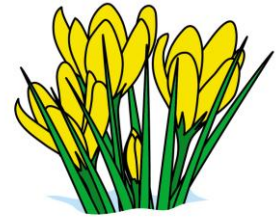


March 2016



Mure Memorial Church



The Link

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Church of Scotland,

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Dear Friends,

At this time of year, every year, I get a visit from a bunch of friends. I never know when they are coming, but they faithfully appear every year. I do very little to encourage their appearance, or their friendship, but still they come. Their coming is an uplifting experience as they fill me with joy and hope for the future, and although their stay is short, they always leave behind, as they do when they are here, a sense that things can only get better, that dark days will become lighter, and that the shivers of winter will become days of weather suitable for bowling, golfing, walking and even holidays not too far away.

I am of course not talking of human friends, but of a little bunch of snowdrops that appear every Spring below the noticeboard at the Church. As I pass them regularly I am cheered by their presence knowing what their arrival means, as with any Spring flower – Winter is passing, Summer is coming, although Spring itself has a beauty all of its own.

There is no doubt that the Christian Church were on a winner picking the Spring to celebrate the rising of Jesus from the dead. It's as if the whole creation joins in the celebrations, and gifts to us a joyful and beautiful reminder of what and why we are celebrating – the gift of new life. Creation has always intrigued me in the way it offers pictures of what the Christian faith might mean. I am intrigued for example by the snake which can simply slip out of an old skin, leave it behind, and go and enjoy its new appearance. The crawling caterpillar which can hardly move at any pace or reach any

height emerges from its chrysalis to fly with intricately painted wings across the countryside.

I wonder as we approach Easter if any of these natural snapshots might represent us and ours. The signs of new beginning in births or marriages that bring hope for the future; or the opportunity that might be taken to be a new you, to put behind you the old self that you and possibly others don't like, and become a new person; or even change completely to a new creature altogether, beyond being recognised by your friends or family, finding freedom in your new self - free to be the kind of person you would want to be, in a new job, in a new relationship, or after a bereavement.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is not just a reminder of the life everlasting that awaits us beyond death, it is a reminder that life in all its fullness can be a gift for the present - the now, living in the joy and hope of the living Christ, seeking to be what he would want us to be and smashing the barriers, rolling the stone away, that prevents us from living life to the full. Hallelujah, Jesus is Risen, in us and for us, individually and together!!

Have a great Easter,
Malcolm

BAPTISMS

- 17th Jan. SOPHIA JANE SUSAN STEWART: We wish parents Charles and Janie every blessing along with big brothers George and Charlie.
- 7th Feb. EMILY ELIZABETH CONNOLLY: We ask God's blessing on parents Lyndsey and Grant.

FUNERALS

- 6th Feb ANNA GALLAGHER: We remember Adrienne, Yvonne and the family in our prayers
- 11th Feb. JAN THOMPSON: We remember all the family in our prayers
- 12th Feb. JAMES COCHRANE: We remember wife Margaret, daughter Linda Glen and all the family in our prayers.
- 13th Feb. CATHERINE SCOTT: We remember all the family in our prayers

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)

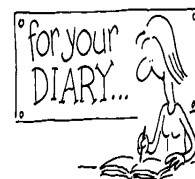
No specific appointment is necessary. Other times can be made available by arrangement, as can home visits. The minister's phone number is **07740868181**. Please feel free to

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**



- Wed 9th Mar Kirk Session meeting
7.45 pm
- Sunday 13th Mar Communion Sunday
Services at 10.00am
and 2.00pm.
Stated Annual Meeting
following the morning
service.
- Friday 18th Mar Anchor Boys' and
BB Company Section
Display 7.00pm
- Sunday 20th Mar Baptismal Service
10.00am Palm Sunday
- Monday 21st Mar Alex will lead
worship 7.00pm
- Tuesday 22nd Mar Fr Tom Devlin will
preach 7.00 pm
- Wed 23rd Mar Service of Praise
led by the choir
- Thurs 24th Mar Joint Communion
Service with St
Andrew's. Please note

this will be held in St.
 Andrew's Church
 7.00pm
 Friday 25th Mar Ecumenical Walk of
 Witness 11.00am
 leaving from Mure
 Memorial
 Good Friday Service led
 by Malcolm 7.00pm
 Sunday 27th Mar Easter Morning Service
 Baptismal Service
 10.00am
 Please remember to put
 your clocks forward
 Thurs 31st Mar BB Junior Section
 Display 7.15pm
 Saturday 2nd Apr MAP Cabaret Night in
 Garrowhill Bowling Club
 Sunday 3rd Apr Morning Worship 10.00am

Flower Calendar



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

February 7th	Ross McKendrick
February 14th	John & Mary Reid
February 21st	The Duncan Family
February 28th	

DOOR DUTY March

BEADLE: R McKendrick

Door & Collection

March 6th	March 13th
R Colquhoun	
I Malcolm	
S Blackwood	Kirk Session
C Robertson	
E Colquhoun	
J McLaren	

March 20th	March 27th
A Pollock	I Whitelaw
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	A Miller
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith



Compassionate God,
 Help us to recognise all you did for us and let
 us really know the depth of your love.

Loving Lord,
 As we travel through Lent, walk with us and
 be by our side as we celebrate your
 resurrection.

Be with us this day and every day.
 Amen

DOOR DUTY April

BEADLE: M Scott

Door & Collection

April 3rd	April 10th
I Main	E Boyd
J McVittie	C Rodgers
C McChesney	A Stuart
A Nicol	D Rodgers
S McKibbin	B Graham
M McLachlan	A Graham

Senior Citizens



Calling All Seniors!

The Senior Citizens meet on Mondays at 2.15pm. We have almost reached the end of our session which we hope all of our members have enjoyed.

Our programme for March is;

7 th March	Beetle Drive
14 th March	Half day outing to Sandyholmes
21 st March	A.G.M.



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

Our meetings for March are

8th John & Peter Douglas –
Cinema Projectionists

15th A.G.M.

Men's Fellowship

Our group meets on Mondays at 7.45 pm. We have had another successful session with a wide variety of excellent speakers

Our meetings for March are:

7 th March	Rev Alex Stuart
14 th March	George Aird – Singer
21 st March	A.G.M.

From Douglas

Life is progressing within Mure Memorial. There have been two pieces of significant news with the Youth Fellowship. Firstly, we received a grant from Glasgow Presbytery. This money will be used to cover the cost of our end of session trip, as well as buying some new sports equipment.

The second piece of news is that the membership has increased by 20%!



It might only be one person extra coming along, but it demonstrates that the young people who were coming feel confident enough to invite their friends! The Youth Fellowship is showing signs of being the safe place for young people to explore their faith that I envisage it becoming.

Away from the Youth Fellowship, plans are being set in place for our Holiday Club this year. This year the Holiday Club will run from the week beginning Monday 1st August.



The theme of the week is Guardians of Ancora and it promises to be an excellent week! If anyone wishes to join the team and help during the week, then please speak to me and we'll find a suitable role for you in the team!

The Scripture Union Groups in both Bannerman and Garrowhill continue to go along well. At Bannerman the group is looking at events in the life of Jesus. They have already looked at Jesus in the wilderness and Jesus calling His disciples. In the coming weeks, we'll look at the events leading up to Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. At Garrowhill the children are gearing up for their weekend away to Lendrick Muir in May. Five out of the six young people are attending the weekend, and it promises to be an excellent weekend for them.

Last month I attended the Learn Conference for churches with few or no children. This conference was fully booked, at over 100 places, so this gives an idea of how many churches are struggling. Sadly, the conference confirmed what we all know, that there is no magic wand to magic children and young people into the church. What it will take is a lot of perspiration, prayer and perseverance. I have some ideas of how to take things forward, but at the time of writing this article, I am still mulling over the appropriate strategy to take.



"I didn't think lying about fish or golf counted."

**christian
aid**
week
15-21 MAY

Yes it's that time of the year again. It seems to come round quicker every year.

This is an appeal on behalf of your church.

Every year our church Christian Aid volunteers do a truly magnificent job.

Every year our collections from church and the local community are truly amazing.

With less than half the streets in our collection area being collected in, it could be even better.

We have many dedicated, hardworking collectors who desperately need help to fulfil our mission with Christian Aid.

If you think you could help us this year by delivering and collecting envelopes, please, please get in touch with me and I can give you a list of vacant streets.

Thanking you in anticipation.
Helen Stewart 01236 879003

Church Finances



The Annual Stated Meeting of our church will take place on 13th March following the morning service. The Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015 will be available before the date of the meeting.

This year the accounts will show a deficit of almost £7000.

As explained in the December edition of The Link our annual expenditure is approximately £100 000. Our main source of income is of course our offerings along with the tax recovered under the Gift Aid Scheme. Other factors such as donations from our organisations, use of premises and any fund-raising activities contribute towards our total income. These allow us to meet our obligations.



There is a large part of our expenditure over which we have no control. This includes dues set by the Church of Scotland for Ministry & Mission and for Presbytery, salaries and of course the same types of obligations that we have within our own household, e.g. Council

Tax, Heating and Lighting, Insurance, Building Maintenance, etc.

We would remind you once again of the benefit of the Gift Aid Scheme whereby you can enhance your giving by simply completing a one-off form which allows the Treasurer to claim back tax at NO COST to yourself. Some of you may already be in the habit of doing this when donating to charity. Gift Aid can be applied whether offerings are made using WFO envelopes or Standing Order. Please speak to any member of the Finance Committee if you would like to complete a Gift Aid form.

Recent years have shown a gradual but noticeable reduction in our offerings. Thanks to all the "regular givers" for your offerings during the year. The New Year is a time when many of us "take stock" and review things. At this point we would appeal to those members of our congregation who are still not contributing anything financially to Mure Memorial to do this, as it is clear that the majority of the offerings are still coming from the minority of members! In these difficult times, is that fair? Accordingly at this time we would ask that members give careful consideration to reviewing their contribution to the church in order that we might better be able to meet our commitments.

All we ask is that you give what you can afford.



It is heartening to note that we received a bundle of WFO envelopes from a member who had been unable to attend for some time but who had continued to fill envelopes weekly. Even when any one of us is unable to attend, the church is still there and bills still require to be paid.

Presbytery Report

The February meeting of Presbytery was held in Pollokshields Church. I am getting to know parts of Glasgow I have never visited before, since we had to decant from Govan!

Our guest speakers were from the Churches Mutual Credit Union which is now up and running and ministers, elders, church employees and trustees are all eligible to join.

They are offering Regular Saver's Accounts and Car and Personal Loans at competitive rates.

Since its launch in 2015, CMCU has opened 600 accounts, taken in £1.3m in deposits, issued over £750,000 in affordable loans and have now launched a new Corporate Savers account for Church Councils, Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries to invest in. For church members who are not eligible to join the CMCU we were reminded that there are other Credit Unions in operation within Glasgow Presbytery and members may be eligible to

join one of these. Further information about these can be found at www.findyourcreditunion.com and the Church Mutual Credit Union can be contacted through www.cmcu.org.uk

The World Mission Committee reminded us of Fairtrade Fortnight which runs from 29th February until 13th March and had invited a speaker to address Presbytery. She spoke about the Rainbow Turtle Charity which is based in Paisley. They had chosen their name because rainbows are symbols of hope and promise and also of inclusion and diversity. When turtles are 'belly up' they are at their most vulnerable to attack and it seems that the poorest people in the world will be forever vulnerable unless we turn trade values the right way up.

By buying items which carry the Fair Trade Mark we can make a massive difference to farmers in the third world. It helps to wipe out child labour, aids gender equality and improves the level of education. In Malawi very few children go to high school because their parents have to pay and so children of secondary school age are sent out to work. When we buy Fair Trade products, it is usually the women who benefit by earning a fair wage and they will then use this money to support their families. Our speaker reminded us that people trafficking is second only to drug trafficking, with people being sold for the sex trade and slave labour. There are around 20 million people in slavery throughout the world,

many of them children, and this is driven by poverty and greed.

Our speaker had brought along several products and spoke about the Divine chocolate company which is 45% owned by the cocoa farmers. These bars of chocolate may cost us a little more to buy than our well known brands, but the difference can be life changing to the farmers. Did you know you can even buy Fair Trade footballs? Douglas has actually ordered some for the YF. Another aspect of the work of Rainbow Turtle is to lobby both local and national politicians. She spoke of the need to improve workers rights, reminding us of the Bangladesh factory disaster, but to date only 8 out of 300,000 factories have made any improvements to their buildings. You can find out more and order on line at www.rainbowturtle.org.uk.

The Mission Committee intimated that there will be an event for those interested in finding out more about Messy Church on 23rd April in Burnside Blairbeth Church. If you are interested in going along, please speak to Douglas.

The Community Responsibility Committee are holding an Ageing Well Training conference on Friday 11th March in Glasgow City Chambers. This is a practical training day to help churches better support the spiritual needs of older people.

The Learning and Nurture Committee approved a grant of £150 for Mure Memorial. This was in response to an application which Douglas had made for funding for our Youth Fellowship, so well done Douglas!

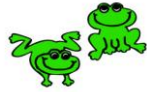
Janet Park



On the Wednesday evening of Holy Week, the choir will perform Schubert's Mass in G as part of the service. This is a short and very tuneful piece of music. Don't worry if you don't understand the Latin, we will give you a translation to follow.

Anna Gallagher

Adrienne, Yvonne and their respective families would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy following mum's illness and subsequent passing. The sum of £337.38 has been raised for Cancer Research UK, and the family are most grateful for everyone's generous support of this very worthwhile charity."



Tiny Frogs

Once upon a time there was a bunch of tiny frogs.... who arranged a climbing competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. And so a big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on all the contestants.

The race began....

But quite honestly no one in the crowd really believed that such tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. They were saying, "It's way too difficult!! They will never make it to the top," and "Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!"

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one....Except for those who were a bit stronger and kept climbing higher and higher.

The crowd continued to yell, "It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!" More tiny frogs got tired and gave up....

But one continued higher and higher and higher long after all of the others had given up and dropped back down to the bottom and he, after a big effort, actually made it to the top!

All of the other tiny frogs, naturally, wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it.

One of the other contestants asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach his goal! But he didn't hear him, and so he shouted the question again but he still didn't hear, finally he shouted at the top of his

voice, which was really loud for such a tiny frog. But he still couldn't hear him, he was deaf!

How much more could we do if we, like the frog turned a deaf ear to all those who say we can't

.....Author Unknown...

Driving



The other day my wife and I were discussing formal and informal prayer. I said, "I do some of my best praying while I'm driving." And my wife agreed by saying, "I, too, do my best praying while you're driving."

If it moves so slowly, why is it called rush hour?

Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you and scorn in the one ahead.

Mac McCleary

"When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife."

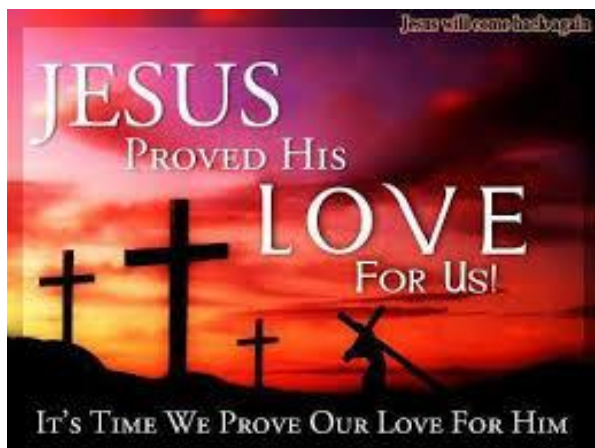
Prince Philip

From a Bundle of Laughs, J John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books

Mure Access Project

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Cabaret night, which has been rescheduled to Saturday 2nd April. Unfortunately, if you haven't already bought your ticket, these have now sold out. We will be running a raffle and donations of prizes will be gratefully received. Please speak to any member of the MAP committee or leave your gift in the boxes at the doors of the church.

We had fixed a date for our Spring/Summer Fair, but discovered that it clashed with Garrowhill Primary School's Spring Fair. We will let you know our date, as soon as it is rearranged. We are looking for the support of all our organisations, so if you have any ideas for stalls and fund raising activities for the day, please pass them on to any member of the committee. Would you believe that it is twenty-one years since we last ran a Church Fair on 5th April 1995? We are very pleased that Aileen Miller, who convened the committee then, has agreed to assist us. Let's hope we have another very successful event.



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 23rd March**

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**May you know God's peace and love  
at this Easter Season  
From the Link Team**

***A Special Section for our younger readers***

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Above is an encrypted message which outlays our theme for this year's Holiday Club. So can you work it out, using the code cracker above? Our Holiday Club will run from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, with lots of great activities happening. So come along to find out more about this theme! We'll have singing, dancing, games, challenges, crafts and stories. Keep your eyes peeled for lots more information. We promise it will be a great week!

Why not colour in this Easter picture?



What do lions say to their friends before they go out hunting for food?

*"Let us prey"*

What do you call a cow that eats grass?

*A lawn mooer*

### Easter Word Search

Can you find all the words in the list in our word search?

There is one which isn't in the grid. Once you find out what the word is, write it on the entry slip below along with your name, age and address and pop it in the post box in the hall by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. There will be prizes for the first two correct answers opened.

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| Angel       | Cross | Crown  | Crucify |
| Empty Tomb  | God   | Jesus  | Judas   |
| Last Supper | Lent  | Love   | Mary    |
| Palms       | Peter | Pilate | Risen   |
| Rolled Away | Stone | Thorns |         |

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The missing word is \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

My age is \_\_\_\_\_

My address is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Our Easter Word Search Competition is open to children of all ages!!  
We will publish the names of our winners next month along with the answer.

