

The Link

Mure Memorial Church



March 2020

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Hello everyone

Since the Christmas issue of the Link time and season have been moving forward.

We are now looking towards our Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Communion at 7.30 in St Andrew's
Good Friday Reflections at 7.30pm in Mure Memorial
Easter morning at 10am in Mure Memorial - where we are welcoming new church members

And of course, the ecumenical Lent studies are held on Thursday evenings in the Episcopal Church.

We had our congregational meeting with the Transition Support group at the end of January. It was a good evening and both congregations were well represented. For those who weren't able to be there both congregations worked separately and then together on questions to help us focus our energies for church life in the months to come.

The Aims and Objectives for the congregation are now available. They are included in the magazine so all can see them. The Kirk Session will do some initial reflecting on how we can use them to move forward and it is possible that some of that thinking may be rolled out for the whole congregation to think about.

Easter is the season of new life and hope. Hope grounded in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. I pray that the coming months may bring us all Easter light and hope

Blessings
Sandra

Mure Memorial

Interim Ministry

(Draft) Aims and Objectives – February 2020

Reflecting

- Reflect how society has changed in recent times, and examine how these changes have impacted on the life of the congregation.
- Reflect how the different expectations of ministry carried within the congregation, impacts presently on the life and witness of the congregation.
- Reflect what resources may be required to enable the Kirk Session to enhance their missional leadership of the congregation.

Identifying

- Identify the key characteristics of life within Mure Memorial, and define what Mure Memorial uniquely offers its community.
Identify key areas of congregational life that could be developed in a future ministry, reflecting on the nature of ministry required for this.
Explore ways to strengthen the relationship between elders and office-bearers and the congregation.
Explore the use of joint events and activities to strengthen the relationship with St Andrew's.
Consider what mechanisms of congregational support can be put in place to ensure healthy working practices for the shared ministry team.

Enabling

Develop an appropriate pattern of shared worship that will allow the congregations to meet each other on a regular basis through the Christian year.

Develop structures within the Kirk Session and Congregational Board that would be appropriate to ease the workload of the shared ministry team, and to enable good communication within the congregation.

Continue and support the work of the Mure Memorial/ St. Andrew's Liaison Group to develop a greater understanding of the linkage that it may enhance the life of both congregations.

Develop methods of communication with St Andrew's to aid the sharing of intimations, publicity, and information.

LODGING HOUSE MISSION



Many thanks are due to all who bought Christmas cards, and made financial donations to support the work of LHM. As expected, this is a very busy time for LHM as they continue to provide essential services for the homeless community seven days a week during the severe winter months.

LHM marked Homelessness Sunday with a special evening service on 26th January when the Rt. Rev. Colin Sinclair, Moderator of the General Assembly this year, was the guest speaker. There were also contributions from some of the "visitors", volunteers and staff as well as songs from the LHM choir.

The Chaplain requests that congregations continue to remember in their prayers the work of the LHM, and the people for whom they provide services.

PROPERTY REPORT

The Property Committee have been working hard to ensure that all repairs are dealt with efficiently and as fast as we can get to them. Many thanks to all the members of the committee and to those others that just get things done. Recently we have had the PAT Testing completed in the Church with all our electricians passed for safety. A problem which re-occurs is the drainage at the bottom of the stairs which keeps overflowing due to blockage. We had to get our Drainage contractors out in November to clear a blockage and again in December with them coming out twice within a week. All for a blockage in the drains. For these 3 visits alone, it cost the Church £480 - money that the Church could use in other vital areas. We were informed by the Drainage contractors that the blockages were due to items being disposed down the toilet which should have been disposed in the bins which are situated in the toilets. The middle of January saw another blockage at this drain. This also had to be cleared. As I write this article it remains clear. Could I please ask that you are all aware of what goes down toilets and what goes into the bins which are situated in the toilets. Common sense really. I don't like seeing the Church's money going down the drain!

The kitchen in the Church had a problem with the freezer unit, ultimately the freezer packed in. A new freezer was purchased and this was paid for from the Kitchen Fund.

We have also managed to install lighting all around the Church. With the new car park now in operation it was vital that lights were installed for safety and we're delighted that we can walk all round the Church and see where we are going. Again we are fortunate that this was paid for as a donation from our Thrift Shop.

All I have noted above not just takes time out of our busy lives to work on the repairs, but it also takes money to spend to install lighting, pay for drain blockage and other on-going repairs the Church has to undertake. I have always said that the members in Mure Memorial Church are wonderful and we are so blessed that we have such a caring and wonderful membership. It is a pleasure for me also and I know that the committee are also delighted to keep working to make our Church great. Stuart our treasurer is continually reminding us all of the increased costs the Church has to meet. We need to keep working to meet the rising costs but I like to think we can enjoy ourselves while we do so. Keep up the good work.

Derek

Property Convenor



JAM CLUB

The members of Jam Club very much enjoyed performing the Nativity Play in the Church just before Christmas. Thanks are due to the adult helpers behind the scenes who assisted with costumes, props, staging and rehearsing, including our calm and unruffled producer, Mrs Patrick. We must make a special mention to the Junior Choir and their conductor Elizabeth for their lively contribution. We are also grateful for the musical talents of Tom, and the all-important support from the Technical Team.

We are glad that our numbers have remained steady throughout January and February although we are always happy to welcome new members. There is quite a wide age spread amongst the members so we are hoping to split into two groups in the future if possible.

We have started the New Year with the brand-new syllabus from Roots and we plan to continue with this programme throughout the year. The "staff" with some help from the children have been sorting out resources and craft materials so we are all looking forward to preparing for Easter with its crafts and activities.



RAINBOWS

The two units have been occupied with carrying out activities from the revised Guiding syllabus, which now enables Rainbows to earn more badges than before.

From mid-November onwards the Rainbows were busy preparing for Christmas. They practised carols and made decorations and gifts. As usual they played games and sang action songs and coloured in pictures.

They had their own Christmas party together and sang carols to the Senior Citizens at the Dinner hosted by the Guild.

In the New Year they resumed varying activities from the Guiding programme including Rainbow Chat, favourite games, crafts, songs and stories. Highlights included celebrating Thinking Day and Pancake Tuesday.

They will soon be getting ready for Easter.

The Rainbows have sent congratulations to the 354 Glasgow Brownie Pack on the occasion of their 50th birthday.

Glasgow County is celebrating its Centenary Year in 2020 so the Rainbows are looking forward to participating along with other units in special challenges and activities in the months ahead.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

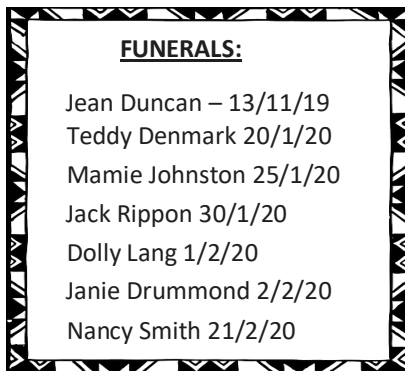
The Pastoral Care Group in the Church are arranging an afternoon Service specifically for those who find it difficult to get to the Church on a Sunday morning – either because of physical disability or because they are not able to get out early in the morning. .

Transport will also be available if that would be helpful and you should contact Moira Scott Tel: 771 7928.

Everyone will be most welcome to attend these services.

The Pastoral Care Committee are happy to arrange visits for anyone who is in need of a visit from the Church, please speak to one of the following:

Moira Scott, Sheila Blackwood, Effie Boyd, Irene Main, Mary Martin, Aileen Miller or Ross McKendrick.



“Jesus said, ‘I will be with you always till the end of time’. Matthew 28:20



Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’ Luke 18: 16

45TH GLASGOW GIRLS BRIGADE

We continue on with our busy 2019/20 session we have 54 girls across the 3 sections - 18 Explorers, 32 Juniors, 4 Brigaders all supported by 14 Officers.

The Explorers have continued with their Under the Sea Theme by making collages about the Little Mermaid, learning a keep fit to the Disney tune Under the Sea. They have also been making 2020 Calendars, celebrating Burns night with Irn Bru and shortbread. For pancake day they decorated pancakes with chocolate and strawberries which were very yummy. We have also had a potted sports evening which everyone enjoyed.

The Juniors have been learning about Famous Scottish Women: Mary Slessor, Martha Payne and Jane Haining. They have also been learning Sign Language, taking part in games nights, Bible Knowledge quizzes, making costumes for Burn's night out of newspaper and many other craft activities.

The Brigaders have been learning about different faiths in Scotland as part of their Spiritual badge work. They have also been decorating cupcakes, making pancakes and playing Netball.

In February we attended a collage competition, we entered 4 teams, 1 Explorer, 2 Junior, 1 Brigader. Unfortunately there were no winners on this occasion but the girls had an enjoyable time in Glasgow.

In March we attended a Girls Brigade Funday meeting up with other Girls Brigade companies in Cranhill Church. The girls took part in many activities and fun was had by all.

Each section are now practicing hard for our Annual Display which will take place in May and to round off the year we are currently organising a trip which we are all looking forward to.

If you would like to find out more about anything that we have going on please do not hesitate to contact one of the officers or you can follow us on Facebook, search for:

45th Glasgow Girls Brigade or @GB45th

Thank you for your continued support
Officers and Girls of the 45th Glasgow Girls Brigade

Sharon McKibbin



137TH BOY'S BRIGADE

Preparations are underway for the Annual Inspections, with the Anchor Boys being held on Friday 27th March at 6.30p.m.

The Company and Junior Section are again holding a joint evening on Friday 1st May at 7p.m.

The Junior Section are going on their annual Outdoor Activity Weekend, to a camp site in Dalguise, Perthshire, on 8th May. It promises to be an exciting weekend for the 17 boys and 2 staff attending.

THE GUILD

We are nearly at the end of what has been another very successful session thanks to our Leader, Secretary and Social Convenors. We have had some very interesting and informative speakers and some excellent entertainers as well as some fun evenings. On 17 March we host a Lunch for our twinned Guild, Mure, Irvine, on 24 March we are being entertained by George Rodgers and 31 March is our A.G.M. We will be starting back the first Tuesday in October when everyone will be made very welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens Club have had another very successful year with some excellent entertainment thanks to our Secretary. We are all looking forward to our outing to Largs on 23 March and we have our A.G.M. on 30 March. The Club will be starting back the first Monday in October. Everyone is made very welcome and you can be sure of a very enjoyable afternoon.

LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing is still going fabulously, we meet every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Why don't you come and try it, it's good exercise and good fun.

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Fellowship Group will be starting back on Monday 1st June 2020 at 2p.m.

Join us for tea/coffee, quizzes, entertainment and more. We run every Monday through the summer until 31st August 2020. All are welcome, so come along and bring a friend.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It has been a fantastic year so far at The Men's Fellowship with excellent speakers entertaining us every week. Every speaker talked on a varied range of topics. The history of the Panama Canal, The Glasgow Tobacco Lords, Defibrillators and how to operate one, along with Quiz nights and a remembrance to Rabbin Burns to mention a few. It was a pleasure to welcome our visitors from The Guild who attended and we ensured they got their tea first and we did the washing up! No problem to us guys!! All the speakers commented on the warm welcome they received and would be delighted to return if asked. Isn't that brilliant.

The Men's Fellowship is run with ease and warmth towards our members. It is a lovely relaxing atmosphere where we all can get a good blether, a good laugh and get entertained, finishing our night with tea/coffee and biscuits before we go home. We start at 7.45pm and finish around 9.00pm. Please consider coming along to "oor wee night" You'll love it.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday night.

Derek Miller

President

Sheila Blackwood - 50 Years Girl Guiding

On 29th February a large number of Girl guiding members, past and present, met together to celebrate with Sheila Blackwood her 50 years' service to Girl guiding. We were delighted that Sheila's mother and sister could join us as special guests at an afternoon tea held in the Church hall where Sheila was presented with her special 50 year brooch and her "outstanding achievement" was recognised.

Sheila was a Brownie and a Guide. In 1970 she started the 2nd-Garrowhill Brownie Pack, later to be called its present name of 354th Glasgow Brownie Unit. Sheila has been a Brownie leader for this unit for 50 years, and of course the Brownie Pack celebrates its 50th birthday this year. Sheila has provided, along with various assistants, many opportunities for generations of girls in Garrowhill and beyond, to enjoy Brownie activities and adventures. She has taken countless Brownies on Pack Holidays and also to Brownie Camps.

However she has also contributed to Girl guiding in many other ways.

She served as District Commissioner for Bailieston/Garrowhill and then was appointed as Division Commissioner for the ENE Division in Glasgow.

Sheila helped found the Rainbows in Garrowhill which meet in our Church halls and assisted with the Rainbow units for many years and still provides support to the leaders there today.

Recently she has been helping with the Guide unit in Garrowhill. Over the years Sheila has been involved in taking many Guides to camp.

Sheila was also an Advisor for members with disabilities, helped at First Aid trainings to Guiders, and assisted in delivering Girlguiding activities to girls in hospital. She has been a Mentor to trainee leaders and is currently a District Administrator

She was a keen and loyal member to the Glasgow County Guide Choir during its 30 year existence.

She has recently joined the ENE Trefoil Guild.

Although Sheila has been generous in lending her talents to various aspects of Girl guiding in Glasgow, we think it is fair to say that her favourite role remains that of a Brownie Leader enabling the girls to have fun and friendship (and to earn badges of course!). She has been an inspiration to many Guide leaders with her enthusiasm and dedication. She has been committed to ensuring that the "Guiding light shines on" in Garrowhill. To quote the Brownies, we say to Sheila "Well done, well done ,well done!"



THE THRIFT SHOP

The thrift shop is now in it's 40th year of operation.

Over the years the money raised has been of enormous benefit to our church finance as the income raised has paid for many necessary and essential repairs and equipment within our church and halls.

The thrift shop is open every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 11:30am from September to May. We would love to see more people come along and enjoy the facility and support us. You will be made most welcome and you can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and home baking and a time to meet up with friends for a good chat. There are numerous good quality items with some new or almost new for sale at bargain prices. So why not come along and see for yourself, we are sure you will enjoy the experience.



DEFIBRILLATOR

We are delighted to have received the most generous donation of a fully automatic defibrillator for the Church. This has been gifted in memory of Aileen Robb, by her family, and for this we offer our sincere thanks.

Thank you for the flowers from the Church . Evelyn Fleming

Dear Church Family, please accept my humble thanks for the lovely gift of Church Flowers, delivered by Mrs Martin on behalf of Mure Memorial Church. This gift is most kindly accepted and will brighten up each day. Kate Turkington



FLOWER CALENDAR

Thanks to all those who have donated to Flower Fund

January

Fund

Alex Wilson

Jane Gould

Mr & Mrs McLellan

February

Mr & Mrs J. Reid

Aileen Thornton

Margaret Miller

Ross McKendrick

June Crawford

March

Mr & Mrs Getty

Fund

Sheila Blackwood

Jill Leiper

Anne Frew

April

Anna Wilson

Effie Boyd

Jack Sinclair

Anne Frew



As spring approaches and we begin to think of our gardens once again – a devotional reflection on our life as a church.

“To garden with others is an expression of solidarity”

We commit ourselves to the tasks of gardening –
that we may be a fruitful community
whose variety, harmony and secret growth in grace
may please our creator God

Together, we shall prepare the ground –
turning and lifting and sifting,
inviting the Spirit to aerate the soil –
enriching the garden of the people of God
with our prayers and quiet expectancy

Together we shall sow seeds and plant cuttings –
dreaming and visioning the harvest to come,
spacing and sheltering, watering and feeding the shoots –
tending the garden of the people of God
by our patient toil and service

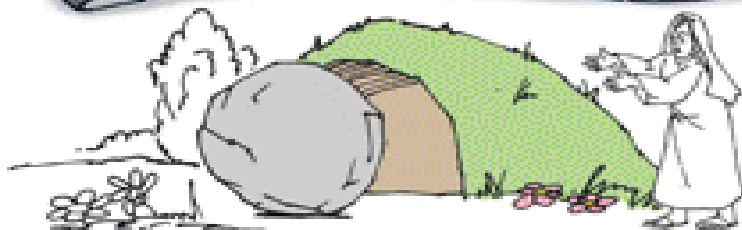
Together, we shall nurture the plant’s growth –
rejoicing in the rich variety of colour and texture,
seeing how each compliments the others,
allowing all to breathe, to drink, to blossom –
offering the garden of the people of God
as the first-fruits of justice-making in the garden of the world.

{Marta Benavidas}

Easter Fun for Children

To be in with a chance of winning a special prize complete the Easter Activity sheet and return it to the Jam Club by Sunday 5th April. The winner will be announced on Easter Sunday 12th April. Good Luck..

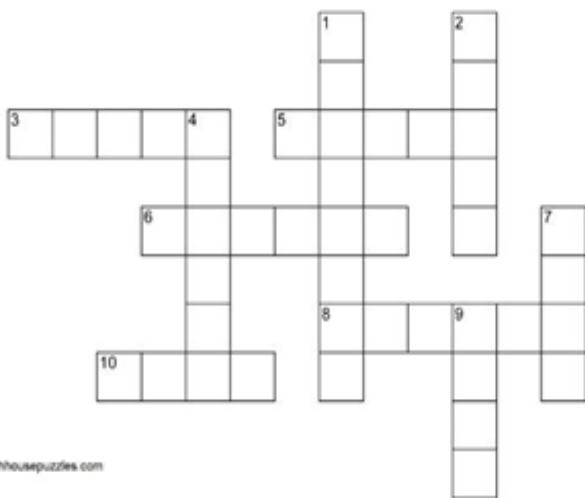
The Empty Tomb



It was still dark in the garden. It was not yet sunrise. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. She was surprised when she got there. What did she find?

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Easter



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ACROSS

- 3 This was left behind in the tomb
- 5 Jesus died on this
- 6 The body of Jesus was prepared after his death and they put what on it
- 8 Holiday we celebrate for Jesus rising
- 10 Jesus died on a cross for our what

DOWN

- 1 Mary thought Jesus was this
- 2 Who rose from the dead on the third day
- 4 This was folded up in the tomb
- 7 She looked in the tomb to find Jesus gone
- 9 Jesus was placed in this after his death

WORD BANK: Cross, easter, gardener, jesus, linen, mary, napkin, sins, spices, tomb.

EASTER

WORD SEARCH

S U E X I W R K Y B C
 I A C I D B X V U R S
 B D V E J K T N O R E
 J N P I B V N S E T G
 M E J H O Y S W E Q L
 R Y M E V R O K V X S
 N G C D I L S T N A U
 C C L S F A E G G S S
 I S E H B J A U D W E
 D N V Y Y A D N U S J
 D O S W T T O M B X S

RISEN	SUNDAY
CROSS	FLOWERS
TOMB	EGGS
JESUS	BASKET
SAVIOR	BUNNY



Colour me in.....

Name: _____

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