

May 2014

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Dear Friends

“**Get a life**” is an originally American idiom and catchphrase, usually intended as a [taunt](#), to indicate that the person being so addressed is devoting an inordinate amount of time to trivial or hopeless matters and implies the addressee needs to go out and make their way in the world. It may also be directed at someone who is perceived as boring or single-minded; suggesting they acquire some other interests. Sometimes the phrase is used to describe people who are viewed as officious or meddling in the affairs of others. It is another way of saying “get your own life”!

You may well have heard some young person using the phrase over the past couple of decades, or may well have used it yourself. I have always found any urging to live life to the full a positive one, especially within the Christian faith, and especially after Easter. Was it not Jesus who said, “I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness (John 10)? Particularly after the celebration of the Resurrection and leading up to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, there can be little doubt about the “life” that filled the early disciples.

Sadly the Church today has gained a reputation for being dull and boring, concerning itself with matters trivial to most people’s lives, or enjoying meddling and messing about with the capacity for young people and others to know love and joy in their lives. To the Church the young people of the last couple of decades could well be saying, “Get a Life!!” – and we should, not just any life, but the life of the

resurrected Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We should get rid of the fear and anxiety that so overshadows our capacity for joy. We should rid ourselves of the shame that so causes us to hide in the background. We should set aside the concerns of what others may think, or the fear of failure and go and be what God wants us to be. It is no coincidence that Easter is set in Springtime, the season of new beginnings and fresh starts, and so it should be, experiencing the forgiveness and grace on the cross, and the power of the resurrection.

What “getting a life” will mean will be different for each individual, but capacity is there in everyone. Hear these words from Nelson Mandela.

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, talented and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn’t serve the world.”

Go, serve Christ in the world, and live the life that is in you!!

Malcolm

Future Events

Sunday 4 th May	Morning Service 10.00am
(Malcolm on holiday from 5 th May to 10 th May inclusive.)	
Sunday 11 th May	Morning Service 10.00am
Wed. 14 th May	Girls' Brigade Display
Sunday 18 th May	Morning Service 10.00am Sunday at Seven – Rwanda (General Assembly Week)
Thursday 22 nd May	Worship Dev. Comm. 7.30pm
Sunday 25 th May	Morning Worship 10.00am
Thursday 29 th May	Congregational Board Meeting 7.30pm
Sunday 1 st June	Morning Service 10.00am
Sunday 8 th June	Morning Service 10.00am Pentecost Sunday at Seven Live Concert by bands Royal Foundlings and Rebound
Wed. 11 th June	Kirk Session Meeting 7.45pm
Sunday 15 th June	Morning Service 10.00am
Sunday 22 nd June	Communion 10.00am Sunday at Seven Communion

Tuesday 24 th June	Garrowhill P.S. Prizegiving 11.00am & 1.15pm
Sunday 29 th June	Celebration of 30 th Anniversary of Malcolm's Ordination

Funerals

3 rd April	Anne Walker: We remember daughters Lynne & Diane in our prayers.
14 th April	Anne Carrick: We pray for husband Bob, and daughters Maureen, Isobel and Anne.

Baptisms

6 th April	Ceitidh Louise Cumming: We ask God's Blessing on parents David and Angela.
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*A heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the funeral of our beloved Mum Anne. Thanks also for the many cards, letters and words of sympathy. They give us great comfort at this very sad time.
Lynne & Diane Walker*



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.

*If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how
If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer with smile or song,
Lord, show me how.
If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness,
Lord, show me how.*

Amen

Community Fun Day

A Community Fun Day is to be held on Saturday 21st June, 2014 from 12pm to 4pm in the grounds of Mure Memorial Church. Many Stalls will be available as well as a Tearoom, Tombola, Games, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting etc. Any donations for the Tombola would be most appreciated and can be dropped off on the platform in the Large Hall. Please come along and join in the fun. All welcome. Many thanks

Myra McMillan

Our family would like to take the opportunity through The Link to thank your minister Malcolm Cuthbertson for conducting our father Andrew Campbell's funeral held at the end of February.

Dad was an active member/elder in his own church (Dennistoun New) until failing health prevented him from attending services and other duties. He was a loving husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. He was highly thought of by his friends and colleagues and was spoken of as being "a lovely man". Dad put others before himself and trusted in God's guidance through prayer and the bible. He spent his last few weeks at Baillieston care home where he was well looked after. On his passing it was suggested by the funeral director that the local minister be contacted and the family were very pleased that Malcolm agreed to officiate. You have a splendid minister committed to his calling and we sincerely thank him.

Eleanor Patrick, Jean Macdonald and Graham Campbell.
Peace be with you.

Flower Calendar

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



April 6th	Mrs Walker
April 13th	Sheila Blackwood
April 20th	Wedding
April 27th	Jack Sinclair

Sincere thanks for the lovely flowers delivered to me recently. They were very much appreciated.

Keep up the good work 'Flower Ladies' I am sure you bring comfort to all.

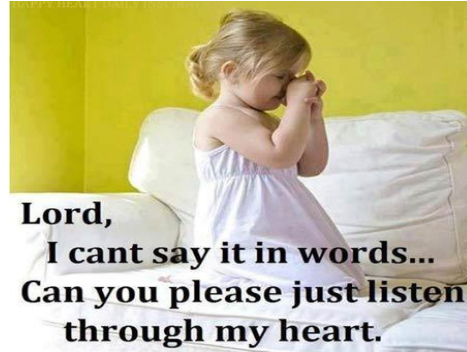
Barbara Masterton

DOOR DUTY – MAY

BEADLE: R Getty

Door & Collection

May 4th	May 11th
R Colquhoun	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Scotland
S Blackwood	J Davidson
C Robertson	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford
J McLaren	C Turnbull



Children learn what they live

If a child lives with criticism
He learns to condemn
If a child lives with hostility
He learns to fight
If a child lives with ridicule
He learns to be shy
If a child lives with shame
He learns to feel guilty
If a child lives with tolerance
He learns to be patient
If a child lives with encouragement
He learns confidence
If a child lives with praise
He learns to appreciate
If a child lives with fairness
He learns justice
If a child lives with security
He learns to have faith
If a child lives with approval
He learns to like himself
If a child lives with acceptance and
friendship
He learns to find love in the world

MAY 18th	May 25th
I Whitelaw	W Millar
R McLellan	I Main
N Collins	J McVittie
Aileen Miller	C McChesney
P McLellan	A Nicol
J Smith	S McKibbin

DOOR DUTY – JUNE

BEADLE: G. Leiper

Door & Collection

June 1st	June 8th
E Boyd	J Hunt
C Rodgers	Elaine Clark
A Stuart	M Brown
D Rodgers	Mrs Hunt
B Graham	Sadie Brown
A Graham	A Kenyon

The things children say

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

A Reminder from The Community Development Team

The Monday Fellowship will commence on the first Monday in June until the last Monday in August. Please come along and bring a friend for tea and a chat. All are welcome.

Presbytery Report

After our opening devotions, the Moderator officially welcomed several people to Presbytery. These are folks who have taken up

new appointments, although they may not be new to Presbytery. Amongst them was Alex Stuart, although Alex has been a well known face for several years.

Our invited speaker was John Kewley from Church House, Bridgeton, which is one of the projects run under the auspices of Glasgow Presbytery. It works with children from one of the most deprived areas in Scotland trying to build positive relationships and encourage the young people to grow and develop, at their own pace, by helping them to recognise their own abilities, gifts and talents and ultimately help them to be more able to make choices and decisions affecting their future. Their core activities take place at their club nights throughout the week, but they also organise day trips and holidays. Church House was originally set up by the Rev Arthur Gray in 1942 and he took its motto from Nehemiah 3:18 "Rise up and build". To-day it is run as an integrated children and family support centre. Unfortunately, John is leaving and they are at present looking for a new project manager.

The Business Committee brought recommendations about changes to the committee structures of Presbytery, which generated a very protracted discussion. The Finance Committee then presented their annual report of the Presbytery Accounts. The balance sheet showed an increase in total assets less liabilities from £400,500 in 2012 to £502,054. The key factors were a gain in the market value of

investments amounting to £39,798. £60,000 of funding has been received to meet the commitment to the future of St George's Tron Church of Scotland. There had also been a saving in staffing costs.

The Community Responsibility Committee had invited Lindsay Sanderson the Convener of the ACTS Working Party to address Presbytery in connection with Humans Trafficking in relation to the Commonwealth Games.

She described Human Trafficking as modern day slavery which was the second fastest growing crime in the world. People should not be treated as a commodity to be bought and sold. She described it as a hidden crime where people were smuggled into communities very often working in the building industry, in hospitality, fishing and the beauty industry as well as organised begging rings. There was also the issue of forced marriage. She then asked the question, "What can churches do?" She suggested that we should be active politically, seeking information and raising awareness.

Although the police have no intelligence of an increase in trafficking during the Commonwealth Games, they are aware that it may well happen. UN boxes are being placed around the city to raise awareness using presentations and they are looking for volunteers to run this scheme.

Janet Park

Sundays @ 7.00 pm

May 18th - Comfort Rwanda - with speakers from Sandyhills who visited in 2013.

There will be an opportunity to buy crafts and donate during the evening.

June 8th - Pentecost celebration with bands Royal Foundlings and Rebound

June 22nd - Communion celebration

Boys' Brigade



We would like to thank our parents and friends for their support at our Displays and Prizegivings

Our Junior Section Display was well attended and our joint Company and Anchor Boy Display had standing room only. Both received favourable comments. All our Company Section Boys gained their Commonwealth Badge.

Congratulations to Alisdair Shaw who gained his President's Badge and to Daniel Bell who gained his Queen's Badge.

Our best wishes go to Aiden Arthur who is representing Glasgow in the National Primary Schools Burns Competition.

My sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers I received from Mure Memorial. They were totally unexpected but so much appreciated – helping towards my recovery. Please also pass my thanks to the army of flower deliverers. How kind. Regards,
Ann Wylie

*Life can only be understood
Backwards, but it must be
Lived forwards.*

Saren Kierkegaard

June Communion

Following discussion at the Pastoral Committee and Worship Planning Committee. The Kirk Session has agreed to have an afternoon Communion in June. This will be held in the hall and will be followed by afternoon tea. It is hoped to offer a taxi service for members who require assistance to come to church.



Father, God bless all my friends in whatever way it is that You know they may be needing this day! And may their lives be full of Your peace, prosperity and power as they seek to have a closer relationship with You, amen!

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 21st May**