



March 2018



Mure Memorial Church



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Dear Friends,

We are called to be People of the Way. The Fatherly care of God for his people as individuals also extends towards the community of his people, the church, where his ultimate will is to prepare a community for eternity; to redeem, to care, sanctify and glorify his people.

The self-sacrifice of Jesus was his response to God's will, so that we should be rescued from a fallen world, not just for a once in a lifetime experience, but for us to follow a new lifestyle, to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Then we will be able to approve what is the will of God.

The unfolding drama of God's love began in the Garden of Eden and has continued throughout time. He's shown that his will and desire is to save when he judged the world with a flood and provided a means of escape. When he judged Sodom and Gomorrah he sent a warning, offered a reprieve and delivered those who listened to the warning.

He sent Joseph to Egypt in anticipation of the great famine to save his family and the nations from starvation, and he heard the cries of his people in Egypt to be released from their slavery, and sent Moses to deliver them.

Throughout the Old Testament, God was recognised by the Jews as their salvation, but we know that in the back of his mind was his eternal plan to send his Son. The sacrifices we read about were symbolic, and ultimately symbolic of Christ's passion. So let's go back to my opening as People of the Way, what on earth is God doing? What is the will of God for his people and his creation?

What do we know so far? Firstly, the universe is His creation, not only that, but we know he was pleased with it, and it gave him pleasure. The rebellion of humankind might have given God good cause to destroy his creation and think about starting again, but that's not what we read about in the Old Testament. It was, and continues to be God's will to continue his creative work, to continue breathing life into his creation. In him we live and move and have our being. It is also his delight to be

known and recognised through his creation, for God is glorified by everything that is good, and everything that is in accordance with his will.

Secondly, God didn't stop when he took his day off after creating the universe. He has continually been at work throughout human history in order to achieve his plans and purposes, sometimes visibly and at other times unseen, through events, through circumstances and through people, willingly or unwittingly.

God's providence is not in baskets lowered from the sky, but through the hands and hearts of those who love him. A young boy without food or shoes made the proper answer to a cruel-minded woman who asked him, "But if God loved you, wouldn't he have sent you food and shoes?" The boy replied, "God told someone, but he forgot."

Thirdly, and this is putting it in a nutshell, if a little wordy. God's supreme purpose, his ultimate will is a future glorified church, consisting of sinners who have been saved through his Son. God knew all along that he would send his Son, because there was ultimately no other way for humanity to be saved. Everything before the cross was in anticipation of it.

The living God has a living relationship with his creation, which includes having plans for history as a whole and for us as individuals. So it was then that even Jesus, hounded right and left by crowds clamoring to see, hear and touch him, needed to stop for a moment, find somewhere quiet, take stock of where he was and listen to his heavenly Father, so that his, and his Father's will should be one.

Lent is a good time to reflect for us as People of the Way, we also need to take time to listen, and remember that God's purpose is often worked out through people, and what a joy we miss out on if we are out, or refuse to open the door when he knocks.

Yours in Christ.

Alex.



For arrangements for baptisms, weddings and funerals or for any pastoral matters our Locum Minister, Rev Alex Stuart, can be contacted on **07901802967**.

BAPTISMS *“Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them – Mark 10”*

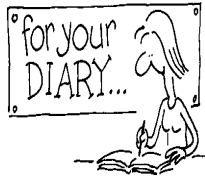
18th February: **Elliot George Kirk** : Baby son of Karen and Martin

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

9th February **Aileen Robb** : Mother of Aileen and Brian



God our Father, your love for our world and for each of us individually is so great that you sent Jesus, your Son, to live fully as one of us. May he lead us to live in peace and work well with each other to build your kingdom in our world which you love so much.
 May your Spirit unite us and lead us to appreciate and value all who are different from ourselves.
 Amen.



Sunday 11th Mar Communion Sunday Service at 10.00 am.
 Wed 14th Mar Kirk Session meeting 7.45 pm (to be confirmed)
 Sunday 18th Mar Morning Worship 10.00 am
 Sunday 25th Mar Palm Sunday Morning Worship 10.00 am
 Followed by Stated Annual Meeting at the close of the service.

Monday 26th Mar to Friday 30th Mar – Holy Week Services 7.00 pm (See separate notice for details)

Sunday 1st April Easter Early morning service 9.00 am followed by breakfast.
 Easter Service and the Baptism of Samuel Leiper 10.00 am

Sunday 8th April Morning Worship 10.00 am

Flower Calendar



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

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| February 4th | Edith Bavaird |
| February 11th | The Duncan Family |
| February 18th | Mary & John Reid |
| February 25th | June Crawford |

DOOR DUTY March

BEADLE: R McKendrick
 Door & Collection

| March 18th | March 25th |
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| A Telfer | R Colquhoun |
| G McDonald | I Malcolm |
| Alex Wilson | S Blackwood |
| M McMillan | M McEwan |
| A Tedeschi | E Colquhoun |
| | R Colquhoun |

DOOR DUTY April

BEADLE: G McDonald
 Door & Collection

| April 1st | April 8th |
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| A Pollock | I Whitelaw |
| C Turnbull | R McLellan |
| J Davidson | N Collins |
| A Borthwick | A Miller |
| J Crawford | P McLellan |
| | J Smith |

Senior Citizens



Calling All Seniors!

The Senior Citizens meet on Mondays at 2.15 pm. It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another session. Our programme for March is:

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| 12 th March | Half day outing to Sandyholmes with afternoon tea |
| 19 th March | A.G.M |

Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship

Why not come along on a Monday evening at 7.45 pm and join us in the Guild Room? You will be made very welcome.

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| 5 th March | Mary McLean – Glasgow Care Foundation |
| 12 th March | Thomas Barret – First Aid |
| 19 th March | Derek Miller – Visit to the Holy Land |



We are nearly at the end of what has been a really enjoyable and informative session. We have had some excellent entertainment and also some very interesting speakers.

Our meetings for March are

Mar. 6. 'Old Glasgow'. (Douglas Annan)

13. Let's Stick Together. _ Project

20. A.G.M. +. Sing-a-long Hymns

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped to make our Soup and Sandwich Lunch such a big success. We made the magnificent sum of £860.00 but just as important everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and everyone said they enjoyed the tasty soup and sandwiches.

A Burns Evening

John Keats wrote – and Robert Burns might well have echoed:

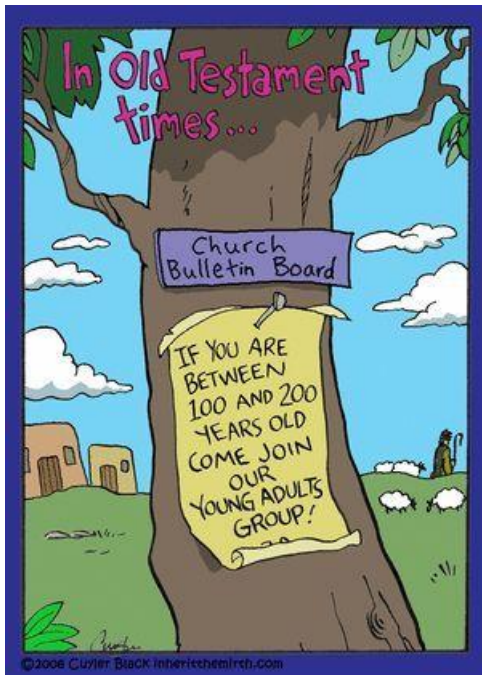
“Wherein lies happiness? In that which becks
Our ready minds to fellowship divine,
A fellowship with essence.” ‘ENDYMION’
The essence of the Mure Church Men's Fellowship has been in existence for at least some eighty years; ‘tho numbers have declined, with increasing social facilities open to (in particular) those of retiral age, but visitors seldom fail to be impressed by the numerical strength and continuing loyalty of our membership.

For a third year running, it was decided to involve individual Artistes to entertain the guests, as opposed to the more usual participation of a lady and two gentlemen to involve Burns primarily within the “Immortal Memory” and Toasts to the Lassies and Lads respectively.

Artistes, Janet Park, Jean and Elizabeth Russell, Douglas McBay, Jim McLean, Andy Quinn and Alex Stuart entertained us with the piano, singing, recitations and the accordion. We thank them and the Mure Nightingales and the Guild Ladies for contributing to what appears, from audience comments afterwards, a most successful evening,

If you missed out – look out for the Men's Fellowship Burns Evening next year!

Alex Findlay



Holy Week Events

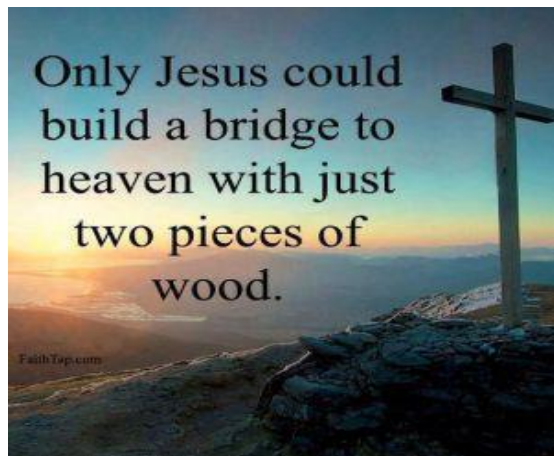
- Sun 25th March – Palm Sunday Service
10.00am
- Mon 26th March - Service at 7.00 pm led by
Alex
- Tues 27th March - Service at 7.00 pm led by
Douglas R
- Wed 28th March – Service led by Douglas
McB and the Choir
including music from “The
Crucifixion” by Stainer
- Thurs 29th March - Communion Service at
7.00 pm led by Alex
- Fri 30th March - BCT Good Friday Walk of
Witness leaving Mure
Memorial at 11.00 am and
walking to St Bridget’s
- Evening Service at 7.00 pm
With readings, hymns and
meditations for Good Friday
led by Alex and members of
the Kirk Session
- Sun 1st April - Early Easter Morning
Worship 9.00 am followed
by breakfast
- Easter Morning Worship
10.00 am with the Sacrament
of Baptism

The answers to the Scottish Place Names quiz

1. The Spanish Spirit - ELGIN.
2. Prohibit very loud music - BANFF.
3. Just surrounded by water - FAIR ISLE.
4. Rev Ian town - PAISLEY.
5. Sounds like the German doubter -
DERVAIG.
6. Father ill? On the contrary –
MOTHERWELL.
7. Not hot water - COLDSTREAM.
8. The riot contained therein - HERIOT.
9. Sufficient supply of out-of-date meat –
OLDHAMSTOCKS.
10. Sounds of metallic percussion –
TYNDRUM.
11. Shout for a ship? No starter - HOY.
12. Repose with gratitude - REST AND BE
THANKFUL.
13. Sir Harry town - LAUDER.
14. Soft material for making mud pies –
MUCK or PERTH.
15. Girl beside the indefinite article –
ANNAN.
16. Sounds as if the Scot has taken it - TAIN.
17. Subtract four from the illegal passenger –
STOW.
18. A nonet of water supplies - NINEWELLS.
19. Natation festival - GALA.
20. Split between R and T - DOLLAR.
21. Home for grizzlies or polars –
BEARSDEN.
22. Health of mother and baby –
BOTHWELL.
23. Attempts - SHOTTS.
24. Extra curtsy? No, what boys would do! –
BOWMORE.

A chance to have your say

The Mission and Discipleship Council needs your help to shape how we nurture and care for the young people in our church over the next few years. It needs to hear from you, your views and your thoughts! Please take a few moments before 31st March to visit www.churchofscotland.org.uk/youthwork_survey where you can find a series of surveys that will help give a clear picture about what is required. This is your chance to have your voice heard, don't let it slip away!



This year we have decided to try something new instead of our door to door collection. The collection team will be hosting a Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Saturday 19th May. More information will follow, but for now we are looking for your help. We plan to have a tombola and raffle and would be very grateful if you could donate prizes.

There will be boxes available at both doors of the church over the next few weeks and we look forward to your continued support.

You never let us down.

Thanks

Helen

From Douglas

As I write this article, we are now in Lent and fast approaching Easter and Spring, however, outside the snow is falling! The weather never ceases to amaze me! As you read this article, I shall hopefully have been to a Church of Scotland conference in Kinross. The

theme of this two day conference is "Encounters with God", and if it is anything like last year's conference then it promises to be really beneficial. I hope to come back from this conference refreshed and ready to take the witnessing of the Gospel forwards to our children and young people.

Looking a little further ahead, and I am looking forward to welcoming Garrowhill Primary into the church for their Easter assembly. It is always a fantastic spectacle, and I am sure this year will be no different!

I am also looking forward to the joint Anchor Boy and Company Section Display which will take place on Friday 16th March. I have seen some of the items already, and certainly the Company Section's first item promises to be fairly spectacular!

Over the past month we welcomed Happitots Nursery in to have a look around the sanctuary and tell them the meaning of various pieces of furniture in the church such as the Communion table, the pulpit and Baptismal font. This came about from a conversation with the children when they were asking where I worked and what I do! It was a very successful day & the children really enjoyed their visit into the church.

Many thanks for your continuing support

Douglas

MAP UPDATE REPORT – March 2018

We are almost at the process of getting the work started on our MAP project as we have procured most of the funds required.

To re-cap this will be a new extension, build from the area where there is storage mainly used by the Thrift Shop. This will include a new lift with access from the church, the corridor where the original lift was situated and outside the building where two new door accesses will be formed. One of the new accesses will be at church level and one at the large hall level. Included within this area will be new disabled toilet facilities at each level. The entrance to this area from the church will be at the door beside the pulpit. There will also be new toilet facilities incorporated at the front entrance of the church in the area of the alcove.

The total cost of the project is to be £157,792 including VAT. At present our available funding that we can raise or has been promised is made up of the following:

Ferguson Bequest Fund -- £10,000. Baird Trust -- £5,000. MAP present Fund -- £34,000.

WREN -- £50,000. CO-OP Community Fund -- £605. Awaiting Church of Scotland decision for grant applied for £10,000. We are still awaiting other grant applications, but if these do not materialize, we can use the balance of £48,187 from our legacies.

We will still require additional funds to create paths to access the new doors until we can raise funds for the new parking area. Please consider still contributing to the MAP fund via bank standing order or with the pink envelopes available at the church doors. There are also boxes for loose change at both church doors.

Peter Malcolm



A sincere thank you for the overwhelming love and support, cards, flowers, prayers and expressions of kindness shown to us all on the very sad loss of our beloved Mum and Grandma, Aileen Robb. Thank you to Alex for the beautiful service and Janet for so kindly playing the organ.

Aileen, David, Brian, Sonia and
Family

DIFFICULT ROADS
OFTEN LEAD TO
BEAUTIFUL
DESTINATIONS.

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**Deadline for the next issue is
Wednesday 21st March 2018**

