



May 2015

Mure Memorial Church



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Mure Memorial Church is the known name of Glasgow : Mure Memorial,
Church of Scotland,

Scottish Charity No SC002220

Dear Friends,

One of the challenges faced by both the early church and us in today's church is that of giving any kind of plausible account of our claim that we still have a living relationship with the risen Christ.

The difficulty, both then and now, is obvious. Even if we were in no doubt that the crucified Jesus was risen from the dead and walked among us again, and let's face it, the gospels admit that even the first hand witnesses were a mixture of belief and doubt; but even if we had not the least doubt, the fact is that that physical experience of the risen Christ turning up and shaking hands with people is only reported to have lasted for forty days.

So what then? In what sense do we claim that the risen Christ continues to make contact with us, speaks to us, and guides us? Or is it all wishful thinking?

In the Emmaus Road story, the disciples are travelling away from Jerusalem, when they meet a stranger who guides them into an understanding of how the Hebrew Scriptures speak of the suffering and death of Jesus, and their hearts burn within them. Then there is a sacramental moment, the stranger breaks bread with them, and their eyes are opened to recognise him as the risen Christ, whereupon he vanishes from their sight.

You may not immediately recognise the moments when the risen Christ is present ministering to you, but neither did the disciples during that forty days. Christ is risen, His

resurrection and ascension is so that he can be everywhere present; it does not make him less present.

The gospel makes it quite clear that the voice of Christ is just as likely to be heard from one we might not recognise as from those already well known to us. So we maintain an expectation that the risen Christ will make his voice heard, even knowing that the one who gives voice to his word will often surprise us.

Sometimes, we are the strangers through whom Christ would speak to another. So often we are reluctant, because we feel under-qualified and under-prepared. We don't know enough. We are too unsure. We don't have the words. But the message is, it's not about you. The risen Christ is just as capable of using you as he is of using anybody else. And many a time, the unqualified and unprepared are able to speak more directly into another person's situation than those with their heads stuffed full of knowledge.

The risen Christ is indeed among us, living and active. Sometimes he is reaching out to us in the stranger; sometimes he is reaching out to the stranger through us. But always he is everywhere present, made known in scriptures, in the waters of baptism, and in the broken bread and outpoured wine. Christ is risen!
Alleluia.

Yours in Christ
Alex.

FUNERALS

- 2nd April Jean Gray: We remember husband John in our prayers
- 14th April Mary Loudon: We remember son Robin in our prayers
- 15th April Catherine McLean: We pray for sons Donald and William and daughters Linda, Jacqueline and Kirsten

BAPTISMS

- 12th April Sophia McGowan: We ask for God's blessing on parents Ryan and Jennifer

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

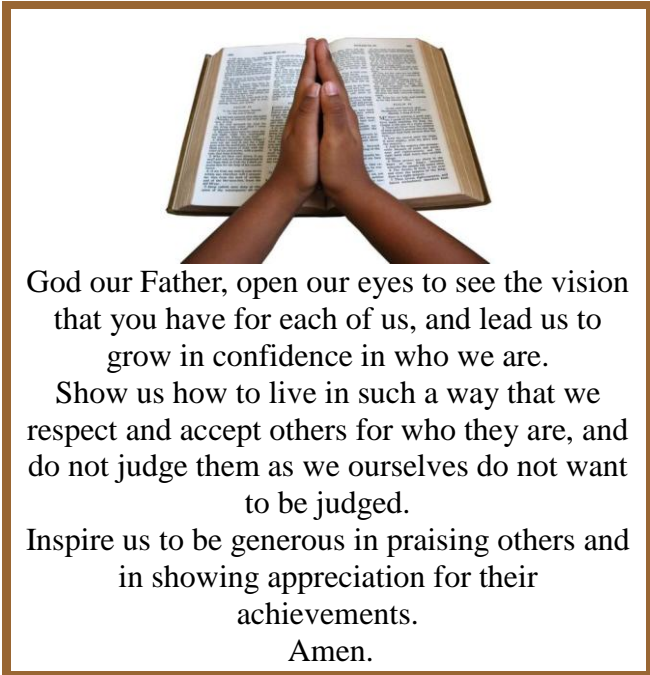
Our Assistant Minister, Rev Alex Stuart's phone number is **07901802967**



- Wed 6th May Girls' Brigade Display
7.00 pm
- Sunday 10th May Baptismal Service for
Robyn Barr 10.00 am
- Sunday 17th May Morning Worship
10.00 am
- Sunday 24th May Baptismal Service for
Ellie Louise McDonald
Pentecost 10.00 am
- Sunday 31st May Morning Worship
10.00 am
- Monday 1st June Summer Friendship
Club 2.00pm starts
- Sunday 7th June Baptismal Service for
Penelope Robinson
10.00 am
Study Evening 7.00 pm
- Sunday 14th June Communion Sunday
with services at
10.00am and 2.00 pm

*There is no situation so chaotic
that God cannot, from that
situation, create something that
is surpassingly good.
He did it at the Creation.
He did it at the Cross.
He is doing it today.*

Handley C G Moule



Flower Calendar



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

April 5th	Mr & Mrs Gallagher
April 12th	The Blackwood Family
April 19th	The Sinclair Family
April 26th	Janice McNair

DOOR DUTY MAY

BEADLE: R Getty

Door & Collection

May 10th	May 17th
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 24th	May 31st
I Main	E Boyd
J McVittie	C Rodgers
C McChesney	A Stuart
A Nicol	D Rodgers
S McKibbin	B Graham
M McLachlan	A Graham

DOOR DUTY JUNE

BEADLE: G Leiper

Door & Collection

June 7th	June 14th
Jack Hunt	
E Clark	
M Brown	Kirk Session
Jeanette Hunt	
S Brown	
A Kenyon	



The Guild outing this year will be on Tuesday 2nd June and it will be to Peebles, stopping at Biggar for Lunch. Payment of the balance will be taken on Saturday 9th May any time between 9:30am and 12 noon.



**Christian Aid Week 10th-16th May
2015
HELP!!!**

A Reminder !!!

If you haven't already volunteered and you have a few hours to spare to help with our door to door collection, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Helen Stewart on 01236 879003 or by email Hstewart0405@googlemail.com

Thank You
Helen Stewart



**Work Place
Chaplaincy Scotland
Information Evening
Wednesday
13th May 2015
7.00pm to 9.00 pm**

Listening and Caring - in Confidence
Greater Glasgow Work Place Chaplaincy Team are putting on a special information evening which they hope will attract church members to come and find out more about Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland. This is an opportunity to come along and become more aware of the nature of the work that the Work Place Chaplains do.

The evening will be very relaxed, with tea and coffee on tap. The intention is to catch people's interest rather than give detailed information to those who are considering pursuing chaplaincy, vocationally, for themselves. However **all** will be welcome. As many of you know, Alex Stuart has been a Work Place Chaplain for many years serving The Fort and Buchanan Galleries. He will be happy to welcome any of our members on the 13th May or have a chat after the service on a Sunday.

Love is a four-letter word spelled

T - I - M - E

Thank You!

Three of our distributors have decided that it is time to retire, but we can't let them go without saying a big thank you to Mrs Mary Sherry, Mrs Jean Miller and Mrs Cathy MacGowan for their many years of faithful service.



The Guild are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th May in aid of the Leprosy Mission.

This will be held between 10am and 12 noon.

Tickets are priced at £1.50



Our session finished with two very successful displays when, once again, the boys rose to the occasion. We would like to thank parents and friends for their support, in fact at the Company Section and Anchor Boys' display it was standing room only for some of our friends

Congratulations to Gregor Stewart and Jack Wallace who gained their President's Badge and to Alisdair Shaw who gained his Queen's Badge.

Five of our officers received long service awards from Glasgow Battalion.

Lily Strachan, 25 years service in charge of the Anchor Boys.

John McMillan, 25 years service, 17 of those as Leader in Charge of the Junior Section.

John Strachan, 35 years service, 32 of those as Company Captain.

Graeme Leiper, 40 years service, 8 of those as Leader in Charge of the Junior Section.

Alastair Borthwick, 50 years service, 10 of those as Company Captain.

A total of 175 years service to the 137th BB Company.

CAN YOU HELP
at the Summer Friendship Club?



This starts again on the first Monday of June (1st) and usually ends towards the end of August. It is thoroughly enjoyed by the members who attend, as it provides an opportunity to stay in touch over the summer months when other organisations are taking a break.

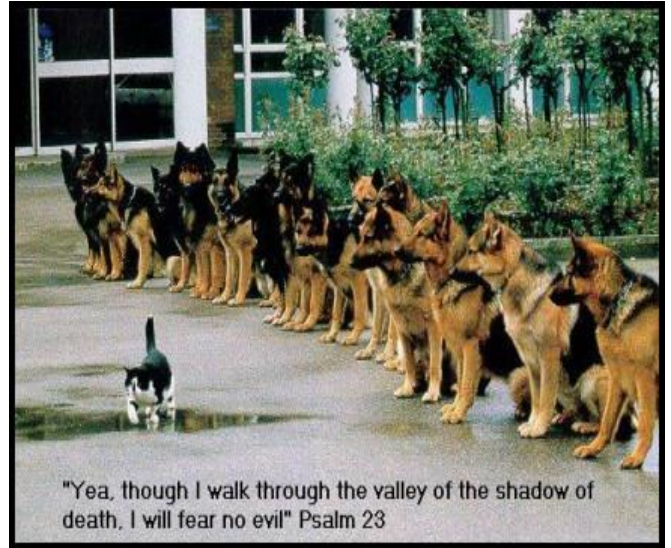
Last year a request was made by some of the members to continue it into September.

In order for this to happen we need some more willing volunteers who can spare 2 or 3 hours on a Monday afternoon, either to taxi the less able bodied or assist in the kitchen.

If enough volunteers offer their help it might be possible to have a rota system in operation and you wouldn't be required every week.

A meeting has been arranged to discuss the arrangements for the club. If you are available to help in any way, please come along on Thursday 14th May at 7.00pm or else speak to Ellen Colquhoun or Myra McMillan and hopefully we will be able to extend the Summer Friendship Club into September.

Thank you.



Sunday Study Evenings

These will now run throughout the month of June at 7.00pm. The theme for these four studies will be the Parables. During the summer we move away from the Lectionary and so this year we will continue to use the Parables as the topic for our morning services throughout July.

If you have a particular parable that you would like to have included, please speak to Malcolm or Alex.



We will be running a Holiday Club this summer from Sunday 2nd August until Sunday 9th August.

This will be led by Phil Wray from Scripture Union Scotland and a team of volunteers from our own church.

The theme this year will be “Polar Explorers”
The programme of events is as follows:

Sun 2nd August : 10am Service:

An Introduction to the Holiday Club

Mon-Fri Mornings 10am-12.30pm –
“Polar Explorers” Activities for children P1-P7
(including children about to enter P1)

Mon-Fri Evenings Different family events
will take place for children/teenagers/
parents/congregation.

More information to follow.

Sun 9th August : 10am Service: A family
orientated Holiday Club Service

Anyone willing to help, either with the
morning or evening events, should speak to
Malcolm so that they can be included in any
relevant communications.

We hope that everyone in the congregation
will play a part in the Holiday Club by praying
for the preparations preceding the week and
for the events during the week itself.

World Mission Committee



FROM THE ETHIOPIAN KALE HEYWET CHURCH

Grace and peace to you from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are
so thankful for the love you share with us.
Our feelings are aptly expressed by Jesus’
words in Matthew 5:16: ‘In the same way,
let your light shine before men, that they
may see your good deeds and praise your
father in heaven.’

**THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT THE
NUMBER OF CHURCHES ENVISIONED
AND MOBILISED HAS NOW REACHED
1000, THE NUMBER OF SELF HELP
GROUPS OVER 7,000 AND THE TOTAL
SAVING OF THE GROUPS OVER 16
MILLION BIRR (£532,000)!**

In the past three months training has
continued for facilitators, Self Help
Groups (SHGs) and other project staff.
One of the main areas of training was in
conservation agriculture - also called
‘Farming God’s Way’ - for semi-rural and
rural areas, which was delivered in
readiness for the next farming season.
There is also a plan to expand the
approach to SHG members who are
engaged in agriculture in urban settings.

Presbytery Report

Our guest speaker at the April meeting was Rev Dr Kathy Galloway who is the Director of Christian Aid in Scotland.

She told us that this year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of Christian Aid, having been born in the ashes of World War Two to help with the Christian reconstruction of Europe. It was initially met with huge opposition, as people questioned why we should help our former enemies. The help which was given was unconditional and given without coercion. Aid was given to thousands of Palestinian refugees and similar help has now spread throughout the world.

In the 1950's it helped found Voluntary Service Overseas which encourages people to share their professional skills and knowledge in developing countries to make a difference that leads to lasting change.

In the 1960's it was responsible for taking the lead in setting up the Disasters Emergency Committee which has allowed different relief agencies to cooperate in times of humanitarian crises.

More recently it has been involved in the setting up of Divine Chocolate which saw the launch of the first ever Fair-trade chocolate bar aimed at the UK confectionery market. In an exciting new business model, a co-operative of cocoa farmers in Ghana now own shares in the company making the chocolate bar.

Their big event each year is Christian Aid Week which raises more than £1.5 million in Scotland alone.

She reminded us that 21st Century poverty is quite different from 20th Century poverty with

middle income countries now suffering and thousands depending on food banks.

Climate change is now inseparable from poverty with poorer communities affected most. These are the people who have done least to cause climate change and can do nothing to change it.

Christian Aid in Scotland is marking the 70th Anniversary in two ways. The first is a 70 Munros Challenge where they aim to climb 70 Munros and raise £70,000. We were all invited to join the Moderator on 2nd May when he will climb Ben Lomond. The second event is a conference entitled "Many Mountains to Climb" which will take place in Edinburgh on 3rd October with speakers from around the world.

She ended by expressing her appreciation for the efforts of so many local churches and it's not too late to offer your help in our door to door collection this year. I am sure Helen Stewart would love to hear from you.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee presented the Presbytery Accounts for 2014 which they had approved. These show a surplus for the year, but this was in part due to the fact that, during the year, two members of staff had resigned, but we have now welcomed their replacements. The value of investments with the Church of Scotland Investors Trust has also gained in value. The main income is from the assessments on congregations which amounted to £323,272.00.

The Community Responsibility Committee intimated two forthcoming

events. They have organised an evening entitled "Strange Power of Light" which is part of the Glasgow Science Festival Programme and will be chaired by our Moderator, Rev Stuart Smith. Speakers are both scientists from various disciplines and Christians. The venue is Woodlands Hall in Wellington Church on Friday 5th June at 7.00pm and entry is free.

There is also a Learning and Disabilities Conference on Saturday 6th June from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm in the University of Dundee. This is entitled "Creating Communities of Belonging" and it is hoped to resource and inspire churches to be communities where those living with learning disabilities feel that they belong.

The committee also asked that all congregations be made aware of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill which has now been introduced to the Scottish Parliament. Concerns have been raised that, unlike the Bill in Northern Ireland and some other European Countries, the Bill in Scotland does not include measures to criminalise the purchase of sex. Members of congregations are being invited to write to their MSPs should they share this concern. There is a Letter Template which I can pass to anyone who wishes to write expressing their concern.

Janet Park

*Counting time is
not as important
as making time count.*



A mechanic who worked out of his home had a dog named Mace.

Mace had a bad habit of eating all the grass in the mechanic's lawn, so the mechanic had to keep Mace inside.

The grass eventually became overgrown.

One day the mechanic was working on a car in his backyard and dropped his wrench, losing it in the tall grass.

He couldn't find it for the life of him, so he decided to call it a day.

That night, Mace escaped from the house and ate all the grass in the backyard. The next morning the mechanic went outside and saw his wrench glinting in the sunlight.

Realising what had happened, he looked up to the heavens and proclaimed, "A grazing Mace, how sweet the hound that saved a wrench for me!"

Mistakes are

Messages that give us feedback about life,
Interruptions that should cause us to reflect and think,
Signposts that direct us to the right path,
Tests that push us to greater maturity,

Awakenings that keep us in the game mentally,
Keyes that we can use to unlock the next door of opportunity,
Explorations that let us journey where we've never been before,
Statements about our development and progress.

John C Maxwell

From *A Bucket of Surprises*, J John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books



Gardening Team



We are trying to organise a gardening team to undertake some light gardening work around the church. It would be for a couple of hours a week - or much less if plenty of people participate. It could be a member of your family who is willing to support the church, not just members. If you are happy to contribute to this, please email johnmcm@hotmail.com, speak to me at church, or phone on 0141 771 7699. Let me know what days/evenings, would be suitable.
Thanks,
John McMillan

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 27th May
Please remember this will be the
last issue of the Link until
September**

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