

MAY 2013

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Dear Friends,

I heard a wonderful story recently of the Church's love in action. A long serving elder died, and her two children had long since disowned her and wished no responsibility for her body. The Kirk Session of the congregation applied to the Procurator Fiscal to claim the body, to prevent a pauper's funeral for her. The Fiscal agreed and the Session organised her cremation, after a service in the church, refreshments for the mourners (the congregation turned out in numbers), and just recently a scattering of the ashes in the church's rose garden. It cost the congregation well over £2,000 and they would do it all over again.

I think the story is great because it is the church being a family, and acting like a family – not like the elder's own family, but as a family ought to act at such a time. Romans 12 is a wonderful chapter on how we should relate to one another in Christian community. One particular phrase stands out for me, "Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep" (v. 15). It is a verse that goes to the heart of Christian relationships. Each of us feels what others are feeling. We share their burdens and we share their joys. I was sharing with Ruth, our ministry enquirer, and the elders in training, the privilege of being a representative of the church in the way in which we share, in the baptism of children, the joys of parenthood; we mourn with those who have lost loved ones; and we feel the anticipation of young couples and their families organising weddings. (I have twelve on the go at the moment!)

However we are more than just a church representative, we are the presence of Christ

(or at least should be!) for people who are going through the highs and lows of life. We ought to be a loving presence, one who is able to set aside selfish thought and interests and fully immerse ourselves in the other's wellbeing, and particularly for those with no family we can be there for them in both joys and sorrows.

I hope and pray that this is the sort of community/family that we can create at Mure, that we might be Christ to one another as we move into the future.

Yours in His Service,

Malcolm



Vestry Hours

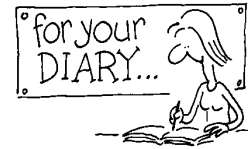
The minister has established an office in the church to which he welcomes anyone who wishes to see him. The specific times he will make himself available are as follows:
Monday evening - 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday morning – 10.00am - 12 noon
Thursday morning – 10.00am – 12 noon
Thursday evening – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
At present this will be about simply turning up during these times with no specific appointment, which means you may have to wait a few minutes. 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

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

- 29th March:** **John Smith:** We remember brother Gordon in our prayers.
Netta Street: We pray for sons Joe and Colin and their loved ones.
Evan Murray: We pray for daughter Irene, granddaughter Janice and all the family.
- 2nd April:** **John Ross:** We pray for daughter Christine.
- 6th April:** **Ian Forbes:** We remember Paul, Kerrie and Scott in our prayers.
- 10th April:** **Bill Forster:** We remember wife Suzanne and all the family in our prayers.
- 11th April:** **John Conroy:** We pray for wife Margaret and all the family.
- 12th April:** **Colin Barbour:** We pray for wife Valerie and the family.
- 18th April:** **Agnes Russell:** We pray for all the family.
- 20th April:** **May Martin:** We remember all the family in our prayers.

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

- 31st March:** **Forbes & Robyn Menzies:** We ask for God’s blessing on parents Ashleigh & Forbes.
- 7th April:** **Robert Hamilton (adult):** We pray for God to bless Robert.
- 14th April:** **Tyler Wilson:** We ask for God’s blessing on parents Claire and James.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- May 5: Baptism: Mirren Miller
 May 12: Rev. Roy Tuton, locum at Baillieston St. Andrew’s
 May 19: Pentecost 10.30am
 (Congregational vote relating to the Basis of Linkage will take place following the service – further information on page 8)
 Evening Celebration at 6.30pm with a guest speaker sharing the experiences of a "Street Pastor in Glasgow City Centre on a Friday night"
 With music and songs provided by a Praise Band.
- May 26: Baptism: Ellie Scott
 June 2: Baptism: Jay & Lucy McDonald (twins)
 June 9: Sunday School Prizegiving
 June 22: Mission Concert with Jonathon Veira
 June 23: Communion Service
 Evening Celebration 6.30pm
 June 25: Provisional date for Linking Service at St. Andrew’s 7.00pm
 June 30: **Service at 10.00am (Please note that all services as of 30th June will begin at 10.00am.)**



*God in heaven, of thee most high
Guide and keep me, draw me nigh
When all around me seems to fail
My strength in thee, it will prevail.*

Amen

Thanks to all friends at Mure Memorial for their cards, phone calls, flowers and visits during my recent illness. They were very much appreciated. I am feeling much better now and hope to be back among you all soon
Jack Hunt

Flower Calendar

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



April	
April 7th	Agnes Nicol
April 14th	The Scott Family
April 21st	Jack Sinclair & Family
April 28th	Kirk Session

Friends of Mure Memorial



Next year we plan to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the setting up of the original congregation in Swinton. We thought this would be an appropriate time to establish a “Friends of Mure Memorial”.

If you are aware of any past members or associates who would like to maintain contact with us, please pass their address or email address to the Minister or to Peggy McLellan.



DOOR DUTY May

BEADLE: Robert Getty

Door & Collection

May 5th	May 12th
A Pollock	I Whitelaw
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	A Miller
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith

May 19th	May 26th
W Millar	E Boyd
A Walker	C Rodgers
J McVittie	A Stuart
C McChesney	M McKellar
A Nicol	B Graham
E Nimmo	M Martin

DOOR DUTY June

BEADLE: Graeme Leiper

Door & Collection

June 2nd	June 9th
J Hunt	C Stewart
E Clark	R McLellan
M Brown	N Collins
Mrs Hunt	A Miller
S Brown	P McLellan
A Kenyon	J Smith

**VOLUNTEERS DON'T GET PAID, NOT
BECAUSE THEY'RE WORTHLESS, BUT
BECAUSE THEY'RE PRICELESS!**



Boys' Brigade

We would like to thank parents and friends for their support at our recent Anchor Boys and Junior Section Displays,

We look forward to your continued support at our Company Section Display and Prizegiving on Friday 17th May at 7.30pm. Congratulations to Daniel Bell who has gained his President's Badge and to Robert Fleming, Ross Lambie and Gavin Shaw who have gained their Queen's Badges.

John Strachan

Finally a word from Robert Fleming.

Robert Fleming here, I thought that I would drop you a line and give you an update on my Morocco Expedition. I was delighted to receive the fantastic sum of £432 which was very generously donated by yourselves! I am extremely grateful for your support, thank you very much.

I went on a training weekend from 8th to 10th March at Cromnie Croft, Perthshire. You may remember that the weather was extremely cold then, therefore we experienced a refreshing and somewhat "INVIGORATING" weekend.

Areas we covered included basic first aid, erecting tents, map reading, attempting to use cooking stoves and "WALKING LONG DISTANCES"

We arrived home on Sunday, all very tired and hungry, later my Mum asked "So was it an adventure?" To which I replied, "NOT SO MUCH AN ADVENTURE, MORE AN EXPERIENCE," but we enjoyed it none the less. Once again thank you for your kind generosity and support. Robert Fleming

In the end, it's not going to matter how many breaths you took, but how many moments took your breath away

From the Community Development Committee



Our Monday Fellowship will once again commence on Monday 3rd June until 26th August from 2pm – 4pm. Please accept this open invitation to anyone in the community. Come along for tea and a chat. We look forward to seeing you.



*O gracious and holy Father,
Give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you, patience to wait
for you, eyes to see you, a heart to
meditate on you, and a life to proclaim
you, through the power of the spirit of
Jesus Christ our Lord.*



'The Good Morning Service'

This is a free telephone alert and befriending service established in 2000 and available in Glasgow and South Ayrshire. . A multi-award winning charity, Good Morning provides a unique daily telephone befriending and alert service whereby each day Telephone Befrienders call out to vulnerable older people. Good Morning's light touch support service has given older people confidence to live alone, or as a carer, retaining their independence to live in their own home and community.

Recognised by the Scottish Parliament: "The Parliament acknowledges the tremendous contribution that the Good Morning Project has made to the lives of many vulnerable Glaswegians; congratulates it on its award-winning telephone-based befriending service.....demonstrates the invaluable contribution Good Morning makes to individuals and the community as a whole".

The target age for a referral is 75+, with a minimum of 60 years.

If feel you would like more information, **please contact Moira Scott or any member of the Pastoral Care Team.**

We would like to thank the Guild for the beautiful flowers and the Church for the lovely Golden Wedding card. Also our thanks for cards and presents received, making our anniversary very special.
Evelyn and Isaac Wilson

From Christian Aid - Count your Blessings

If you have never been in war, imprisoned or starved,

Then you are better off than 500 million others.

If you can read, you are better off than the two billion who are unable to do so.

If you can attend a church without fear of harassment, or worse, you are better off than three billion people.

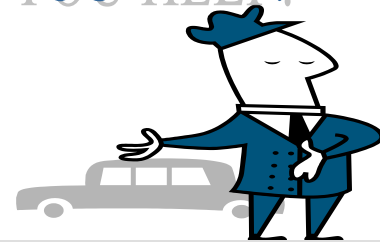
If you have food, clothes, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, then you are richer than 75% of your fellow human beings.

If you have money in the bank or your wallet or purse, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

When it comes to counting our blessings there is no "but...."

Christian Aid Week this year runs from the 12th – 18th May. We are still looking for help with our collection around the district. Can you give a few hours to help? Please speak to Helen Stewart.

CAN YOU HELP?



Do you come to church regularly?

Do you drive your car to church?

Would you consider being part of a rota to help our less able and/or elderly members get to church too?

To enable these members to continue enjoying our Sunday worship, we would like to set up a team of volunteers who would be willing to drive them to and from church on a rotational basis.

We are aware that many of you are already doing this and your help is much appreciated but with the possibility of changes to our morning service, there may be more members who will need assistance to get to church at the earlier time.

If you have a spare seat in your car and would like to help us provide this valuable service - ***please speak to Moira Scott or anyone on the Pastoral Committee. Many thanks***

No road is long with good company
Turkish proverb

A thank you to my friends at Mure Memorial for their kindness and visits during my stay in hospital and also at home. I have had wonderful support over the past eighteen months, for which I have been truly thankful. I think the words above sum it up.

Margaret Duncan

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

Presbytery Report

The April meeting of Presbytery started with a celebration of Communion.

A tribute was paid to the Reverend Frank Haughton who died on Easter Sunday at the age of 98. Mr Haughton took a service at Mure Memorial several years ago, when Allan Vint was Interim Moderator at Kirkintilloch St Mary's where Mr Haughton served as Minister from 1947 until his retiral in 2000. He continued to preach each year on the anniversary of his retiral and quite recently officiated at the wedding of his grand-daughter.

A welcome was extended to the Rev Alastair Duncan, the new Minister of St George's Tron. Members of Presbytery were asked to make it as widely known as possible that there is now a Sunday evening service at 7.00pm each week and to encourage folk to go along.

As the Presbytery Plan is being worked through, there were several reports from the Mission Strategy Committee. Approval was given to the Basis of Linkage between Shawlands and Shawlands South churches which will be followed by a Union in three years time. As both congregations are vacant at present, permission was given to call a Minister. Springburn Church was given permission to call when their minister retires in the summer, but this will be on the basis of Reviewable tenure in anticipation of a Parish Grouping being formed with St Rollox Church. Stepps Church was given an allocation of 0.5 of a ministry post in the approved Presbytery Plan and this would follow after a period of Interim Ministry. However the application had been turned down by the Interim Ministry Task Group. As a result of the way in which the Ministries Council calculates posts allocated to congregations, Presbytery discovered that they had a 0.5 Ministry post unallocated available within the Presbytery Plan and it was recommended that a temporary allocation of this 0.5 post be made to Steps for five years to allow the

to call a Minister on Reviewable Tenure. Presbytery approved this. Our own Basis of Linkage was presented to Presbytery to note prior to the congregational votes. Three congregations who are on Reviewable Tenure were granted Full tenure. They were Colston Milton, Giffnock: Orchardhill and Rutherglen: Stonelaw.

The convener of the Finance Committee presented the Presbytery Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2012. The Balance Sheet showed total assets less liabilities of £400,500 compared to £478,475 in 2011. All congregations had paid their Presbytery dues last year with the exception of St George's Tron and this had resulted in a bad debt of £9,943. Presbytery has made a commitment to support the new congregation of St George's Tron Church of Scotland to the sum of £60,000 spread over 2013 and 2014.

The Convener of the Community Responsibility Committee introduced a speaker from the Transformation Team who spoke about the implications of the Welfare Reform Act and the strain which this is putting on existing services such as Food banks. At present there are 14 Food banks and 22 Soup Kitchens across the city, but the need for food services is expected to increase. Whilst many users of the services are people with mental health problems, addictions, asylum seekers, refugees and people who have lost their jobs,

other users are people who are in work but on low pay.

Janet Park

Linkage with Baillieston St Andrew's

The basis of Linkage document, which has been agreed unanimously by a joint meeting of the two Kirk Sessions, was dealt with, for noting, at the meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday evening.

The next step in the process is for the two congregations to vote to accept the basis of Linkage. Members will be given the opportunity to vote, after the service on **Sunday 19th May.**

Voting slips will be provided by Presbytery and a member of our Presbytery Support and Development team will be present to oversee the voting process.

Members of Baillieston St Andrew's will be voting after their service on that same Sunday.

If both congregations vote to accept the document, and the congregation of Baillieston St Andrew's also votes to accept Malcolm as their Minister, then it is anticipated that approval by Presbytery will be sought at its meeting in June.

**Deadline for the next issue is
Wednesday 22nd May 2013**



Jonathan Veira Tour Coming to Mure Memorial Church Glasgow on 22nd June 2013 at 7.30 pm

Recently praised in *The Independent* for his brilliant performance – ‘larger than life and utterly credible’, and by *The Arts Desk* for being ‘a comic (bass) baritone now in his vintage prime’, international opera star Jonathan Veira is no stranger to venues that hold thousands of people, but he is changing his habits. Instead of appearing on stage at Glyndebourne or London’s Royal Opera House, as he often does, he is coming to Mure Memorial Church Garrowhill Glasgow to perform in an intimate one man setting on 22nd June 2013

This concert is part of Jonathan’s ‘Larger than Life’ tour. Instead of performing Verdi, Britten or Donizetti on the opera scene as he did - to critical acclaim –he is now just as likely to be found singing Billy Joel or Gospel. Jonathan is a musical chameleon, performing songs of great diversity to an incredibly high standard – which possibly makes him unique in the world of entertainment.

Jonathan Veira’s one man show is distinctive because you get so much more than just ‘the voice’. He is a superb comic raconteur, whose anecdotal story telling has people of all generations rocking with laughter.

When asked why he is putting aside opera for a while and going ‘Larger than Life’, Jonathan answers,

“For nearly 27 years I have been singing opera all around the world whilst also developing my ‘Audience with JV’, which actually began 22

years ago. The ‘side-show’ has gradually taken on a life of its own ... spawning a DVD, seven gospel CDs and a list of venues wanting to host the show. We’re excited that this Tour will give airspace to JV simply being JV with an audience.

I’m energised by doing these shows because of the closeness and interaction with the audience. It’s wonderful to be able to incorporate the wide variety of music that I love to perform from Verdi and Mozart to Billy Joel, Elton John and even some Country & Western! I love having the freedom to tell the stories of my life and faith in an open, honest – and mostly funny – way! I believe that all this together makes my show unique.

Following a trip to Ethiopia at the start of the year I am also thrilled to be in partnership with Compassion UK – a child-sponsoring charity that does amazing work with children all around the world.”

It is rare these days to find someone who can sing beautifully, entertain *and* make people of all ages laugh, and possibly even cry. Jonathan paints a true, and sometimes painful, picture of life in word and song. To communicate in a family friendly way, without using bad language as JV does is remarkable - it’s a reputation to be proud of.

**Jonathan Veira really is ‘larger than life’
and you’ll love to see him in action.**

**His engaging and enthusiastic
performance leaves a lasting impression.**

www.jonathanveira.com

*Tickets, priced £10, available via the
church website ; www.mure.org or on
Sundays after church.*