

March 2017



Mure Memorial Church



The Link

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Dear Friends,

In one of the old Monty Python programmes from years ago there was a sketch about the red and white road cones taking over the world like the Daleks of Doctor Who.

Anyone living and especially driving around the east end of Glasgow at the moment will think it has come true! There are cones everywhere directing the traffic. The bigger problem than the cones is that they are constantly changing, so that one day you're directed one way, and the next you're going some other way.

Similar to life, change is a constant part of everyday life. Psychologists point out than some of the changes such as moving house, changing jobs or especially going through a separation, divorce or bereavement are all major stresses on our wellbeing. Other more minor changes such as the children leaving home, a new neighbour next door, or a new boss at work are also highly scored on the stress scale.

In the midst of all these changes, and others, we look for things which give us stability - parts of our lives that are rock solid. Family, friends and home are obvious bankers, but for many the church is part of our solid foundation. The church is always there. It hasn't changed in years, if not decades. It is largely the same organisation or set up that we remember when we were young, and we need that stability in our lives. The problem with that mentality is that for new generations of younger people coming through the church is old-fashion and out-of-touch. They're looking for something that is right up-to-date - to be relevant to them in the issues that they are facing.

Simple issues like, "Who sings along to an organ now?" "Why does the church have a problem with people who are homosexual?" "What's so special about a Sunday morning?" "Why can't we worship God at other times?" Those who don't like change will have difficulty in answering these questions and will want the church to continue to do and believe the way in which they have always done.

For church members it seems that they have come to this conclusion with some faulty

understanding of God and Jesus. Hebrews chapter 13 reminds us that it is Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever (v. 8). So while the church music may change, the neighbours in the pew change, the minister changes, or the building changes, the truth is that God in Jesus Christ never changes and can be your solid foundation into the future. "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." (v. 5) That's what we need to hold onto in a fast-changing world.

Yours in Christ,

Malcolm

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**

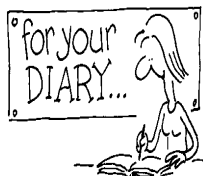
*Feed your faith and your doubts
will starve to death.*

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

- 7th Jan Wilhelmina (Mina) Murdoch - We remember her nephew Don Allan and the family in our prayers
- 11th Jan Isobel Steel: We remember all the family in our prayers.
- 13th Jan David Bell: We pray for sister Helen and all the family
- 13th Jan Helen Stokes Russell – We remember husband Jimmy in our prayers
- 14th Jan Gloria Baillie: We remember all the family in our prayers.
- 19th Jan John William Power – We remember sister Maureen and the family in our prayers
- 28th Jan Baby Robertson (Stillborn) We pray for parents Lorraine and Gary
- 21st Feb Doreen Hain: We pray for husband John and all the family.
- 24th Feb Bill Craigie: We pray for daughter Susan and son Colin and all the family.



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.



- Sunday 12th Mar Communion Sunday Service at 10.00 am
- Sunday 19th Mar Morning Worship 10.00 am

- Monday 20th Mar Afternoon Communion at 1.30 pm before the Senior Citizens AGM
- Thursday 23rd Mar BB Junior Section display 7.15 pm
- Saturday 25th Mar Spring Fayre 11.00 am till 3.00 pm
- Friday 31st Mar Anchor Boy and BB Company Section display 7.00 pm
- Sunday 2nd April Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 9th April Baptismal Service 10.00 am

Flower Calendar

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



February 5th	Edith Bavaird
February 12th	John & Mary Reid
February 19th	Mrs Jean Duncan & Family
February 26th	Ross McKendrick

DOOR DUTY March

BEADLE: R Getty
 Door & Collection

March 19th	March 26th
R Colquhoun	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Scotland
S Blackwood	J Davidson
M McEwan	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford
J McLaren	C Turnbull

DOOR DUTY April

BEADLE : G Leiper
 Door & Collection

April 2nd	April 9th
I Whitelaw	I Main
R McLellan	J McVittie
N Collins	C McChesney
A Miller	A Nicol
P McLellan	S McKibbin
J Smith	M McLachlan



We are nearly at the end of what has been a very successful and enjoyable session. Our programme for March is –

- 7 Columban Singers (Fund Raiser)
- 14 Stuart Harbinston
- 21 Evelyn Mitchell
- 28 A.G.M.

Meetings start at 7.30 p.m.

Senior Citizens



Calling All Seniors!

The Senior Citizens meet on Mondays at 2.15pm. We have a varied and entertaining programme. All are very welcome. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another successful session, but our programme for March is

- 6th March Johnnie Taylor - Singer
- 13th March Half day outing to
Sandyholmes with afternoon tea
- 20th March A.G.M.

This will be preceded by a short service of Communion at 1.30 pm in the church, when all are welcome.

Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship



Our group meets on Mondays at 7.45 pm. We meet in the Guild Room. We invite men from our congregation to consider joining us at our weekly meeting- if however you are not available every week we are happy to welcome visitors.

Our meetings for March are:

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| 6 th March | Quiz |
| 13 th March | Rev Alex Stuart |
| 20 th March | George Aird – Singer |
| 27 th March | AGM |

Following a most successful Burns Night on 6th February, the committee and members would like to express their gratitude to everyone who helped to make it such an enjoyable evening, with a special thanks to the ladies who assisted with the serving of the food.



Thank You

I would like to thank Rev Alex for the lovely service. Also care workers and all who attended the service in Church and at Crematorium. Thank you too for all the cards I received. It was all a great comfort.

Jimmy Russell

From Douglas

I can hardly believe that as I wrote this, that the start of Lent is just a week away! The year just seems to be flying past! The SU Group at Garrowhill is remaining steady, with nine young people coming regularly on a Thursday lunchtime! Four of those young people are going on the weekend away residential to Lendrick Muir in May. They will be joining with pupils from Caledonia, Swinton and Wallacewell Primary Schools, and the programme, I have no doubt, will result in a brilliant weekend! (I have to say that, as I have been asked to be Assistant Team Leader, and I'm responsible for the programme being good!)

I got asked recently what my favourite part of my job was. That is akin to asking a parent who is their favourite child! It's too difficult to answer that question! But one of the most consistently rewarding aspects of my job is reading Bible Stories to the children at Happitots Nursery. The reaction from the children every week is so incredibly positive, to the point they are asking when it is Thursday for me to be in reading the stories! It really is a remarkable opportunity to open children up to the Gospel! To think I had reservations about this idea when Malcolm approached me about it last year!

I was at a conference about Christian Values in Education. This was a fascinating day, and really was helpful in inspiring ideas for working in our local schools. It also reaffirmed that

some of the things I am doing are also valued work in terms of relationship building in our schools. Helping with Garrowhill's football team is a brilliant way to build the relationship with both staff and pupils. The regular team has found consistency in their form and results, however, I was asked to lead the girls' team in February, and they won every game they played, conceding just one goal! Who says girls can't play football?! The other idea that was forming in my head before the conference was to undertake a Lenten challenge for the young people. My thinking is to do this in Happitots, and they are totally up for the challenge! The idea is to do Random Acts of Kindness. This is brilliant, as with the aims set in the nursery, this helps meet these, as well as helping the children think about being more Christ like!

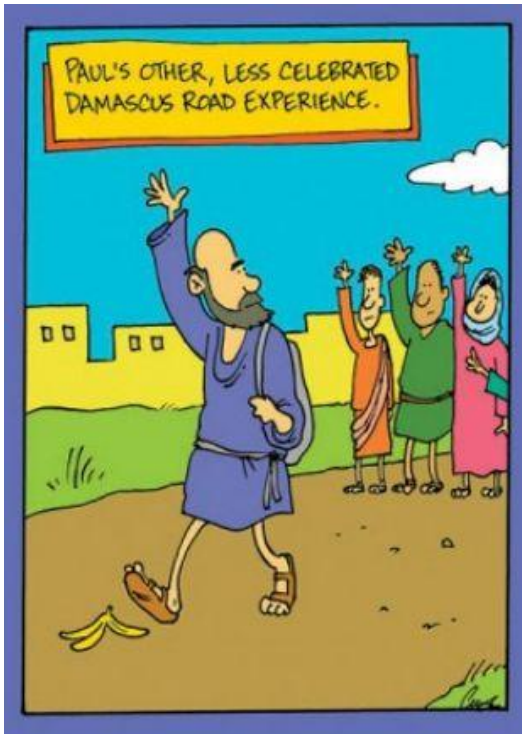
Plenty is going on. It would be remiss of me not to plug the Holiday Club again, and we are always on the lookout for volunteers! Please speak to me if you'd be interested in helping! Thanks as ever for the continuing support

Mure Access Project

The MAP committee are holding a Spring Fayre on Saturday 25th March 2017. All donations for our Raffle, bric a brac, and bottle stalls will be greatly appreciated; there will be boxes at the back and front of the church for anyone wishing to donate.

Thank you in anticipation.

MAP Committee
John Coutts, Peter Malcolm, Aileen Miller
Graham McDonald, Myra McMillan
Janet Park, Janis Smith, Alison Tedeschi



Presbytery Report

After our opening devotions, we welcomed the delegation from the diocese of Hyderabad in Pakistan. The delegation was here, by invitation from Presbytery, on a week-long visit to strengthen existing friendships and to develop the twinning relationship which has been set up recently. Rt Rev Arshed Kaleem John, Bishop of the Diocese of Hyderabad of the Church of Pakistan addressed the meeting and told us that his parishes were under “constant attack” from ‘landgrab mafia’ who make false claims upon church owned property. The Bishop, who was accompanied on the trip by his wife Narseen – herself a women’s outreach worker – said he was delighted, glad and happy that connections between Glasgow and his diocese were being deepened during the visit.

The Church of Scotland supports various institutions, projects and twinings across Pakistan, where Christians make up only 2% of the 191 million strong population.

The Business Committee brought the name of the Rev Ian Galloway, Minister of Gorbals Church, as the nomination for Moderator of Presbytery for 2017 – 2018 and this was given Presbytery’s approval.

They also gave intimation of their plans for the April meeting of Presbytery. On this

occasion we will split and meet in various venues each with a different theme such as ‘how young people learn’, ‘from contact to faith’ and ‘supporting and recruiting volunteers’. Members of Presbytery are invited to attend whichever topic interests them most and are also asked to encourage members of their congregations to come along.

The Mission Committee gave notice of a Networking Event “Supporting congregations to be people of the way” which will take place in Clincarthill Church on Saturday 18th March from 10am to noon. The keynote speaker will be Very Rev Albert Bogle. There will be strands on Messy Church, welcoming global friends, caring for the elderly, from members to disciples and pastoral care by elders. The event is free and open to members of all congregations, as the aim of the event is for people to learn from one another’s experiences.

The Community Development Committee expressed concerns over the closure of Job Centre Offices in Glasgow. The implications for service users are vast and far reaching. The Department of Work and Pensions believes that it is reasonable for claimants to travel to an office within three miles or 20 minutes by public transport of their existing jobcentre and have chosen to consult publically if a proposed closure is outside of those criteria. Therefore consultation is only taking place in Bridgeton, Castlemilk and Maryhill.

Priority Areas and Church and Society Council and Faith in Community Scotland along with local congregations are deeply concerned about these proposals and FICS have already consulted with clients in the areas affected. Martin Johnston and Pauline Edmiston from Church & Society Council have already met with the Minister of State for employment and were going to Westminster to the Scottish Select Committee to discuss the matter further on 8th February. The committee hope to report on the outcome of their discussions at the next Presbytery meeting. The committee on Ecumenical Relations & Interfaith matters brought to our attention that Churches Together in Britain & Ireland, with backing from Glasgow City Council,

Glasgow Churches Together and other associated parties, are drawing up a bid to bring to the city the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

The Learning and Nurture Committee gave notice of the 'Recharge Youth Conference' which will take place on Saturday 6 May 2017 from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm. This is a free conference with lunch included. It is to be held at The Experience, a youth activity based venue in Hillington Park Glasgow. The Recharge conference will encourage, inspire and equip children, youth & family workers and volunteers with practical ideas, worship time, networking opportunities and relevant workshops to support ministry to young people. I am sure Douglas would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in attending this 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 22nd March 2017**

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**Mure Memorial Spring Fayre**

**Saturday 25th March**

**from 11.00am to 3.00pm**

**Tickets priced £3.00**

**includes tea and**

**home baking**

**(Children £1.00)**

**All proceeds to**

**the Mure Access Project**



**Let's get  
fundraising!**