



March 2015



Mure Memorial Church



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Dear Friends,

While visiting Swinton Primary last Friday (13th Feb.) I had my first sighting of snowdrops for the year. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the show of spring flowers that are starting to come through the ground at this time of year. After what seems to be a long cold winter (despite a week in Tenerife) to know the promise of better weather, longer days and even some heat, which springtime flowers offer gives you a little boost of energy to see winter out. It's not necessarily that it brings dramatic change, but it offers the promise, the hope of something better coming. It seems to me that as ordinary people we need that in our lives, even as Christians. We need to be reminded that the dark, depressing, despairing news both in the world around us and even in our family or community, is not the only reality, or even the main reality, but that God is moving to work His positive purposes out. God, who reveals Himself in Jesus Christ, has shown us a new world – a world of healing and hope, a world of peace and justice, and a world of caring and sharing – the world that is to come. From time to time that world breaks in to our experiences if we can only read it. Where we experience something of peace, healing, hope, faith, community, sharing, we are experiencing something of God which we can use to remind us of the good and positive future that is to come no matter how bleak the present. If we are able to bring that to others then so much the better! Like a little bunch of snowdrops bursting through the frozen ground to bring renewed life and hope to those who see them,

so our acts of goodness and grace can point people to God's future.

We are now in the season of Lent, which is not really practised within the Protestant tradition because the little acts of sacrifice – giving up chocolate, alcohol, or not taking the bus on short journeys, which others practise, were considered too petty and self-centred to reflect the sacrifice of Jesus at Easter. Lent, if it is to work at all in preparing us for Christ's sacrifice on the cross must call us to a spiritual transformation of self-sacrifice and devotion following the example of Christ. We could do no less than to be looking for those opportunities to plant some spring flowers in people lives by showing some love, acceptance and understanding to those who are lost and lonely; by offering the hand of forgiveness, grace and friendship to those who have hurt us or with whom we find it difficult to get on, perhaps inviting them for tea/coffee, lunch, dinner or a pint. We could offer to share the load with those who have a considerable burden, or stop putting more burdens on family members who are feeling oppressed.

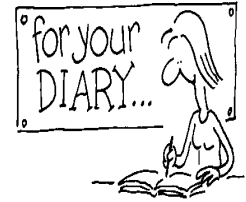
There is much that can be done in Lent, but let's do it reminding ourselves that we are showing for the promises of Christ our Saviour. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Yours in Christ,

Malcolm

FUNERALS

- 17th Dec. Hugh Anderson: We remember son William and the rest of the family in our prayers.
- 27th Dec. Aileen Rennie: We pray for husband James
- 29th Dec. Ella Cruickshank: We remember son Tom and daughter Janice in our prayers.
- 31st Dec. Sheila McBay: We pray for husband Ian and daughters Gillian and Lynsay.
- 3rd Jan. Mary McKail: Remember daughter Evelyn in our prayers.
- 13th Feb. Marjorie Foster: We pray for all the family.



VESTRY TIMES

- Monday 6.30pm – 7.30pm Mure Memorial
- Tuesday 10.00am-11.00am Mure Memorial (Thrift Shop and Café available at same time)
- 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**

- Thursday 6th Mar World Day of Prayer Service in St John’s Church at 7.30 pm when Malcolm will preach
- Sunday 8th Mar Communion Sunday Services at 10.00am and 2.00 pm. Please note there will be no evening service.
- Monday 9th Mar Men’s Fellowship Concert by the Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir
Tickets (£3) from the Men’s Fellowship Committee
- Sunday 15th Mar Morning Worship 10.00am
- Sunday 22nd Mar Morning Worship 10.00am followed by the Annual Business Meeting of the Congregation
- Thurs 26th Mar BB Junior Section Display 7.15 pm
- Friday 27th Mar Anchor Boys’ and BB Company Section Display 7.00PM

Sunday 29th Mar Morning Worship
Palm Sunday 10.00am
[Please remember to put
your clock forward]

Monday 30th Mar Malcolm will lead
worship 7.00pm

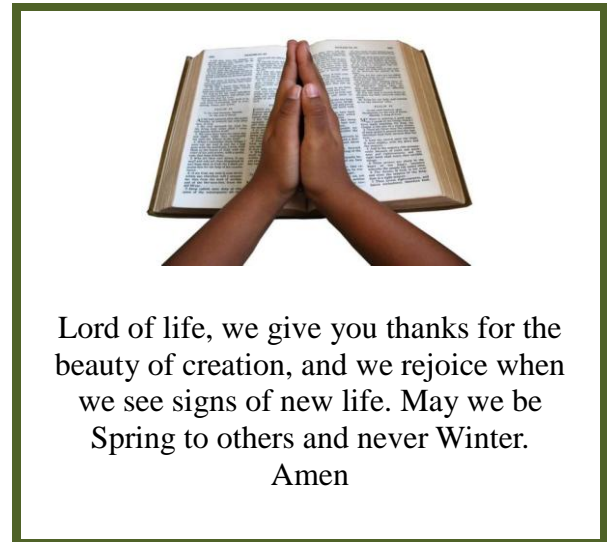
Tuesday 31st Mar A guest preacher to
be arranged 7.00 pm

Wednesday 1st Apr Choir Service of
Praise with excerpts
from the Messiah
7.00pm

Thursday 2nd Ap Joint Communion
Service with St
Andrew's. Please note
this will be held in St.
Andrew's Church
7.00pm

Friday 3rd Apr Ecumenical Walk of
Witness 11.00am
Good Friday Service led
by Alex 7.00pm

Sunday 4th Apr Easter Morning Service
10.00am



Lord of life, we give you thanks for the
beauty of creation, and we rejoice when
we see signs of new life. May we be
Spring to others and never Winter.
Amen

*What you are is God's gift to you.
What you become is your gift to God.*

Men's Fellowship Concert
Monday 9th March

Following the success of last year's concert, our fundraising effort to enable us to support our church and to donate to other charities is to be a concert by the Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir on Monday 9th March commencing at 7.45pm. Admission is £3.00 (payable at the door). We anticipate an enjoyable evening so come along and join us.

March

2 nd	Visit to Glasgow City Mission
9 th	Concert by Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir
16 th	Churches House Youth Centre
23 rd	George Aird – Folk Singer
30 th	A.G.M.

Flower Calendar

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



February 1st	Jean Duncan and family
February 8th	Edith Bavaird
February 15th	John & Mary Reid
February 22nd	Dolly Lang

DOOR DUTY March

BEADLE: R McKendrick

Door & Collection

March 8th	March 15th
	R Colquhoun
	I Malcolm
Kirk Session	S Blackwood
	C Robertson
	E Colquhoun
	J McLaren

March 22nd	March 29th
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 April

BEADLE: M Scott

Door & Collection

April 5th	April 12th
I Main	E Boyd
J McVittie	C Rodgers
C McChesney	A Stuart
A Nicol	D Rodgers
S McKibbin	B Graham
M McLachlan	A Graham



We are nearly at the end of what has been a very successful and enjoyable session.

Our meetings for March are

- Mar 3rd Salvation Army Songsters
- 6th (Friday) World Day of Prayer - St John's
- 7th (Saturday) Soup and Sandwich Lunch
- 10th John & Peter Douglas - Cinema Projectionists
- 17th Sheila K - Party Night
- 24th A.G.M.



HELP!!!

Your Church Needs You

Christian Aid Week 10th-16th May 2015

Christian Aid Week may seem a long way away right now but oh how quickly the months pass. Lent is under way and Easter is almost upon us. April will bring the Easter holidays and then at last the Bowling Green will be open. May will be here before we know it.

So this is an early appeal on behalf of your Christian Aid Week collectors. Every year our strong team of collectors diminishes ever so slightly, but in recent years we have unfortunately been left in a position where, out of 50 districts (a district being a street or one side of a street) 14 districts are vacant (no collector available for them), and 10 collectors are doing 2 or more districts.

Mure Memorial has a wonderful history of collecting for Christian Aid going back as far as 1998 with a collection of £1,979 and an all-time high of £3,435 back in 2005 and 2006. Last year again our small but dedicated team of collectors, collected a marvellous total of £2,167.14. Our collections are always received with great thanks from the Christian Aid Team. There are many vacant districts, varying in size from 30 to 65 houses. It only

takes a couple of hours during Christian Aid Week to deliver, i.e. push the envelope through the letter box, and then go back to knock the door and collect it back in again.

So if anyone thinks that they might be able to help us out this year and make it our biggest ever collection, or, if you have any questions about collecting, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Helen Stewart on 01236 879003 or by email Hstewart0405@googlemail.com

Thank You

Helen Stewart

*If the Christ who died had stopped
at the cross,*

His work had been incomplete.

*If the Christ who was buried had
stayed in the tomb,*

He had only known defeat,

*But the way of the cross never stops
at the cross and the way of the
tomb leads on*

*To victorious grace in the heavenly
place where the risen Lord has gone.*

Annie Johnson Flint



Lodging House Mission Quarterly Prayer Letter Feb 2015

Dear Friends,

When we read the gospels we can find many references to Jesus at prayer.

Prayer is not a mysterious practice reserved only for clergy and the religiously devout. Prayer is simply *communicating with God*—listening and talking to him. Believers can pray from the heart, freely, spontaneously, and in their own words.

Let me share 3 things we can learn from Jesus prayer life.

First - **Jesus believed that prayer works.**

Matthew 7:7 - "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." The inference here is that if you don't ask then you won't receive.

Second - **Jesus prayed before making important decisions.**

Luke 6:12-13 - "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles." Jesus prayed

for guidance before making such an important decision – a decision that would later turn the world upside down.

Third - **Jesus prayed for His disciples.**

John 17:1; 15 - "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name... My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one." Jesus recognised it was important to pray for the protection of his followers.

Prayer Issues

- Give thanks for an excellent response from churches and individuals to our Christmas Appeal for funds and gift donations. Please continue to pray for all our future funding needs in these times of financial uncertainty
- Pray for all our service users whose chaotic lifestyles hinders them from reaching their potential and pray that they will accept the opportunities offered here at the LHM to improve their quality of life
- Give thanks that staff and service users have responded positively to recent changes in the management structure at the LHM
- Pray for wisdom and direction for Gus Smeaton, Interim Manager, and the rest of the Board as they lead and direct the work of the Lodging House Mission

- Pray for Neil Watton (Day Centre Manager) as he manages the day centre activities and also for Mark Smyth (Senior Day Centre Assistant) as he strives to ensure the safety of all who attend the LHM
- Pray that God's word will penetrate hearts and minds of all who hear it spoken at the LHM
- Give thanks and pray for all our volunteers, especially the new volunteers who have just started. Pray that they will be consistent in their commitment and attendance
- Pray for the contacts we have made with those who have come from the winter night shelter
- Give thanks for a number of new classes taking place and pray for the success of future ones planned

Your prayers will make a difference.

I wish you all much blessings

Gus McKay
(Chaplain)



*Some stories about Preachers,
but definitely not those at
Mure Memorial !!*

Old Gladys attended a church service one particular Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on for ever, and many in the congregation fell asleep.

After the service, to be sociable, she walked up to a very sleepy looking gentleman, and in an attempt to revive him from his stupor, extended her hand in greeting and said, 'Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn.'

To which the gentleman replied, 'You're not the only one!'

Preachers should remember that the capacity of the mind to absorb is limited to what the seat can endure.

After the church service a little boy told the pastor, 'When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money.'

'Well, thank you,' the pastor replied, 'but why?'

'Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had,'

A suggested prayer for all preachers; 'Lord fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff and nudge me when I've said enough.'

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

From the Sunday School



Hi Everyone

This is Emma Donaldson reporting for the Sunday School. I will be reporting for the Sunday School from now on. I would firstly like to wish William Stewart a very happy birthday. He will be three on the 12th March and is going to have a Pirate Birthday Party.

It is also going to be James Thomas' birthday on the 4th March – Happy Birthday JT.



I would like to keep you updated – We've



now decided to test the children's Bible Knowledge, so we are going to start a daily Bible Knowledge test.

Have a happy and exciting start to your Spring.

***From
The Sunday School Family***

Presbytery Report

Our guest speaker at the February meeting of Presbytery was Dr Kenneth Jeffrey who is the Co-ordinator of the Centre for Ministry Studies at the University of Aberdeen. He explained that it was the aim of the centre to foster education and training for the whole people of God, those working at home and abroad, the ordained and the unordained. He reminded us that we are living in a hostile environment and we need to be equipped to serve, in order to carry out God's work. He gave brief details of some of the courses on offer which included an MTh in Ministries Studies on the subject - "What they didn't teach me when I did my BD".

Dr Doug Gay from Glasgow University also gave details of some of the courses which they are offering.

The Business Committee reported that the Committee set up to nominate the next Moderator of Presbytery was recommending the appointment of the Rev Tom Pollock of Sherbrooke St Gilbert's. You may remember Tom as the minister who led our last quinquennial visit. Presbytery was happy to approve his appointment.

The Property Committee reported that the congregation of St George's Tron are seeking approval in principle to the creation of a day cafe on the church premises. They had been in discussion with the Lodging House Mission with regards to staffing and training of

personnel to run the cafe. Environmental Health have given their support and the funding would come from a legacy. Approval in principle was given to allow them to further investigate this venture.

The Community Responsibility Committee asked Presbytery to note a suggestion for a Lenten Fast for three consecutive days during Holy Week using only food given in a typical food bank parcel containing 3 days' worth of food for 1 adult and 2 children. You can find out more at info@church-poverty.org.uk.

The Committee for Ecumenical Relations and Interfaith Matters intimated that they had communicated their prayerful concerns for Archbishop Phillip Tartaglia and his recovery from illness.

The World Mission Committee encouraged congregations to highlight Fair Trade Fortnight between 23rd February and 8th March. They reminded us that choosing Fairtrade products changes lives. A daily cuppa for us can mean clean water and education for tea farmers and their workers.

The Committee also highlighted the competition being run by the Church of Scotland World Mission Committee to celebrate the life and legacy of Mary Slessor and to mark the centenary of her death. Young people across Scotland are being asked how they would change the world for good in an innovative postcard competition. There will be prizes for different age groups and winning

entries will be on display at the Dundee Verdant Works in April.

Some of the girls from our Girls' Brigade are busy working on their entries at the moment and we are hoping for some successful entries.

Janet Park



I would like to thank the congregation for the flowers I received after making a presentation to the church about my Malawi Coffee Morning.

The coffee morning was a great success raising over £900! This has gone a long way in helping me reach my personal target of £1700. Thanks again to the members of the congregation who supported me with this event by coming along on the day, handing in home baking, providing prizes for the raffle and tombola or kindly donating money.

The kindness and support from the congregation was overwhelming and it is something I appreciate and will remember for many years to come.

Lyndsay McMath

Annual Burns Supper

Thanks are due to the Men's Fellowship for organising another very successful Burns Supper which was enjoyed by all who attended.



The Haggis was piped in and addressed,



the speakers were excellent,



the singers up to their usual high standard



and the chairman certainly seemed to enjoy his evening,



which was rounded off with a hearty vote of thanks.

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 is
Wednesday 25th March**



Mure Memorial Guild Soup and Sandwich Lunch

on Saturday 7th March
11.30am till 2.00p.m.

Tickets priced at £4.00 can also be paid at door

Usual stalls and raffle.

Please come along and join us

Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship presents



A concert by The Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir

in the church on Monday 9th March
at 7.45pm

Tickets priced £3.00 available from Committee members
or pay at the door

Dear God
Help me spend today with a
Smile on my face,
Love in my heart,
Trust in Your Name and
Thinking of You all day.
Amen!



Wishing everyone blessings and joy
as we approach this Easter Season
From the Link Team