



June 2018



Mure Memorial Church



The Link

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My Dear Friends,

Now that Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity are over, Church life returns to ordinary time, our daily life returns to normal, entailing School runs, watching the Grandchildren or doggy walking. We are often faced with situations which are out of our control, and we may hold resentments against the people, family or not, for the tasks we carry out for them, perhaps because we go to church, we ask God to have mercy and forgive us for the thoughts we harbour in situations such as these.

Mercy and forgiveness are very difficult to fit into a religious system. So theology seeks to take them out of human hands. God alone can forgive sins and therefore all you guilt-ridden people can do is seek to earn it. Buckle down, keep the commandments, do as you're told, don't take risks, earn it by the sweat of your brow. Deny your life, and if you're lucky, God might just save it for you.

Jesus says "No" to that kind of religious system, and calls us to follow him and be people of mercy. To be people who offer grace and forgiveness to those who are weighed down and hurting. Yes God forgives sins, but it is done through us. How can people know forgiveness unless someone tells them they are forgiven?

There can be no freedom if we have to wait till the end for God's final word of judgment. Jesus sweeps aside the watertight religious view and offers life and freedom. If religion calls for anxious guilt, then Jesus stands among the guilty and calls for mercy, justice and love.

The Spirit of God calls us to build bridges, to break down hostility, to celebrate, share and party. Jesus shows no fear of being polluted by the impure, so why should we either? Is our goodness so fragile that we might easily be sucked into hatred and injustice and destructiveness? Or might it be that like Jesus, our love, freedom and graciousness might be contagious?

Maybe instead of others being a threat to our purity, we might be a threat to their corruption. Perhaps love is more contagious than hate, peace more contagious than bitterness, freedom more contagious than oppression.

Remember when you were a teenager how your parents wanted to check on whose parties you were going to. "You're not going to his party, his older brother is a drug addict." "You're not going to her party, her mother is having an affair with her boss." "You're not going to dinner there, that family are followers of the Church of Scientology."

Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners. People asked why did He condone and legitimise their behaviour with His presence. Others said things like, you can tell a lot about a person by the company they keep. If He is a man of God, why did He not keep company with the people of God? Why does He shun the righteous and cavort with the corrupt?"

Jesus rejects their religious opinions and says, "I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." Jesus rejects as sinful pride anything that deepens the divisions between people. The Spirit of God calls us to build bridges, to break down hostility, to celebrate, share and party. Jesus shows no fear of being polluted by the impure. And why should we either?

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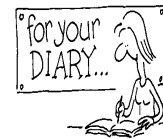
Those who are despised and rejected don't need to be told that their lives aren't up to standard. They know only too well. They don't need to hear that we'll associate with them when they clean their acts up; they need our acceptance and our example so they can see how to clean their acts up. If religion calls for casting out of the unrighteous, then Jesus Christ stands among the outcasts and rejected and calls for their acceptance.

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**.



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

6th May : Gillian Kennedy and Christopher McLellan

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

9th May : **Margaret Duncan** wife of George and mother of Ross and Scott

9th May **Janet Gilchrist** mother of David and Janette

In the 1930s John Dillinger escaped from prison in the United States, having been found guilty of murder and robbery. The F.B.I. identified him as “Public Enemy Number One”. Knowing that the police and the F.B.I. had records of his fingerprints, he thought he would set about getting new fingerprints so that his presence would not be detected in future. He dipped his fingers and thumbs into a bowl of acid, and went through great pain until new skin grew. After a few weeks, Dillinger tested his new fingerprints - only to find that they were identical to his old ones. Fingerprints are a sign that each person is unique and individual.

Isaac Newton said: “In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God’s existence.”



God our Father, you made each of us unique and unrepeatable. Inspire me to live in such a way that I respect others and am ready to learn from all who are part of my life this day.
Amen.

- Sunday 10th June Communion Service 10.00 am
- Monday 11th June Friendship Club 2.00 pm
- Saturday 16th June JaM Club outing
- Sunday 17th June Morning Worship 10.00 am
JaM Club Prize giving
- Thurs 28th June Board meeting 7.30 pm
- Sunday 24th June Baptismal Service 10.00am
- Sunday 1st July Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 8th July Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 15th July Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 22nd July Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 29th July Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 5th Aug Holiday Club Introductory Service 10.00 am
- Monday 6th Aug Holiday Club each morning
- to Friday 10th Aug 10.00 am to 12.30 pm with evening events on Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday
- Sunday 12th Aug Holiday Club Family Service 10.00 am
- Sunday 19th Aug Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 26th Aug Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 2nd Sept Morning Worship 10.00am
- Sunday 9th Sept Communion Service 10.00 am

Flower Calendar



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

May 6th	Gillian Kennedy & Christopher McLellan (Wedding)
May 13th	Mary Martin & Catherine Scotland
May 20th	Jeanette and Graeme Leiper
May 27th	Anne Kenyon

Our Flower Fund is running low and donations are very welcome. These can be put in the Flower Fund Box in the vestibule or handed to Agnes Nicol. Thank you

DOOR DUTY JUNE

BEADLE: R Getty

Door & Collection

June 17th	June 24th
C Rodgers	A Hunter
D Rodgers	A Miller
B Graham	M Brown
A Graham	J Hunt
M Hutchison	A Kenyon

DOOR DUTY JULY

BEADLE: G Leiper

Door & Collection

July 1st	July 8th
A Telfer	R Colquhoun
G McDonald	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
M McMillan	M McEwan
A Tedeschi	E Colquhoun

July 15th	July 22nd
A Pollock	I Whitelaw
C Turnbull	R McLellan
J Davidson	P McLellan
A Borthwick	N Collins
J Crawford	J Smith

July 29th	
I Main	
J McVittie	
M McLachlan	
A Nicol	
S McKibbon	

DOOR DUTY AUGUST

BEADLE: R McKendrick

Door & Collection

August 5th	August 12th
C Rodgers	A Hunter
D Rodgers	A Miller
B Graham	M Brown
A Graham	J Hunt
M Hutchison	A Kenyon

August 19th	August 26th
A Telfer	R Colquhoun
G McDonald	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
M McMillan	M McEwan
A Tedeschi	E Colquhoun

DOOR DUTY SEPTEMBER

BEADLE: G McDonald

Door & Collection

September 2nd	September 9th
A Pollock	
C Turnbull	
J Davidson	Kirk Session
A Borthwick	
J Crawford	



From Douglas Robertson

Summer is here & hopefully it is here to stay for a few months! My sights are firmly focussed on the summer holidays and all the mayhem that is accompanied by Holiday Club in the final week of the school holidays! Preparations are well under way, and it promises to be another excellent week. The theme this year is "Teambuilders" and is based around sports. During each morning of "Team Builders" the children will hear the stories of Joseph, Moses, Esther, Jesus picking his disciples and Paul and Barnabas. This added in with the usual mix of games, challenges, singing and drama, it promises to be a great week!

More details are elsewhere in The Link, including details of evening events that you are most welcome to join us at!

At the time of writing the article, the final elements of the SU Primary weekend away are being put in place! The SU Groups of Caledonia, Garrowhill and Swinton are joining with Wallacewell Primary to take over Lendrick Muir for a weekend of ropes course, bungee trampolines, archery, crafts, beach nukemball, adventure playground and so much more! During the weekend the children will also hear the story of David. This is a great way to continue developing relationships with children, and it is great that 32 of the 42 children are coming from our local schools!

Another event I have been busy in the organisation of is the joint Sunday School trip with St Andrew's Church. This year we are going to Almond Valley Farm in Livingston. It promises to be an excellent day, and hopefully the sun continues to shine!

The month of June also sees me celebrate three years in post here in Baillieston! It has been an excellent three years, and I hope, God willing, to be here for many more years to come, as I certainly feel there is far more youth work to be done here!

Many thanks for your continued support
Douglas



A sincere thank you for the overwhelming support of cards, flowers, phone calls and prayers from all at Mure Memorial at this very sad time. Also many thanks to Alex for the beautiful service and to the congregation for their kind donations to Marie Curie. Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate £700.00.

Anne Frew
Hazel, Jim and the boys
David, Sharon and the boys



THANK YOU!

Margaret and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and gifts for Janice.

It was very moving.

Margaret & John Davidson





**Coming soon to Mure Memorial
August 6th - 10th**

Psst! Can you keep a secret? Sometimes the summer holidays can be a little too long & a little boring! Don't get me wrong, it's great to have a break from school, but sometimes it can get boring! Well, don't worry about that! We at Mure Memorial have that covered! On Monday 6th August we begin our annual Holiday Club week! The theme this year is "Team Builders" and takes the form of a sports type week. We will have our usual mix of games, crafts, singing, drama, dancing & so much more during the mornings of Monday - Friday. This is open to Primary School aged children from starting P1 to starting S1 in August! Alongside this we have our parent and toddler group where smaller children can have their own fun and games! Both these events run from 10am-12.30pm. Registration forms can be found in time on the church website, or speak to Douglas. We are running a pre-registration time on Sunday 5th August in a bid to cut down the queues on the Monday morning!

Yes, I hear you asking what about us older ones? Well, we have that covered too with evening events! For anyone of secondary school age, we have a Summer YF that will run once during the week on the evening of Monday 6th

August 7-9pm. This will be much like Youth Fellowship on a regular Sunday night, and a more chilled out version of Holiday Club! On Tuesday 7th August, we have our annual film night! Come along and join us for a sing-a-long and popcorn! Nothing beats a Tuesday night at the pictures! And we don't charge extra for the back seats like they do at the pictures! Again, this event will be 7-9pm. Then on Wednesday 8th August we have a new event of a family scavenger hunt around Garrowhill! Again, this event runs 7-9pm. Then on Friday 10th August, come and join us for a Family Fun Night including hot dogs and burgers! There will be lots of different events going on at the same time such as face painting, tattoo transfers, a treasure hunt, races, games and potentially another duck race with bigger ducks this year! And what a remarkable statement to make to the local community of Garrowhill to do all this for no charge! It is a remarkable gift that we in the church can give to our local community!

So how do you get involved? Praying for the event is a really good start! Pray for the team that they gel and continue to witness the Gospel of Jesus, especially when tired and that is more challenging to do! Pray also for the children who come, some of whom have heard these stories, some of whom haven't heard them. Pray that seeds that get planted are not stolen and that they can have opportunity to take root. Also pray for the families, many of whom have no church connection. Pray that a connection can

be made and built upon. Another way to help is if you know any children who might like to come along! Feel free to send them, or indeed come along yourself to any of the evening events! They are family events and all are welcome! If you can think of any other way you could help, then please don't hesitate to speak to Douglas or Janet.



Sincere and grateful thanks for the beautiful flowers.

Much appreciated.
From Sandy and Mary
Kelman.

Summer Friendship Club



The Club will commence on Monday 5th June at 2.00 pm. Why not come along, bring a friend, and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat? We are looking for volunteers to join the tea rota. Can you spare a few hours? Speak to Ellen Colquhoun or Myra McMillan

Gardening Team

It's that time of year again!

We are trying to organise a 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. If you are happy to contribute to this, please speak to me at church, or phone on 0141 771 7699. Let me know what days/evenings, would be suitable.

Thanks,

John McMillan



Due to a reduction in the number of girls and also changes in the leadership team we have reverted to two Rainbow Units. Margaret is the new Guider in Charge of the A unit with Katie as her Assistant, while Sarah is the new Guider in charge of the B Unit with Kirsty and Anne as her Assistants. We were sorry to see Marion resigning from the B unit but delighted that she is continuing as District Commissioner. Rebecca resigned from the A unit but is continuing in another role in Guiding locally.

As for the Rainbows themselves, they had an enjoyable session, playing games, doing a wide variety of crafts, learning new songs, listening to stories and making friends. They worked towards gaining badges, and enjoyed parties at Christmas and Easter. A number attended a Division Event in November held in this church. Quite a number of the Rainbows left to become Brownies in local units during the session.

Rainbows will finish in June with a party. We are looking forward to a new programme of Guiding activities in the next session and we hope that new girls will come to join us as we try them out.

Thanks to the congregation for your continued support.

Presbytery Report

The May Presbytery meeting was held centrally, following the regional meetings in April.

Under the Vacancy Procedure Report it was noted that the Rev Dr Alistair May, minister of Rutherglen Stonelaw Parish Church, has been appointed as Interim Moderator at Baillieston St Andrew's linked with Baillieston Mure Memorial.

The Business Committee reported that significant changes are being introduced in relation to data protection law and these will affect the ways in which we should obtain, store and use personal data in the life of the Church. The Church of Scotland Law Department is producing a number of resources for the guidance of Presbyteries and congregations. The Presbytery Clerk will be arranging training events to provide further guidance and details of these will be intimated to all congregations in due course.

Representations have been made to the Business Committee that there is a pressing need for members of Presbytery, in wide conversation with congregations, to consider seriously the challenges which all congregations and the structures of the Church shall face within the next ten years. In a time of change and diminishing resources it is important for the Church to be both imaginative and creative as we look to the future. The Committee proposes organising a conference in the autumn and establishing a working group to prepare for this.

The Superintendence Committee reported on the setting up of a Special Committee of Enquiry by Presbytery to look into the ongoing situation at Baillieston St Andrew's linked with Baillieston Mure Memorial. It also reported that the vacancy procedure in the linked charge has been sisted, which means that no progress can be made to fill the vacancy.

The Strategic Planning Committee congratulated Cambuslang Parish Church on their celebration of a decade of union and invited the Rev Leslie Milton, our last Interim Moderator, to speak on Cambuslang Parish Church's onward journey from a 3-way union 10 years ago.

The World Mission Committee reported on the ongoing work of the "Build a House" project which we as a congregation supported. It is now three years since Nepal was hit by a massive earthquake, in which over 8000 people were killed, and over 6 million families made homeless. The Church of Scotland Appeal raised £310,000. A group of 18 Church of Scotland members has just returned from a 10-day visit to the Dhading region of Nepal to see first-hand the reconstruction work being undertaken by United Mission to Nepal and other partners. They had gone out expecting to see destruction, but instead what they witnessed everywhere was construction. 572 masons have been trained. The representatives of the United Mission to Nepal have said that the work would have been impossible if it had not been for our donations.

Janet Park

The holiday season is upon us. If you are planning to visit foreign parts you might come across some notices like these written in English.

In a Rome laundry: Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

In a Copenhagen airline ticket office: We take your bags and send them in all directions.

In a Bangkok dry cleaner's: Drop your trousers here for best results.

In an Acapulco hotel: The manager has personally passed all the water served.

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



Soup and Sandwich Lunch

As many of you know, this year we decided to try something new for Christian Aid as the door to door collections were becoming a bit challenging as a collector. Although a few of our collectors do still continue to do their route we decided to also try a Soup and Sandwich Lunch. I am delighted to say that it was a big success. The soup and sandwich event has gone above and beyond what I thought would be achievable, raising over a tremendous £1550.

I don't know where to start with thanking everyone who contributed in any way to this event; all the ladies and gentlemen who helped set up, cook, bake, donated raffle and tombola prizes, the people who bought tickets and gave donations, all the people who helped with the serving cleaning and running of the stalls. I am, individually, overwhelmed and humbled by the fellowship, kindness of heart and generosity shown in our church community.

On behalf of Christian Aid and Mure Memorial I thank you.

Helen Stewart

The Answers to this year's Christian Aid Quiz are as follows;

- 1.Hamlet, 2.Rhett Butler, 3.Donald Duck,
- 4.Jack Sparrow, 5.Luke Skywalker, 6.Bilbo Baggins,
7. Long John Silver, 8.Tom Sawyer,
- 9.Wendy Darling, 10.Oliver Twist, 11.Winnie the Pooh,
- 12.Harry Potter, 13.Holly Golightly,
- 14.Deperate Dan, 15.Heathcliff, 16.Indiana Jones,
- 17.Dracula, 18.Ivanhoe,
- 19.Cruella De Vil, 20.Buzz Lightyear,
- 21.James Bond, 22.Peter Pan, 23.Sherlock Holmes,
- 24.Shylock, 25.Lady Macbeth,
- 26.Minions, 27.Mary Poppins, 28.Dr Dolittle,
29. David Copperfield, 30.Flash Gordon



Dear members of the congregation, and all those concerned with my lovely retiral gift, recently.

The vase is beautiful. Something I will always love. The engraving is perfect, similar to my own handwriting.

I know that 43 years of carrying out my duty was appreciated by church members, but I was doing something that I enjoyed. So sorry that I could not go on.

Love to all as always
Anne Stuart

WHEN WE PUT
OUR PROBLEMS IN
GOD'S HANDS,
HE PUTS HIS
PEACE IN OUR HEARTS.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE LINK

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Wednesday 22nd August 2018

