside you in a sky
that's always blue.*

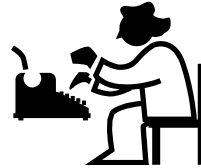
*And may happiness fill your heart
each day your whole life through*

***Sunday Afternoon Concert of
Organ and Piano Music***

Bill Russell will be hosting an afternoon of music on Sunday 23rd June starting at 3.00pm and lasting about one hour, followed by tea and birthday cake. No tickets are required, but there will be an opportunity to donate to Mary's Meals



**Deadline for the next issue is
Wednesday 21st August 2013**



OPS!! Some errors that appeared in church magazines

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.