



May 2016



# Mure Memorial Church



# The Link

Mure Memorial Church is the known name of Glasgow : Mure Memorial,  
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Dear Friends

The theme of celebration is very much on my mind at the present time - not only because of my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday agenda, but also for the various weddings and christenings that are part of the Spring and early Summer agenda. The roots of the word are about large numbers of people coming together for a special occasion, and that essentially is what a celebration is, whether a weekly service on Sunday morning when people gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, or for christenings, weddings and even for funerals, as more and more families now want to celebrate the life of the loved one at the end of a life.

Normally however these gatherings are not just about getting people together, more often than not it is about honouring, paying respect or giving praise to a particular person, which has now also become part of the meaning of the word celebration, for example when a newspaper article is written to “celebrate” a person’s life, there is no gathering of people as such, but recognition of someone’s life is still a celebration. Churches traditionally have met on Sundays as a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

We in the church are not good at celebrations, yet we have more to celebrate than any other gathering of people. Whether it is the resurrection of Jesus, the future we have to look forward to, or even just the daily blessings of family, friends and faith. I had a New Testament lecturer while studying who was once described to me as the only bible scholar who could make the conversion of

Paul sound boring!! I would have to be honest and say that we in the church have managed to make the whole of the Christian faith sound boring, dull and bland.

We’ve just celebrated Easter. The 15<sup>th</sup> May is Pentecost, when the early disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and so full of joy the public around them thought they were drunk!! We need to find ways of releasing the joy of the faith from within us, and not spend too much time “sweating the small stuff”, allowing relatively minor irritations, mistakes and failings take up so much of our time, energy and emotion.

God loves us! Jesus is risen! the Spirit has come! – time to party!!

Yours in Christ,  
Malcolm

### **FUNERALS**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> April  | Hope Leiper (Baby): We remember Iain & Jill in our prayers.              |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> April  | Harry Blues: We pray for sons Graham and Alan.                           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> April  | Mary Bittle: We remember nephew George and his wife Anne in our prayers. |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Quinn Cattermole (Baby): We remember Lee and Sarahjane in our prayers.   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Ina Russell : We remember son Norman in our prayers                      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> April | William Anderson: We pray for brother Hugh and wife Dawn                 |

## VESTRY TIMES

Monday 6.30pm – 7.30pm Mure Memorial  
 Tuesday 10.00am-11.00am Mure Memorial  
 (Thrift Shop and Café available at same time)

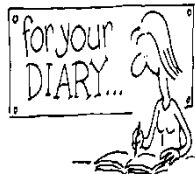
Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm St. Andrew’s  
 Saturday 10.00am – 11.00am St. Andrew’s  
 (Pop-In Café available at same time)

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**



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May Morning Worship  
10.00 am  
 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May Morning Worship  
10.00 am  
 Week of Prayer  
 Ecumenical Service  
 at St Bridget’s 7.30 pm  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May Week of Prayer Forum  
 at Mure Memorial  
 7.30 pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
 General Assembly  
 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Morning Worship  
 10.00 am  
 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May Morning Worship  
 10.00 am  
 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Morning Worship  
 10.00 am  
 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June Communion Sunday  
 with services at  
 10.00 am and 2.00 pm

*Les Misérables’ is one of the world’s most popular musicals. The Finale includes these words: “To love another person is to touch the face of God.” The first part of this month’s prayer is based on a prayer written by Victor Hugo, the author of ‘Les Misérables’:*



We who weep come to you, Lord, because you always share our sorrow.  
 We who suffer come to you, knowing that you cure.  
 We who are afraid come to you, because you smile on us.  
 We share in your life because you share ours and so we know, God of love, that “to love another person is, indeed, to touch your face”. May we live in your love forever.  
 Amen.

**Flower Calendar**

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



<b>April 3rd</b>	<b>Malcolm</b>
<b>April 10th</b>	<b>Sheila Blackwood</b>
<b>April 17th</b>	<b>The Sinclair Family</b>
<b>April 24th</b>	

**DOOR DUTY May**

**BEADLE: R Getty**

Door & Collection

<b>May 8th</b>	<b>May 15th</b>
A Pollock	I Whitelaw
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	A Miller
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith

<b>May 22nd</b>	<b>May 29th</b>
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

<b>June 5th</b>	<b>June 12th</b>
A Hunter	
E Clark	
M Brown	Kirk Session
S Brown	
J Hunt	
A Kenyon	



Dear Friends

Thanks you all so much for the flowers I received from the Church on the occasion of my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Also the cards and good wishes, they were very much appreciated.

Edith Bavaird

## Boys' Brigade



We would like to thank parents and friends for their support at our recent displays. During the session our P3 Anchor Boys held a Bible Quiz. They were asked fifteen questions and had to circle A B or C with the correct answer. Cameron Arthur and Adam Carter answered them all correctly and Max Morrison got one wrong. Well done boys.

This led to the Anchor Boys presenting a short drama called "The Noah Story" at their display. Bill Kirk built an Ark as part of the props, assisted by Craig Paterson from the Company Section. When finished it was decided to call the Ark "Craig". In keeping with the biblical theme, Craig discovered how to write his name in Hebrew, which he painted on the Ark.

Congratulations to Kallum Colquhoun who gained his President's Badge and to Gregor Stewart and Jack Wallace who gained their Queen's Badges. Gregor and Jack will be presented with their Queen's Badge Certificates at a special awards ceremony in the City Chambers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.



**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 We have a few volunteers who feel they are no longer able to help with our collection. We thank them for their support over many years, but this means we are now very much in need of some new volunteers. Could you be one of them?

Thank You

Helen Stewart

### **Presbytery Report**

In April our Presbytery meetings were held locally in five areas around the city. Our area met in Garthamlock and Craighend East Church.

After our constitution and opening devotions, we split into smaller groups which allowed us to share, in an informal way, our experiences of working in our different congregations. The main topics were working with young people and families, which was Douglas's chosen option, whilst Alex and I joined the group dealing with caring for the elderly, both within our congregation and our parishes. It was interesting to hear what other churches are doing and to share what we do at Mure Memorial. Hopefully we came away with some new ideas and information which we will be able to bring back locally.

We then gathered together for our closing worship which began by taking time to reflect on the words of the hymn, "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you". We then had a time of prayer and closed by singing the hymn and saying the grace together.

Janet Park

Yesterday was history,  
Tomorrow is a mystery,  
Today is a gift of God,  
That is why it's called the PRESENT

### **From Douglas**

The month of April has seen me absent from worshipping in Mure Memorial Church. There have been many good reasons for this! On the 10<sup>th</sup> April I was away at Lendrick Muir with Scripture Union for a Messy Church Family Holiday. This was a last minute request from the leader of the holiday, with me only being asked ten days before the event! It was a brilliant weekend and I have come away with plenty of ideas for the youth groups here, that I am more than happy to share! From throwing paint sponges at a large sheet of cardboard to bonfires to treasure hunts to designing t-shirts, it was quite an active weekend! The following Sunday I was on duty at my home church of Springfield Cambridge Church, and it was nice to be back worshipping in my home congregation, even though numbers were down there because of other events in the city! On the 24<sup>th</sup> April, I was away with the 111<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Boys' Brigade from St Andrew's Church for a weekend residential in Moffat. It was an

excellent weekend, and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Another overnight event I have had this month was the Ministry Development Staff (MDS) Conference in Crieff. This was on Ministry in a Parish Context, and was very insightful to gather advice and support from my colleagues across the country.


As I informed you in last month's Link, I have now started going into Happitots Nursery in Garrowhill. This is a brilliant experience for all involved. So far with the children we have looked at the story of creation, the story of Noah and the story of Joseph. The children really seem to be enjoying their story time, and one child did remark that they enjoyed my stories as they are always so different! Truly it proves that the Bible is a wonderful resource!

Before the school spring break I was leading assemblies at Bannerman and Swinton Primary, as well as attending the morning assembly at Garrowhill Primary. I'm not sure if it is a mark of how good the S1/S2 assembly was at Bannerman, but I was invited back to

repeat it the next morning for another group of pupils in the same year groups! Naturally, it was an opportunity I took! The SU Groups continue to thrive, and the primary groups are preparing for their weekend away to Lendrick Muir in May.

Preparations for Holiday Club are also well under way. We will be repeating the success of the Toddler Time alongside the main Holiday Club, and if anyone can offer any assistance, then that would be gratefully accepted! Please speak to me for more information. Also, we will soon be putting out a list of items we will be looking for to be doing crafts, so please help in whatever way you can.

As ever, the next few months promise to be as busy as ever!



*What do you mean, we don't communicate? Just yesterday I faxed you a reply to the recorded message you left on my answer phone.*

***Mure  
Access  
Project***



We have said it before, but just in case you missed it, a big thank you is due to everyone who helped with the Cabaret Night in any way; setting up, making sandwiches, clearing up and donating raffle prizes. A special thank you is due to Alex and his friends in “The Shades” who gave their services free. A thank you, too, to Graham McDonald. The proceeds of his Easter Sunday Brunch more than covered our costs. And a final thank you to the Bowling Club who allowed us the use of the clubhouse and provided the bar staff<sup>c</sup> at no cost.

Everyone seems to have enjoyed their evening and we raised the magnificent total of £929.70.



Remember we have another Cabaret Night arranged. This time our entertainment will be provided by “Twilite” who is well known to us at Mure Memorial. If you haven’t already put the date in your diary, it is Saturday evening 8<sup>th</sup> October and we are back at the Bowling Club.



We are now planning our Summer Fair, which will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. We are looking for the support of all our members and organisations, and are keen to hear your ideas for stalls and fund raising activities for the day, so please pass them on to any member of the committee.

We have a further supply of “My Doggy Bags”, which are available from Ishbel Malcolm priced £5.00.

Our Smarties are proving to be very successful and we now have a further supply, so please help yourself to a tube and bring it back full of coins.

We continue to look for your support practically, financially and prayerfully.

The MAP Committee

Peter Malcolm, Alec Pollock, Myra McMillan, Janis Smith, Alison Tedeschi, Aileen Miller, John Coutts, Graham McDonald and Janet Park



For the golfers amongst us



### **Service Times**

The Kirk Session is commencing a review of the time of our morning service. We would appreciate some feedback from the congregation. When your elder visits before the June Communion, it would be helpful if you discuss this and let us know if you are happy with the present arrangement or would like us to consider a change.

### **Summer Friendship Club**

We are planning to run another Summer Friendship Club over the months of June, July and August.



This gives folks an opportunity to gather on a Monday at 2.00pm and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat when all our other groups are taking a summer break. We know it is very much appreciated by all who come along. Once again we need volunteers to help with the taxi service and to make the tea. The more offers of help that we have the fewer number of times you will be needed. Please speak to Ellen Colquhoun if you are able to help.

Our first afternoon will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and we look forward to welcoming back those who have come along in the past as well as any new members.

### **World Mission Committee**



**'At that moment, I thought my whole life has collapsed and God has given up on me'**, said Abaynesh Reggasa, a mother of two. She had come home one day to an empty house and discovered that her husband had left her.

He was the main breadwinner for the family, but even his income hadn't been enough to meet their basic needs. That's why Abaynesh had been invited to join a Self Help Group a few years before. Although she was initially sceptical about what difference such a small amount of savings could make, after training from Tearfund partner EKHC, she decided to try starting a small business.

Since then, life had been going well. She earned a small amount from baking and selling Injera (a kind of pancake) to her neighbours in her small town of Metu, in western Ethiopia. Not enough to drastically change their lives, but at least she no longer had to ask her husband for her weekly savings.

#### **A HEAVY BLOW**

Then her husband left. Their two children were still very young - one was in primary school, and Abaynesh was looking after the other at home. After her husband left

her landlord threw them out because she couldn't pay the rent. Abaynesh was in despair, unable to find a way forward.

But, thanks to her friends in the Self Help Group, there was hope. They got together and figured out what they could do for Abaynesh and her children.

### **A LIFELINE FROM FRIENDS**

Her family's most urgent need was housing, so her friends found a very small house for them, with minimal rent. The group all contributed towards the first month's rent so she and her children could move in straight away. They also decided to top up her 522 birr (£20) of savings with a 2000 birr (£65) loan so she could start a more profitable small business selling fruit, vegetables, and locally made pots at the market.



*Abaynesh and the goods she now sells: pumpkins, papaya, and locally made pots*

Alongside the money, she was paired up with a mentor, someone from the group with more experience in running a business, so she could make sure she used the money wisely. As a result her business is doing well, and she is finding it difficult to believe how much her life has changed. But she has learnt valuable lessons about the character of God.

**'I've learnt that God didn't give up on me! He gave me such a loving and caring group and I've seen his provision through them.'** Abaynesh

Reggasa

Abaynesh has now rented a better house with electricity, clean water and a toilet. With training from Tearfund partner EKHC she has developed a business plan that will expand her work and make life better for her family.

### **PRAY FOR ABAYNESH**

- Thank God for his presence in her life, that he has been there through her toughest times
- Pray that God would bless her business, and multiply her resources
- Ask God to give a spirit of generosity, so the blessings she receives she would pass on to others



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2016

*Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God*

This year Baillieston Churches Together decided to use the alternative date of Pentecost to hold their events to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Sunday evening Service will take place in St Bridget's Church on 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm, when Malcolm will preach.

The Forum will be held in Mure Memorial on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm.

This year our three local clergy, Malcolm, Alex and Tom Devlin have been asked to choose Bible passages which have been important to them in their lives and to speak about them. We will have our question time, as usual, after our tea break.

Please come along and give both of these events your support.

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE LINK

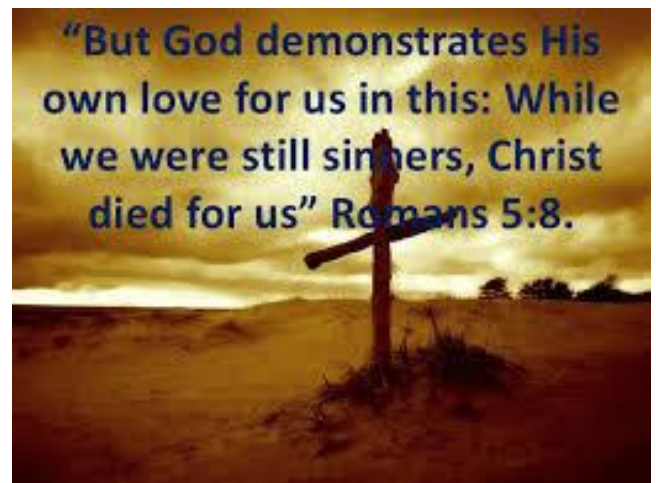
If you have an article, news item or announcement for the Link please either email details to [link@mure.org](mailto:link@mure.org) or place a copy of the information in Post Box 35 in the Session Room

**Deadline for the next issue is  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

### Gardening Team

We are hoping to organise a gardening team again this year 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. This is open to anyone, not just members. Numbers were small last year and it would be great if we had some new volunteers join us this year. If you are happy to contribute to this, please email [johnmcm@hotmail.com](mailto: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



**For our younger readers**

On 15th May we celebrate Pentecost, but what is Pentecost? This is a very special time in the Bible when the disciples and other Christians received the Holy Spirit. We usually think of it as the birthday of the church. We are sure you will learn more about it in Sunday School, so why not try our competition? There will be a prize for the first correct entry opened.

**Pentecost Anagram Competition**

Unscramble the letter to find the words. They are all in the Bible story about Pentecost which you can read in Act 2 verses 1 - 13

REEVSBILE \_\_\_\_\_

GAPINKSE \_\_\_\_\_

NUAAGGSEL \_\_\_\_\_

GORNTS NDWI \_\_\_\_\_

SEOIN \_\_\_\_\_

LOYH TRIIPS \_\_\_\_\_

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TAAPSOMEMIO \_\_\_\_\_

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SILLAANEG \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in your answers and post them in the box in the hall by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

My Name -  
\_\_\_\_\_

My age  
\_\_\_\_\_

My address -  
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