



June 2016



Mure Memorial Church



The Link

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Church of Scotland,

Scottish Charity No SC002220

Dear Friends,

It was at Largs sitting on the seashore, either in a deckchair, (my great aunt used to let the chairs on the front by the little zoo that used to be opposite Nardini's) or on a rock out towards the Pencil that I would get my first experience of holidays; more than that it was probably my first experience of the awesome grandeur of the God of nature. I was both moved by the stillness of the waters on good days, and the majesty of the waves battering the seashore on others, but also quizzical about how these tankers, container ships, ferries and naval ships were able to stay on the surface of the water and not simply sink to the bottom, as I continually did when trying to swim!!

But it was also the time I realised how important such experiences are to get your life into some kind of perspective. This God who could create all of this and make such majestic and awesome natural wonders, is the same God we worship in the Christian Church. A little later it would be the experience of Munro-bagging, climbing the mountains over 3,000 feet that would bring me closer to the God of creation and salvation, and to Jesus Christ who would often sit by the seashore of Lake Galilee or seek some hilltop from which to contemplate life and all that it meant for him and the world, as he sought to escape the clamour of the people constantly making demands of him.

Having attended the recent last nights of the organisations for this session, and the beginning of the summer recess, I wanted to reflect a little on the importance of holidays (holy days) – times when we can relax, enjoy

the presence of God in our lives with the special people who share these holy days with us, or even make these days holy for us. Often we travel to places of beauty, warmth and wonder to see or feel God's presence afresh, to renew ourselves for the road ahead whatever it may hold. We reaffirm for ourselves the glory of God through the beauty and wonder of the world, the huge complexity of creation in all the different cultures we can experience on our travels, and the capacity we have to travel with love among family and friends old and new.

Holidays are spiritual experiences. Times to allow the Spirit to massage our souls by delighting our senses of sight, touch, taste, smell and hearing with new invigorating sensations, allowing us to slow down and savour life in all its fullness. You don't have to travel far for this experience, the back step in the garden or a bench at the local park or bowling club, enjoying a meal with the family, or a daytrip to Largs for some of Nardini's ice cream or a fish tea (I'm not on commission here!).

So take some time this summer to appreciate the goodness and glory of God in creation. Try and share it with people you love and return to the routine freshly enriched and enlivened to serve God in the new future yet to be created.

Yours in Christ,
Malcolm

FUNERALS:

- 12th May William Ferguson: We pray for wife Rena and all the family.
- 27th May Audrey Jeavons: We remember daughter Audrey and all the family in our prayers.

WEDDINGS:

- 7th May Lynn Mortimer and David McNulty: Wishing them both God's richest blessing
- 14th May Kenneth Geddes and Fiona Glover: Wishing God's blessing on their life together.

BAPTISMS:

- 24th April Emma Fay Cumming: Every blessing to parents Angela and David.
- 1st May Kaitlyn Dickson: We ask God's blessing on parents Michelle and Colin
- 29th May Ben Thomas McLaughlin: Wishing God's blessing on parents Tracy and Philip

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**

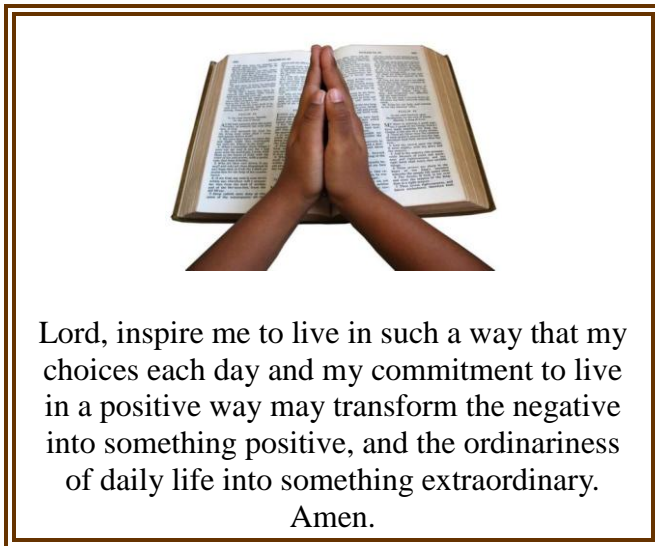


- Sunday 12th June Communion Sunday with services at 10.00 am and 2.00 pm Celebration to mark the Queen's 90th birthday after the morning service
- Wed 15th June Kirk Session Meeting 7.30 pm
- Sunday 19th June Baptismal Service 10.00 am
- Sunday 26th June Sunday School Promotion Service
- Thurs 30th June Board Meeting 7.30 pm
- Sunday 3rd July Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 10th July Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 17th July Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 24th July Baptismal Service 10.00 am

Sunday 31st July Morning Worship –
 Holiday Club
 Introductory Service
 10.00 am

Monday 1st Aug to Friday 5th Aug Holiday Club each morning
 10.00 am to 12.30 pm with
 evening events on Tues,
 Thurs and Friday

Sunday 7th Aug Holiday Club Final Service
 10.00 am



Flower Calendar



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

May 1st	Annie & Robert Graham
May 8th	Catherine Scotland & Mary Martin
May 15th	Jeanette & Graeme Leiper
May 22nd	
May 29th	The Choir in Memory of Bill

DOOR DUTY JUNE

BEADLE: G Leiper

Door & Collection

June 19th	June 26th
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 & Collection

July 3rd	July 10th
A Pollock	I Whitelaw
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	A Miller
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith

July 17th	July 24th
I Main	E Boyd
J McVittie	C Rodgers
C McChesney	A Stuart
A Nicol	D Rodgers
S McKibbin	B Graham
M McLachlan	A Graham

July 31st	
A Hunter	
E Clark	
M Brown	
J Hunt	
S Brown	
A Kenyon	

DOOR DUTY AUGUST

BEADLE: G McDonald

Door & Collection

August 7th	August 14th
A Telfer	R Colquhoun
G McDonald	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
M McMillan	M McEwan
P McDonald	E Colquhoun
A Forrester	J McLaren

August 21st	August 28th
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: M Scott

Door & Collection

September 4th	September 11th
I Main	
J McVittie	
C McChesney	Kirk Session
A Nicol	
S McKibbin	
M McLachlan	



Thank you for the beautiful flowers for Isaac.

Isaac and Evelyn Wilson

From Douglas

I am very close to having officially completed a year in post! By the time you read this, I will have been formally introduced to the Moderator of the General Assembly, thus completing all the formal aspects of my job! This will be the first time I've attended the General Assembly not as a Youth Rep, the last time having been ten years ago when the Very Rev Sheila Kestings was Moderator! I had been wondering which of my two church hoodies to wear for this occasion, but thankfully that decision is not needed as the invite dictates that attire is to be formal, so I shall be suited and booted for a change!

An event those of you on Twitter might be interested in begins on Sunday 5th June. I have been approached to take over the Twitter account @churchscovoices. This Twitter account is for various people in the Kirk to share in the work they do for a week, so this gives an excellent opportunity to showcase what is happening here in Baillieston and Garrowhill!

On the weekend Friday 13th-Sunday 15th May, I was away at the Scripture Union Glasgow Schools East End Weekend Away at Lendrick Muir. Ninety nine children were signed up, and twenty five of them came from the schools in this area, being Caledonia, Garrowhill and Swinton Primaries. It was a great weekend weather wise, with activities ranging from a treasure hunt, football, nukem ball, ropes course, bungee trampolines, capture the flag, inflatables and so much more! During the teaching times we looked at the "I AM" sayings of Jesus, "I am the Good Shepherd", "I am the Light of the World", and "I am the Way". The children in my group engaged with the teaching really well and I hope seeds

have been planted that can be nurtured and led to blossom.

In June the Youth Fellowship are running a couple of events to celebrate the end of the exams. We are doing a car treasure hunt and a trip to Ryze Trampoline Park in Kinning Park.

During the summer, I will continue to be busy, as I am being a group leader at a Scripture Union Camp at King's Cross on Arran. The team leader for this camp is ML Stone, the SU Regional Worker for Glasgow. Good weather is essential, as this camp is under canvas! (Thankfully there are proper showers and cooking areas, so it's not too extreme!) This camp is open to anyone in P6-S2, so if anyone is interested in going, please speak to me for more details. There are holidays available for people aged P5-S6, so please speak to me if you know somebody who would be interested! Also, I know ML is keen to have extra helpers on the team, so please speak to me if this is

something you might be interested in serving at.

As I approach the first anniversary of me beginning this post here at Mure Memorial, I would like to share with you a couple of things that have happened that have further enforced a belief I have in Children and Youth Ministry. Jesus is very clear when He states that we should have faith like a child. In recent weeks I have witnessed two clear examples of what is meant by this. The first was at the Happitots Nursery in Garrowhill, where I have been invited to read Bible stories to the children there. I take in with me a stuffed dog, and the children all love it. One child remarked that my dog is always happy. I duly said that yes, this is because it loves coming to the nursery, seeing all the boys and girls there and hearing the Bible stories. The boy in question smiled at me, and said, "Yes, and your dog is always smiling, that's why it's always happy!" Such a simple answer, to a question I had given a more contrived and complicated answer to! As such, it is important that those of us in children and youth ministry don't overly complicate our answers to the questions

children have. My other example of how to grasp faith like a child came at the SU weekend away, when my group were participating in the low ropes course. There is one obstacle where you lie on a beam, and just roll off it onto a cargo net. The children in my group had no problem in doing this task, but I just couldn't bring myself to do it. I just didn't have the faith in the net that the children had. Both of these events really hammer home the point to me of what Jesus was saying when He said that we are to grasp faith like a child. Yes, those of us with life experience have plenty to teach our children and young people, but we must also be prepared to learn from our children and young people and the examples they can provide for us.



*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. All are
welcome.*



*But we need more help!
Can you spare a couple of hours on a
Monday afternoon to make tea or to offer to
taxi folk along to the Fellowship? 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 2016**

Dear Friends

James reminds us that, ***"You do not have
because you do not ask God."*** (James
4:2)

Please join with us and ask God to shower
his love and blessing upon everything we do
here at the Lodging House Mission.

A prayer for the Lodging House Mission

Loving God, you hold the people of the
Lodging House Mission in the palm of your
hands. We face many challenges but know

that you are with us. Strengthen the
weak, comfort the vulnerable and
console those who have lost friends and
loved ones.

Give courage to the staff and volunteers
that they will serve your people with
compassion. Let us preach your love
and let it flow over our service users. Fill
us with the power of the Holy Spirit, that
we may offer hope and brighter futures
to those for whom we tend.

In the Risen Lord, we put our faith and
trust
Amen

Prayer Issues

- Give thanks for the help we were able
to give those who stayed at the LHM
when it hosted the Winter Night Shelter
and now the shelter has closed pray for
the safety and protection of those who
still don't have accommodation and are
rough sleeping.
- Give thanks for the renovation work
that has taken place in our main hall and
pray for enough finances to carry out
future improvements to our buildings.
- Pray for service users who are
earnestly seeking help to break their
addiction habits that this help might be
found.
- Pray for the success of our
forthcoming annual fundraising event,
which will take place soon and for the
safety of all who will take part.
May God's blessing be with you all.

Gus McKay (Chaplain)

A NOTE OF



Dear Friends

Thanks you all so much for the flowers I received from the church during my recent illness.

Also the cards, phone calls and house visits were very uplifting and much appreciated.

Jack Hunt



Thank You!

A thank you from Cathy and Tracy Wallace for the church flowers which they received on the Sunday of Ben's Baptism. They were very much appreciated.



The Garrowhill Rainbows have enjoyed another busy and happy year.

The three units continue to meet in different halls in the Church on a Tuesday evening for an hour, with about 45 girls attending regularly. The programme is based on "Live, Learn. Laugh, Love." Some of the meetings will have a particular theme and sometimes a unit will choose to carry out particular activities to gain a badge. This session the B Unit decided to do the Festivals Roundabout, with the girls voting on which activities to complete to gain the Festivals badge. The leaders find that the girls often seem to choose messy activities, with activities involving food very popular!

During the session the girls have done a variety of activities, including playing games, making lots of different things and



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 Garrowhill has been amazing. Although I don't have a final total yet, it looks like we have passed £1,700 so far, with more to come in.

Our small but dedicated and committed team of collectors are just outstanding. Well done you. God truly does work in mysterious ways.

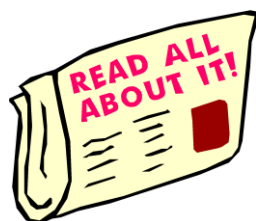
Helen Stewart

trying out crafts, learning new songs, listening to stories, doing quizzes, and, of course making friends. Rainbows are encouraged to be kind and helpful, to make decisions for themselves and to learn to play together.

The Rainbows, as usual, enjoyed performing traditional carols at the Guild Senior Citizens Dinner. Two of the Rainbows, Estelle Giraud and Bailey Cattermole, were speakers at the Girlguiding Glasgow Annual Review in the City Chambers. Some of the Rainbows attended the Girlguiding Glasgow Thinking Day Event at the Bridge, Easterhouse.

All of the Rainbows are looking forward to the end of session celebrations in June and some of the Rainbows will be due to go up to Brownies.

The leaders and girls thank the congregation for their continued support.



The weather is starting to warm up and the long summer holidays are only a matter of weeks away. No doubt if you ask any teacher or child, they can tell you exactly how many days are left until the schools break up! The summer holidays are a greatly exciting time, not least for us here at Mure Memorial Church, for the summer holidays see our

Community Family Fun Week! This week will see many activities happen within the church.

It all starts on Monday 1st August with our Holiday Club, Guardians of Ancora!

This event is aimed for any primary school aged child. We are not missing out our younger friends, as running alongside this is a Toddlers' Time where anyone not yet old enough to start school can bring a parent, grandparent or any other adult they think appropriate to enjoy this time! Both these events will look at various stories of Jesus.

As well as this, both events will have much singing, dancing, drama,

crafts, games and hopefully much fun! In the evening we are planning on having various events in the evening. We have a film night planned, with the film to be confirmed, a family quiz night and a community barbecue. The week shall be finished off with a church service on Sunday 7th August.



So, as you can see, a full and active week is planned! So, how can you as a congregation help? Well, it's never too late to join the team of volunteers! Speak to myself if there is a way you wish to serve on the team! But there are more ways you can serve than just running about daft with all the children! We will be looking for donations of home baking for our quiz night. Perhaps you would like to donate some of the resources that we require to make the week a great success. In any case, speak to myself. But the biggest way



EVERYONE can help is through prayer.

Nothing we do can be accomplished without prayer. Going by last year's numbers, we have potential to engage with around 50 families. Some will be known to our church, some will be outwith our parish boundaries and some will have no connection with any church. This is an incredible opportunity to get alongside children and families and walk with them in their journey of faith, wherever they may be in that journey. We have an ambitious plan for our Community Family Week, and without prayer from everyone, it will not succeed.

Finally, if you know any child who would be interested in coming to the Holiday Club or Toddler Time, then please bring them along. Remember that the Toddler Time, each toddler does need to bring an adult with them! The evening events are not limited to families. Please do not feel it necessary to have children to come along to the quiz, film night or barbecue. These evening events are open to all!

I look forward to joining you all in prayer, and hopefully seeing you at the various events planned for our Community Family Fun Week!

When we pray remember:

1. The love of God that wants the best for us.
2. The wisdom of God that knows what is best for us.
3. The power of God that can accomplish it.

William Barclay

Bill Russell

It was with great sadness that we learned of the very sudden passing of our organist, Bill Russell on Wednesday 27th April 2016

It was in late 1973 that we were looking for a new organist and Bill, in typical Bill fashion, offered to help until we found someone on a permanent basis. That someone turned out to be Bill and he was officially appointed to the post on 14th February 1974, St Valentine's Day, which seems quite a significant date, because the relationship which started on that day was indeed just like a love affair that lasted for just over 42 years, because Bill was dearly loved by our church family at Mure Memorial.

There can be no doubt, as we look back, that he helped raise the importance of music within our congregation, whether he was playing for a sponsored Sunday School sing along of choruses or leading the choir in the various Oratorios and Cantatas that they performed during Holy Week. He encouraged our young people to put on performances of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, twice. He encouraged and cajoled all ages to rise to the challenge of putting on a performance of the musical Viva Mexico and we even put on the pantomime, Cinderella, and there was always our ever popular Carol Party which Bill introduced many years ago.

In 1992 we shared in the amazing experience of joining Rick Wakeman in a performance of "The Gospels" a musical which he had written. Bill had rehearsed the choir for weeks and conducted the performance and what an experience that was for a church choir. We even got a write up in The Sun under the

headline, "Rock star Rick plays the organ to save Kirk" and the article goes on to say that he was performing in a tiny Kirk to stop it from falling down..... well it was The Sun !

But Bill was so much more to us than our organist and choir master and that was largely because he didn't appear to have the word "no" in his vocabulary.

He would be invited to speak every year at the Guild, The Senior Citizens and the Men's Fellowship and, if someone called off at short notice, he would willingly fill in, showing his holiday slides or providing a musical evening.

He was the convener of the Pastoral Group at his home congregation of the West Kirk, in West Calder, but his pastoral care for his adopted family at Mure was equally caring. If he knew of anyone in the congregation who was ill or in need of a visit, he would be there for them.

Many members from Mure Memorial travelled through to West Calder for his funeral service in a packed church and on the evening of Tuesday 17th May we gathered for our own Service of Thanksgiving to share our memories and give thanks to God for the life of Bill Russell. Friendships meant a great deal to Bill and that was reflected in the number of people who came along that evening. We took time to remember a dear friend, a wonderful warm and caring person whom we were all privileged to know.

He is sadly missed.

Janet Park

Presbytery Report

Our guest speaker at the May meeting was Euan Mackie who gave the Annual Report of the Lodging House Mission. He gave an outline of the work which it carries out and spoke about the fact that they had hosted the Winter Night Shelter, offering beds for rough sleepers in Glasgow from November till March. Up to 45 people had used the initiative, but sadly they had had to turn some away. The good news was that their financial position has been stabilised and this has allowed them to consider new projects such as disabled access. They are carrying out a feasibility study on what is a listed building.

He thanked all congregations for their support and reported that they are looking to appoint a new member of staff who will have the job of reaching out to congregations and their contacts.

The Strategic Planning committee brought the Draft basis of the Dissolution of the congregation of St Margaret's Tollcross. This will go to the congregation for a formal vote and then come back to the meeting in June. They also reported the voting for the union of Shettleston Old and Victoria Tollcross. The service of Union will take place on Thursday 2nd June.

The World Mission Committee reported that the Build a House Appeal by the Church of Scotland has now contributed over £85,000 with a contribution of £6233.42 from congregations in Glasgow Presbytery. 125 stonemasons have now been trained and are starting to build houses. Contributions are still welcome.

Janet Park



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 will be Wednesday 24th August

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