



June 2015



# Mure Memorial Church



## The Link

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Church of Scotland,

Scottish Charity No SC002220



Dear Friends,

Wow!! This is turning out to be a pretty busy summer. Already a host of baptisms, and now several weddings, as well as no doubt the usual clutch of funerals, will make sure the diary is fairly full. These rites of passage are important times in the lives of individuals and families and I for one am delighted that at the highest moments of joy as in the birth of a child, or getting married, as well as at the acute moment of pain and loss as in a bereavement, people are still calling on the church to remind them of the presence of God, sharing that experience. There are of course now plenty of alternatives with civil celebrants and humanist who will perform special ceremonies for those who request it, but thankfully a goodly number still turn to God.

For me this is a major privilege of the parish ministry that, for many, the minister still has a right of entry at such highs and lows of family and individual experiences. To be invited to share and indeed lead people in recognizing God's presence at such times is the height of a minister's calling. As the General Assembly of the Church launches a "Decade of Ministry", seeking to call people into the vocation, I hope they have this privilege at the forefront of their campaign.

It is good that there are both ups and downs in such experiences of life. If it were only funerals that I was taking it would be a sad time, all of the time, but fortunately the babies and young children for baptism, and the young (and not so young!) who come to get married, mean that you have all ages involved as part of your ministry and it certainly helps the future

and forward momentum of the church to know that there are many young people still seeking the presence of God for their special events.

The future of the church is also the driving force behind two major events this summer. Firstly we will see Douglas Robertson our new Children and Families Worker joining us. Both congregations have committed to help fund his full-time post and he is due to start with us on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Look out for him and give him a big welcome to our congregations and community. Also during the summer, based at Mure Memorial, the Scripture Union is holding a Holiday Club for children and families, led by their National Missions Organiser, Phil Wray. The club will be running from the 3<sup>rd</sup> August to the 9<sup>th</sup> August and primary school children will be welcome in the mornings, and young people and families to evening events throughout the week. (If you want to help to lead please get in touch). Hopefully you can see ways in which the congregations are being used to reconnect younger generations with the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. While there is much more to be done, I hope, trust and pray that we will see the fruits of such ministry in our congregations and community and if you can play a part in welcoming these young people into our community so much the better. Have a great summer.

Yours in Christ,  
Malcolm

## FUNERALS

- 1<sup>st</sup> May Gregor Hamilton: We remember wife Barbara and daughter Elaine in our prayers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May John Gallagher: We pray for Anna and all the family
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May Harvey Beaton: We remember wife Irene and all the family in our prayers
- 11<sup>th</sup> May Heather McLachlan: We pray for all the family
- 18<sup>th</sup> May David Faulds: We pray for son David and all the family

## WEDDING

- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Deborah Ryan & John Mitchell: May God richly bless them.

## BLESSING

- 26<sup>th</sup> April Denise & Mike Bishop: May God richly bless them

## BAPTISMS

- 10<sup>th</sup> May Robyn Barr: We wish for God's blessing on parents Gillian and Gavin
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Ellie Louise McDonald: We wish for God's blessing on parents Charis and Graham

## VESTRY TIMES

- Monday 6.30pm – 7.30pm Mure Memorial
- Tuesday 10.00am-11.00am Mure Memorial
- 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**



- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June Kirk Session Meeting  
7.30 pm
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June Communion Sunday  
with services at  
10.00 am and 2.00 pm  
Study Evening on the  
Parables 7.00 pm
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June Sunday School  
Promotion Service  
Study Evening 7.00 pm
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June Board Meeting  
7.30 pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June Service of Introduction  
for Douglas Robertson  
our Children and  
Families Worker to be  
held in St Andrew's  
Church 7.00 pm

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June Baptismal Service for Jaymie Jennifer Gould  
Study Evening 7.00 pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July Morning Worship 10.00 am

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July Morning Worship 10.00 am

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July Baptismal Service for Lucy Fiona James  
10.00 am

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July Morning Worship 10.00 am

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug Morning Worship – Holiday Club  
Introductory Service 10.00 am

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug Holiday Club morning and evening

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Aug Holiday Club Final Service 10.00 am

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug Baptismal Service for Melissa Katie Beth Barclay  
10.00 am

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug Morning Worship 10.00 am

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug Morning Worship 10.00 am

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept Morning Worship 10.00 am

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept Communion Sunday with services at 10.00am and 2.00 pm

Dear All,  
I would like to thank you for the lovely church flowers. I love flowers and they were very much appreciated. Thanks again Norma Cameron

**Some words written by Charles Dickens:**

“Some great people make others feel small, but the real great people are those who make others feel great.”



Lord our God, may I learn to treat others generously, with respect, and with care and understanding, that we may all bring out the best in one another.  
Amen.

**Flower Calendar**



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

<b>May 3rd</b>	<b>Margaret Clark</b>
<b>May 10th</b>	<b>Catherine Scotland &amp; Mary Martin</b>
<b>May 17th</b>	<b>Jeanette &amp; Graeme Leiper</b>
<b>May 24th</b>	<b>Flower Fund</b>
<b>May 31st</b>	<b>Jacqueline McLaren</b>

**DOOR DUTY JUNE****BEADLE: G Leiper**

Door &amp; Collection

<b>June 21st</b>	<b>June 28th</b>
A Telfer	R Colquhoun
G McDonald	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
M McMillan	M McEwan
P McDonald	E Colquhoun
A Forrester	J McLaren

**DOOR DUTY JULY****BEADLE: R McKendrick**

Door &amp; Collection

<b>July 5th</b>	<b>July 12th</b>
A Pollock	I Whitelaw
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	A Miller
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith

<b>July 19th</b>	<b>July 26th</b>
I Main	E Boyd
J McVittie	C Rodgers
C McChesney	A Stuart
A Nicol	D Rodgers
S McKibbin	B Graham
M McLachlan	A Graham

**DOOR DUTY AUGUST****BEADLE: M Scott**

Door &amp; Collection

<b>August 2nd</b>	<b>August 9th</b>
Jack Hunt	A Telfer
E Clark	G McDonald
M Brown	Alex Wilson
Jeanette Hunt	M McMillan
S Brown	P McDonald
A Kenyon	A Forrester

<b>August 16th</b>	<b>August 23rd</b>
R Colquhoun	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Scotland
S Blackwood	J Davidson
M McEwan	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford
J McLaren	C Turnbull

<b>August 30th</b>	
I Whitelaw	
R McLellan	
N Collins	
A Miller	
P McLellan	
J Smith	

**DOOR DUTY SEPTEMBER****BEADLE: R Getty**

Door &amp; Collection

<b>September 6th</b>	<b>September 13th</b>
I Main	
J McVittie	
C McChesney	Kirk Session
A Nicol	
S McKibbin	
M McLachlan	



The Rainbows have enjoyed another busy and happy year. We were delighted when a new Rainbow Unit started up in January, so now 3 Rainbow Units meet separately but simultaneously in the Church halls. Occasionally the units join together. There are now 48 Rainbows across the 3 units.

The Rainbows have enjoyed lots of fun and friendship playing games, doing arts and crafts, singing songs, learning about nature and other countries. They also learn to think about helping their family members and friends and to be considerate to others. Many of the Rainbows attended a Fun Day at Tollcross Leisure Centre where they carried out various activities to gain a badge.

The A and B units held Hallowe'en and Christmas parties. They made presents for the Senior Citizens and entertained them with carol singing at the Guild Christmas dinner.

The A unit made lots of interesting crafts and attended a local pantomime at the Bridge.

The B unit learnt all about Mexico for Thinking Day, gained badges including "Get Healthy" and are doing a sponsored skip to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.

Here is a brief account by the leaders of the C unit, Sarah Watson and Kirsty Hay.

"We are the new Rainbow Unit called Garrowhill C which meets in Mure Memorial Church.

We have 13 girls who are all very much enjoying the activities we provide for them.

As a result of so many girls from the Garrowhill area wanting to join Rainbows, it was decided to form a new Rainbow group. We meet at 6pm on Tuesdays and each week we show the girls how to make a craft, sometimes for a badge and to learn new skills, and sometimes just for fun!

The girls enjoy wearing their badges on their uniform. We also play games to keep them active and to learn to play in a team.

The Rainbows attended a Fun Day in March when they met with other Rainbows from the East End. They really enjoyed having an outing"

Sarah and Kirsty say they are thankful for the opportunity to be leaders of such a pleasant group of girls.

We are all grateful to Sheila Blackwood for officially leading the C Rainbows during the first 6 months.

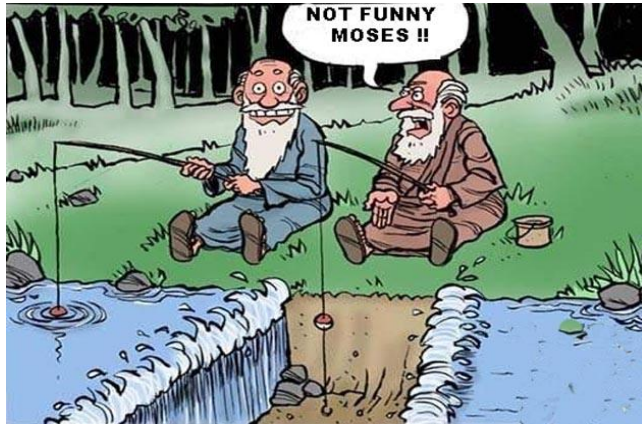
We extend our thanks to the congregation for their ongoing interest and support.



#### **Guild Coffee Morning**

*Thanks to everyone who helped and all who came along and supported our Coffee Morning on 9th May in aid of The Leprosy Mission.*

*This was a great success and the sum of £337 was raised which has been sent to The Leprosy Mission.*



### **Sunday Study Evenings**

These will run throughout the month of June at 7.00pm. The theme for these four studies will be the Parables. During the summer we move away from the Lectionary and so this year we will continue to use the Parables as the topic for our morning services throughout July.

If you have a particular parable that you would like to have included, please speak to Malcolm or Alex.

### **Sunday School Trip to Calderglen Park on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**



The bus will leave the church at 10.00 am and return to the church around 4 .00 pm.

Tickets are priced £5.00 for adults and children go free.

Alasdair Shaw will be leaving shortly for London to study Professional Dance and Musical Theatre at Bird College, but before he goes he will be performing in his final show at the Dance School of Scotland. This takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June with matinee and evening performances on both days. Tickets can be booked from the Theatre Royal and discounts are available for AGT Card holders.

### **Presbytery Report**

The May meeting of Presbytery was a short one.

The Business Committee reported on two appeals against the Presbytery Plan which had been heard by the Commission of Assembly. The first related to the closure of the building of St Columba's Gaelic Church. The Committee found against the Presbytery Plan and instructed Presbytery and the Kirk Session of St Columba's to enter into negotiations to draw up a mission plan for the congregation which will address the future of the buildings. If the plan includes the continued use of the current buildings, fully costed and fully funded proposals for the repair and ongoing maintenance of the building should be set out. If funding cannot be found, then Presbytery will have to bring forward, by December 2016, a new section of the Presbytery Plan with appropriate proposals for readjustment of the charge.

The second appeal from Shettleston Old was against their building being classified



as Category 3, which means that it will be sold during the lifetime of the plan which covers ten years. In this case, the Committee dismissed the appeal and confirmed the building as Category 3 but commended the congregation for their work and witness.

The largest part of the meeting was taken up by a report from the Superintendence Committee which had undertaken a review of the process which had been followed when an issue had been raised by the independent examiner concerning the congregational accounts of a congregation within Glasgow Presbytery. An initial finding by the Committee had concluded that a disciplinary offence may have been committed and a Special Committee was formed to investigate. One of the issues raised was that it then took eighteen months until the judgement of the Presbyterial Commission was published and this had created a real difficulty for the congregation and the small number of office bearers who were aware of the details of the circumstances leading to the case. A further complication was the decision of the Special Committee set up to investigate the matter to instruct that the minister involved be placed on administrative suspension, which inevitably resulted in speculative rumours circulating.

The Superintendence Committee reminded Presbytery that once the proceedings are in the hands of the Special Committee, Presbytery has no locus or influence in how the case unfolds.

Having reviewed the events, the Superintendence Committee brought their comments. They concluded that the time taken

by the process is not in any significant sense the responsibility of Presbytery and that they intend to consult with the General Assembly's Legal Questions Committee to discuss matters that have arisen from this case, if Presbytery agrees. Currently the congregation in question is close to being free to call a new minister, the monies due to be repaid are subject to an agreement through the Ministries Council and there continues to be good pastoral care through the Interim Moderator.

Among the recommendations made were the following –

- That all congregational trustees be reminded of the need to abide at all times by decisions of the General Assembly, and to be at all times up to date with these, particularly as they relate to remuneration of ministers and other trustees.
- That independent examiners be commended for their painstaking work in determining the accuracy and appropriateness of congregational accounts.
- That every opportunity be taken to provide training and support to congregational treasurers.
- That office bearers of every congregation be encouraged to ask questions of Presbytery should they have any doubt over financial practice in the life of their congregation.

Janet Park

## World Mission Committee



Dear Supporting Churches

We often thank God for your compassion and cheerful giving to support poor and disadvantaged people in Ethiopia. May God bless you as you have blessed others!

In recent months the Church and Community Mobilisation for Development programme (CCMD) has been expanded to new areas and has had encouraging results.

The programme aims to help church leaders and congregations to look beyond their church walls and use the resources they have to positively impact the lives of the poorest in the surrounding communities. It starts with workshops for church leaders and full-time staff. They then run workshops for their congregations.. One possible outcome of these workshops is that local churches decide to start Self-Help Groups in their communities amongst the poorest of the poor. Workshops are also held for local government officials so that they understand what is happening when they see this kind of activity taking place in their area and can be supportive.

As part of the workshops the participants conduct a survey of their local areas. It is not uncommon to find that there are 250 families

living in poverty in the communities around each urban church. We find that after several years of involvement in Self Help Groups, 60% of those who participate would say that they have become self-reliant, able to be independent and are no longer in poverty.

Please pray for all of the churches that are doing church and community mobilisation workshops. We thank you for your amazing support and for your prayers.

### Gardening Team

**It's not too late !!!**

We are trying to organise a gardening team to undertake some light gardening work around the church.



It would be for a couple of hours a week - or much less if plenty of people participate. It could be a member of your family who is willing to support the church, not just members. If you are happy to contribute to this, please email [johnmcm@hotmail.com](mailto:johnmcm@hotmail.com), speak to me at church, or phone on 0141 771 7699. Let me know what days/evenings, would be suitable.

Thanks,  
John McMillan

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.*



***A reminder and a request from the  
Community Involvement Committee***

***The Monday Fellowship commences on the first Monday in June. Please come along and bring a friend for tea and a chat. We hope to have some theme afternoons and some musical entertainment. All are welcome.***



***But we need more help!***

***There has been a request to continue the fellowship into September, but in order to do this we need some additional volunteers to make and serve tea and to act as taxi drivers. Can you spare a couple of hours on a Monday afternoon? The more people we have on the rota, the fewer times your services will be required. Please speak to Myra McMillan or Ellen Colquhoun.***



**Lodging House Mission Quarterly  
Prayer Letter May 2015**

Dear Friends,

In Matthew's Gospel, (7:7 - 8) Jesus spoke these words to his disciples and also to those following him:

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”*

What we have here is a strong exhortation to constant determined prayer. All three metaphors are in the present tense which again suggests continuous, persistent prayer. It is such prayer that finds an answer.

The reason for such confidence is explained by the consideration of fatherhood. Jesus compares 'earthly fathers' with his 'Heavenly Father' and by what he says, we notice that they are similar in some ways but different in others. Jesus tells us that a human father will not meet his son's request for food (bread and fish being the commonest food found around the Lake of Galilee) with useless or harmful substitutes even though human fathers are evil; (sinful is implied here).

The Heavenly Father is different. He is full of goodness and love. There is no suggestion of

any reluctance on his part to provide the very best for his children, which might have been derived from the call to persistence in verses 7 – 8. The disciples and all of us are encouraged to come to the Father in full confidence of his willingness to respond.

Please pray in confidence to a heavenly Father who is ready and willing to pour out good gifts upon his children here at the Lodging House Mission.

### Prayer Issues

- Give thanks for a wonderful response from churches and church organisations to our Easter Meal Appeal. Please continue to pray for all our future funding needs to enable us to provide a quality service to our service users
- Give thanks for a safe and very blessed weekend away at Alltnacriche with a number of service users and the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful peaceful environment and to share God's word with them
- Give thanks for the positive reports shared at the AGM by the Board and from service users
- Give thanks for all our volunteers and for the welcome addition of new volunteers
- Pray for the fundraising event that will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July in Kelvingrove Park
- Please pray for our many service users adversely affected by harsh sanctions

imposed by the changes to the benefit system

- Continue to pray for the renovation of the upstairs part of the building

Prayer really can make things better.

I wish you all much blessings

Gus McKay (Chaplain)



Thank you ♥

I cannot thank everyone enough for all their help and support with this year's Christian Aid Appeal. The weather was awful, but the response from people in Garrohill has been amazing. Although I don't have a final total yet, it looks like we have passed £2000 yet again.

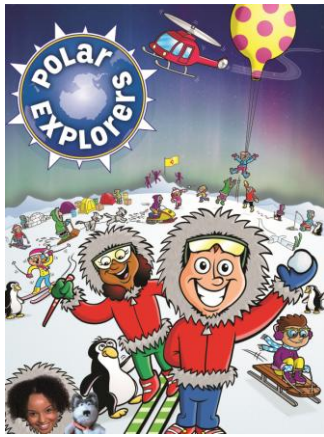
Our small but dedicated and committed team of collectors are just outstanding. Well done you.

Hope you all had fun with the song lyric quiz, answers to follow.

God truly does work in mysterious ways.

Helen Stewart

*Coming to Mure Memorial  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August  
Weekday mornings from  
10.00 am to 12.30 pm  
for all Primary age children*



*We are delighted that our  
Summer Holiday Club is back  
lead by Phil Wray from Scripture  
Union Scotland*

*There will also be various family  
activities in the evenings.  
Watch the intimation sheets for  
further information*

### **Eight things you never hear in church**

1. It's my turn to sit in the front pew
2. I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went twenty-five minutes over time
3. Personally, I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf
4. I volunteer to be a permanent teacher in the Sunday School
5. Forget the denominational minimum salary, let's pay our pastor so that he can live like we do
6. I love when we sing hymns I've never heard before
7. Pastor, we would like to send you to this conference in the Bahamas
8. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign

From *A Box of Delights*, J John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books.

One day, a man went to visit a church. He arrived early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up near him, and the driver told him, "I always park there. You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat, and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the church sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing,

Later, the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, "I took your place."



Please come to a Blooming Great Tea Party on 24/06/2015 from ten till twelve at Garrowhill Bowling Club. Home baking, tea and coffee for €2.

Only God can turn  
a MESS into a  
message, a TEST into a  
testimony, a TRIAL into  
a triumph, a VICTIM  
into a victory.

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**Deadline for the next issue will be  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

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