

MARCH 2012

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Dear Friends,

As with creation so with us as individuals. Our lives sit on beds of rock, built up over the years to keep us safe, protected, secure. However from time to time these foundations are rocked, sometimes to the core. The loss of important relationships, the loss of income assumed to be secure, health problems - personal or in loved ones, all conspire individually or together to rock our world as in the earthquake; to spew forth emotion – hurt, pain and anger – like a volcanic eruption or a series of eruptions; or to overwhelm us with powerlessness, like the tsunami. Still night turns to day, still winter turns to spring, still the relations and responsibilities that are part of our lives make their regular demands on us.

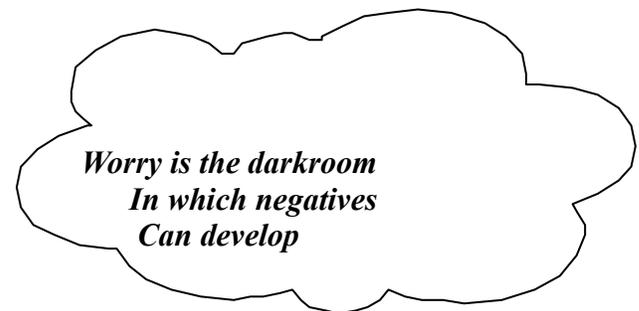
As with individuals so with communities, including congregations. We feel we are part of something, that there is purpose to our activity, that we are important, special, even loved. Then our role is usurped, taken from under us, our respected leaders and friends move on to be replaced by total strangers who don't know us from Adam or Eve, and we can be swept away in an eruption of emotion or just drift further and further from the people and places with which we once spent so much time, or which were once so important to us. Still night turns to day, still winter turns to spring, still the community continues on apace with its weekly worship and regular meetings.

The ebbing and flowing of life, the crises and resolutions, the brokenness and reconciliations, the good and the bad, the highs and the lows, the joys and the sorrows, suffering and hope, crucifixion and resurrection. It was into this that Christ

came. It was for this that Christ died. It was to repair, restore, redeem this that Christ rose from the grave. Still God weeps for His world. Still God reaches out to the broken, the lost and the lonely. Still God loves each and every one of us, as sure as winter becomes spring and night turns into day.

Yours in His love.

Rev. Malcolm Cuthbertson



Vestry Hours

The minister has established an office in the church to which he welcomes anyone who wishes to see him. The specific times he will make himself available are as follows:

Monday evening - 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday morning – 10.00am - 12 noon

Thursday morning – 10.00am – 12 noon

Thursday evening – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

At present this will be about simply turning up during these times with no specific appointment, which means you may have to wait a few minutes. 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.

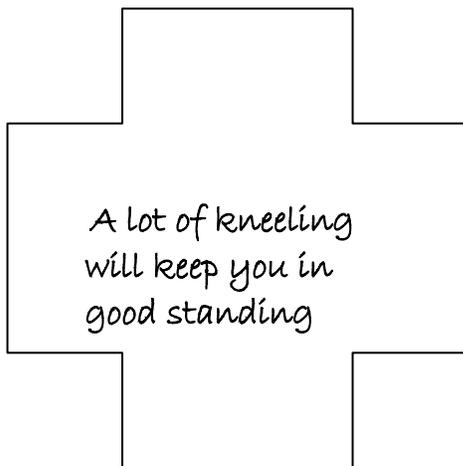
Funerals

February 6th **John Snaddon**
We remember wife Agnes in our prayers.

February 11th **David Bennie** We remember wife Jacqueline, children Sarah and Alexander, parents Alex and Betty, and Jacqueline's parents, Christine and Joe.

February 14th **Betty McCreadie** We remember all the family in our prayers.

February 17th **Davy Nolan** We remember daughter Brenda and the family in our prayers.



Lenten Study evenings begin again on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm from Sunday 26th February (1st Sunday in Lent) to 1st April (Palm Sunday). The general theme for the series is community engagement or mission. The five evenings to which everyone is invited will be a mix of talk and discussion among those who attend, led by the minister. People from other churches are invited to come along.

Sunday 26th February “The Purpose behind Mission” – what are we trying to do?

Sunday 4th March “The Presence of the Church for Mission” - where do we start from?

Sunday 11th March “The Proclamation Required for Mission” – what do we have to say?

Sunday 18th March “The Practice of Mission” – what actions are required to make a difference?

Sunday 25th March “The Pathos of Mission” – what feelings need to be dealt with?

Sunday 1st April “The Palm Sunday Experience” - a study on Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem as example for community engagement.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday March 1st Pastoral Care
Committee Meeting 7.30pm

Saturday March 3rd Men's Fellowship
Coffee Morning

Sunday March 4th Sunday worship
10.30am Lent Study 2 "Presence for
Mission" 7.30pm

Thursday March 8th Worship Development
Committee 7.30pm

Saturday March 10th Contemporary Praise
and Worship evening with Joan
Piacentini. (Learn some new
songs for Sunday morning
worship and hear Joan sing some
of her own compositions) 7.30pm

Sunday March 11th Sunday worship
10.30am Lent 3 Annual Stated
Meeting of congregation after shorter
Service Study 3 "A Missionary
Proclamation" 7.30pm

Thursday March 15th Christian Education
Committee 7.30pm

Sunday March 18th Sunday Worship
10.30am Lent 4 "Mother's Day"
Study 4 "Mission Praxis" 7.30pm

Thursday March 22nd Congregational
Board Meeting 7.30pm

Friday March 23rd Boys' Brigade Anchor
Boys Display 6.30pm

Sunday March 25th Sunday Worship
10.30am Lent 5
Contemporary Worship Service
for young people 6.30pm
Study 5 "Orthopathy" 7.30pm

Thursday March 29th Garrowhill Primary
School Easter Assemblies 9.00am &
11.00am
Boys' Brigade Junior Section Display
7.15pm

Saturday March 31st Wedding of Margaret
Jackson & Drew Sharp 5.00pm

Sunday April 1st Palm Sunday. Family
Service led by Sunday School 10.30am
Palm Sunday Bible Study 7.30pm

Monday April 2nd Holy week service led
by Praise Band 6.30pm

Tuesday April 3rd Holy week service
with St. Andrew's Baillieston 6.30pm

Wednesday April 4th Holy week service led
by Choir 6.30pm

Thursday April 5th Holy Week
communion service 6.30pm

Friday April 6th Holy week service for
the recently bereaved led by minister
6.30pm

Sunday April 8th Easter Sunday Service
followed by Egg Rolling with Sunday
School

Wednesday April 11th Kirk Session
Meeting 7.30pm

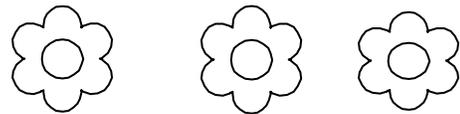
Sunday April 29th Spring Communion
10.30am & 6.30pm

***IT IS NOT A GREAT THING TO BE
HUMBLE WHEN YOU ARE
BROUGHT
LOW, BUT TO BE HUMBLE WHEN
YOU ARE PRAISED IS A GREAT AND
RARE ATTAINMENT.***

ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

A minister was asked to dinner by one of his parishioners whom he knew as being an unkempt housekeeper. When he sat down at the table, he noticed that the dishes were the dirtiest that he had ever seen in his life. "Were these dishes ever washed?" he asked his hostess, running his fingers over the grit and grime. She replied, "They're as clean as soap and water could get them". He felt a bit apprehensive, but blessed the food anyway and started eating. It was really delicious and he said so, despite the dirty dishes. When dinner was over, the hostess took the dishes outside and yelled, "Here Soap! Here Water!"

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong – because someday in life you will be all of these.
George Washington Carver



We would like to thank everyone in the Church for all the many cards, flowers, kind thoughts and messages of love and support shown to our family over the past weeks of concern for Kirsty. We specially thank all those who have been praying for her, and for us, over these weeks. These prayers have been a great comfort and strength to us and proof of the power of prayer came when the biopsy showed a low-level tumour, treatable with chemotherapy. Kirsty has begun her chemotherapy and though her treatment will be long and stressful for her, and for all of us, we are confident that with prayer it will be successful and we would ask you please, to continue with your support and prayers during this time.

Thank you once again, we do appreciate all you have done.

Effie, Duncan, Fiona, Ian and all the family



Thank you for the flowers from the church which I received after the Sunday service. They were lovely and brightened my day. Many thanks also for all the cards, gifts, good wishes and support I have received from the congregation. I really appreciated your kindness

Wilma Carrick

*None of us has got it together,
But together we've got it*

Presbytery Report

The February meeting of Presbytery was an extremely long one, starting at 7.00 pm and ending at 10.50 pm. However as much of the business was dealt with in private session, there is not too much to report.

Our invited speaker was the Revd Dr Martin Scott of the Ministries Council who spoke about Ordained Local Ministry which is being given a very high profile at present. He explained that, practically, there is a need to spread God's Word without increasing the financial burden on the Church and as this is a voluntary form of Ministry, OLMs do not count towards the number of paid posts. They can work across a Presbytery, although they may be attached to a particular Congregation or Parish Grouping. They are seen as offering key support in Priority areas and also in Church planting, where they can help build new communities of faith where paid posts are not sustainable.

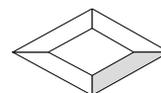
Surprisingly the only item on the agenda relating to the Presbytery Plan was a Notice of Motion brought by the Revd George Mackay of Stamperland Church. He asked that Presbytery should delay the consultations between the Presbytery Support and Development Teams and a Strategy Advisory Group member and representatives of the congregations, until after the March meeting of Presbytery to allow more time for discussions of the first draft. He gave three reasons for bringing this motion. Firstly, having attended the training event for the PSD Teams, he still did not feel that he had sufficient information to help the congregations he would be visiting. Secondly, he felt that

there was an implicit acceptance of the plan, if congregational representatives meet to discuss the proposals. Finally, he was amazed that Presbytery was not being given an opportunity to discuss the Plan before the meetings with congregational representatives took place.

A member of the Strategy Advisory Group opposed the motion. He started off by saying that a draft is a draft. His opposition to the motion was based on the fact that, at present, almost forty Parish Workers are living with the threat of redundancy hanging over them. The proposed plan was also causing great concern to Ministers, whose future Ministry within the Presbytery was uncertain. There are a large number of congregations who have now been vacant for a long time and were not being allowed to call a Minister, until the Presbytery Plan was agreed. If the meetings were held back, the Easter break would delay things further and the summer would be upon us before we had any agreement.

During the discussion that followed, one member made the comment, "We should stop making life more difficult and complicated for ourselves". Having studied the draft of the Presbytery Plan, which Malcolm will say more about elsewhere in the Link, it seemed very sound advice. When a vote was taken, the motion failed, but the voting was close.

Janet Park





*As a little child relies
On a care beyond his own,
Knows he's neither strong nor
wise,
Fears to stir a step alone, –
Let me thus with Thee abide
As my Father, Guard, and
Guide!
Amen*



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**Deadline for the next issue is
21st March**

DOOR DUTY – March

BEADLE: ROSS McKENDRICK

Door & Collection

March 4th	March 11th
A Pollock	C Stewart
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	J Greenshields
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith

March 18th	March 25th
W Millar	E Boyd
A Walker	C Rodgers
J McVittie	A Stuart
C McChesney	M McKeller
A Nicol	B Graham
E Nimmo	M Martin

DOOR DUTY – April

BEADLE: Moira Scott

Door & Collection

April 1st	April 8th
J Hunt	A Kavannah
J Hannah	A Telfer
M Brown	Alex Wilson
Mrs Hunt	L Strachan
Mrs Hannah	M McMillan
A Kenyon	A Forrester

Men's Fellowship

March 5th Uddingston Pride
 March 12th Quiz Night
 March 19th Great Scot (History)
 March 26th Geo. Aird
 April 2nd A.G.M.



BOYS' BRIGADE

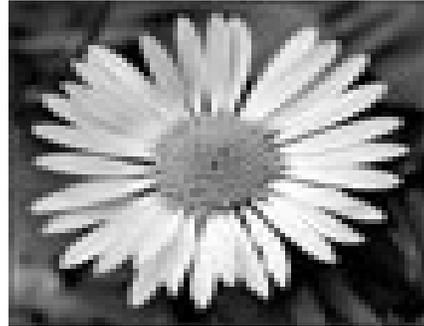
Our table tennis team's adventure in The National Competition ended when we played host to the British Champions. The defeat was softened however with the excellent catering by the ladies from our Guild with sandwiches and cake. This made the defeat at least more palatable although it did ensure a sticky end. We are now looking forward to our display and prize givings and hope to see a good number of parents and friends at our:

Anchor Boys on Friday 23rd March at 6.30pm

Junior Section on Thursday 29th March at 7.15pm

Our Company Section is a bit later on Friday 18th May at 7.30pm.

Congratulations to Robert Fleming, Ross Lambie and Gavin Shaw who have gained their President's Badge.



The flower symbolism associated with the daisy is purity, innocence, loyal love, beauty, patience and simplicity. Daisies are often depicted in meadows in Medieval paintings, also known as a "flowery mead." Daisies are believed to be more than 4,000 years old and hairpins decorated with daisies were found during the excavation of the Minoan Palace on the Island of Crete. Even further back, Egyptian ceramics were decorated with daisies. Daisies were used in Mary Gardens. The daisy is also symbolically connected to St. John.

Thought for the month.

*Let us try in our small way
To make new friends from day to day
So pass no stranger with an unseeing eye
For God may be sending a new friend by.*

Helen Steiner Rice

THE GUILD



Our Meetings for March are -

- 6 March Bearsden Fiddlers Concert
(Tickets are now on sale price
£4 or you can pay at the
door)
- 13 March Retro Glass - Rachel Collins
- 20 March A Night at the Pictures
- 27 March A.G.M.

A big thank you to everyone who supported
our Soup and Sandwiches Lunch helping us
to make the magnificent sum of £917

A Little Light Relief Hymns for everyone

The Dentist's hymn: Crown him with many
crowns.

The Weatherman's hymn: There will be
showers of blessings.

The Builders hymn: The Church's one
foundation.

The Tailor's hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy.

The Golfer's hymn: There is a green hill far
away.

The Politician's hymn: Standing on the
promises.

The Optician's hymn: Open my eyes that I
may see.

The Electrician's hymn: Send the light.



HELP REQUIRED

Christian Aid week 2012 is 13th May to
19th May. We're looking for some extra
collectors this year. If you would like to
volunteer please contact Alice Smith or
Janet Park. I would like to take this
opportunity to thank all the past and present
volunteers and I hope that the volunteers
from 2011 will continue their support in
collecting again this year.

Gillian Kennedy

Community Development Committee

Our celebration "Soup & Sandwich Lunch"
Sundays have been a great success, and we
would like to encourage anyone who has, or
knows of anyone who has, a special
birthday or anniversary to let us know. Our
next lunch date is on 25th March after the
morning service and we extend a warm
invitation to everyone to join us then.

TO ALL OUR READERS

We would be happy to have **YOUR** input
into **YOUR** church magazine. Share your
stories and anecdotes with us and all our
readers.

Nan, Peggy, Janet and Cathy

