



May 2018



# Mure Memorial Church



# The Link

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My Dear Friends,

Abide with Me is a familiar hymn often used at Funerals. What a thrilling prayer request: for God to abide with us always, and even more so when the darkness deepens or other helpers fail. But what does it mean for God to abide with us?

In John's gospel we are reminded of Jesus' words to his disciples and to us that, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." To abide in Jesus' love means to abide in Jesus because Jesus is love. Jesus lays out the benefits of abiding in him. Abiding in Jesus means that the love of God is present in us and, as a result, we can love like Jesus.

Like most things, this is much harder than it sounds. Using Jesus as our model for love, many of us come up short and miss the mark. Jesus loved unconditionally and without judgment and without the need for reciprocity. John spells out what it means to love as Jesus loves, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Crazy, right? And definitely not humanly possible.

Abiding in Jesus and loving like Jesus creates the by-product of joy. We become joyful and joy is present when Jesus abides with us and when we abide in Jesus' love. Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

In life, sometimes joy is hard to find: when disappointments and setbacks are the order of the day and God seems far or prayers seem unanswered. It is difficult to keep one's joy when there is no hope or the walls seem to be caving in all around us.

Abiding in Jesus means we are appointed to bear fruit that will last. Jesus says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name."

The proof is in the pudding. What fruits are you bearing? A good tree does not bear bad fruit. Jesus is serious about his disciples bearing fruit. Good fruit, fruit that will last. We have been appointed by Jesus, who abides in us, to bear fruit joyfully.

That appears several ways. One important way is in how we are making disciples. How are we sharing and telling of this love that we embody and that radiates throughout our entire being and all whom we touch? How are we telling our faith stories with each other and especially with those who might not know Jesus for themselves?

We are not called to practise an insular type of faith or Christianity; we aren't called to stick to what we like and what's comfortable. If Jesus abides in us, truly abides in us, this all comes somewhat naturally. This doesn't make it easy.

But when Jesus abides in us, we can't help but exude his love and ways and share them. We can't help but be joyful in all things. And because the proof is in the pudding, the fruit we bear is good and pleasing in God's sight.

Abiding with Jesus is exemplifying the love that God and Jesus share with each other and that we as a community are called to enact. If we acknowledge our helpless state and ask Jesus to abide with us, teaching us to love like him, we can joyfully sing out in confidence:

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the  
skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain  
shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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”*

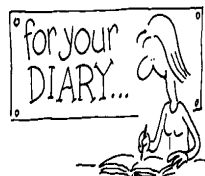
1<sup>st</sup> April : **Samuel McMillan Leiper**  
Baby son of Iain and Jill Leiper

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

3<sup>rd</sup> April : **David Frew** - Husband of Anne and father of David and Hazel



God our Father, open our eyes to see the vision that you have for each of us, and lead us to grow in confidence in who we are, and in the faith that you call each of us by name. Show us how to live in such a way that we respect and accept others for who they are and do not judge them, as we ourselves do not want to be judged. Inspire us to be generous in praising others and in showing appreciation of their achievements.  
Amen.



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May Morning Worship 10.00 am  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May Garrowhill Primary School Spring Fayre  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May Morning Worship 10.00 am  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May Morning Worship 10.00 am Pentecost  
Baillieston Churches  
Together Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service  
7.30pm in Mure Memorial  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May Christian Aid Soup and Sandwich Lunch  
11.30 am – 2.00 pm  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May Morning Worship 10.00 am

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Morning Worship 10.00 am  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June Friendship Club 2.00 pm

**Flower Calendar**



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

<b>April 1st</b>	<b>Jill &amp; Iain Leiper</b>
<b>April 8th</b>	<b>The Leiper Family</b>
<b>April 15th</b>	<b>The Sinclair Family</b>
<b>April 22nd</b>	<b>The Flower Fund</b>
<b>April 29th</b>	<b>The Flower Fund</b>

Our Flower Fund is running low and donations are very welcome. These can be put in the Flower Fund Box in the vestibule or handed to Agnes Nicol. Thank you

**DOOR DUTY May**  
**BEADLE: M Scott**

Door & Collection

<b>May 6th</b>	<b>May 13th</b>
A. Telfer	R Colquhoun
G.McDonald	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
A. Tedeschi	M McEwan
M McMillan	E Colquhoun

<b>May 20th</b>	<b>May 27th</b>
A. Pollock	I Whitelaw
J Davidson	R McLellan
A Borthwick	N Collins
J Crawford	J Smith
C Turnbull	P McLellan

**DOOR DUTY June**  
**BEADLE: T Getty**

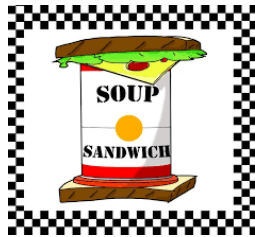
Door & Collection

<b>June 3rd</b>	<b>May 10th</b>
M McLachlan	
I Main	Kirk Session
J McVittie	
S McKibbin	
A Nicol	

# Thank You

Thanks to all my friends at Mure Memorial for the visits, cards and good wishes which I received during my recent stay in hospital.

John Coutts



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 26th May**. Please note the change of date. Tickets are now available price £5.00.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed donations for the tombola and raffle. Please keep them coming. We need your support and you never let us down.

Thanks

Helen

thankyou

Thank you for the beautiful flowers on Mother's Day.

Evelyn and Isaac Wilson

## From Douglas Robertson

Social media, and in particular Facebook, have been in the news in recent weeks, but for me there is no doubt that Facebook can be an excellent resource. Not just in terms of engaging with young people, but I have found it useful for engaging in debates and ideas that not only challenge my faith, but also the work that I do on a day to day basis. One such example came from a comment on Easter Sunday from one friend, who was challenging all the Happy Easter comments that were all over Facebook that day. Whilst he totally endorsed many of the sentiments, this friend was challenging people to take the Easter message beyond Easter. This is a day to day challenge as I attempt to take the message of Good News of Christ's resurrection beyond Easter Sunday and out to the children and young people in our community. Facebook can also have another use and that is through finding free courses and conferences that may be useful. By the time you read this I will have gone to one discussion forum on developing Christian conversation in our communities. The other conference that I have unearthed through Facebook is an afternoon conference called *Growing Churches Young*. This is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at St Silas Church, Park Road in the West End of Glasgow from 12pm. This is looking at research from churches in America where they are packed with the younger generations in society. Should anyone wish to join me on this free afternoon conference then I am happy to share

more information as to how to book for this event.

The run up to Easter was particularly busy for myself, particularly with the schools work. I was extremely busy with school assemblies, and it was great to have Garrowhill Primary in for their Easter Services. A special well done to all in the Primary 5 class who performed in the service, as well as all the various readers who did various poems. I was also busy with the joint Anchor Boys and Company Section Display, which was a most excellent night. Well done to each and every boy who gained an award, with particular congratulations to Callum Greenshields who gained his President's Badge and Ryan Goudie and Ross Wallace for achieving their Queen's Badges.

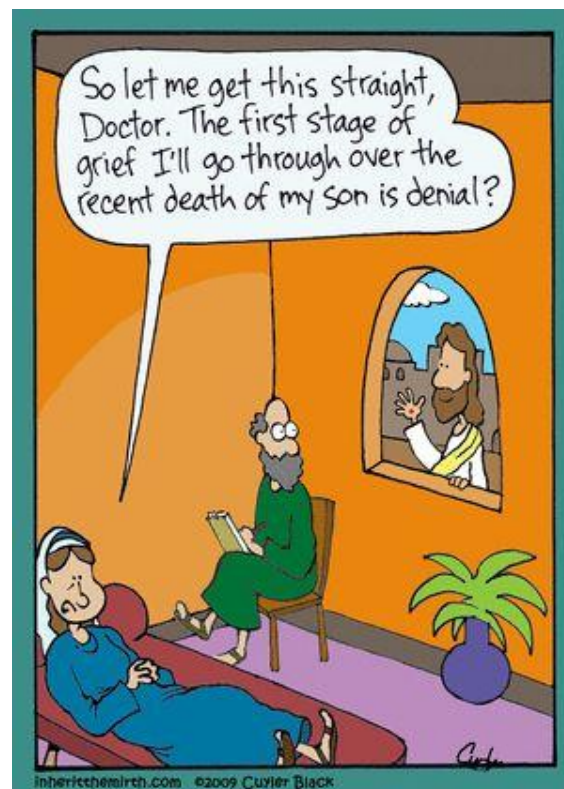
Looking forward to next month, and the pace doesn't show any sign of slowing down any! At the start of the month both the Girls' Brigade and Junior Section of the Boys' Brigade have their displays, when we can look forward to celebrating in more successes in our young people. I am also going to be busy with planning for the SU Groups weekend away, which some of our children will be at as well! And of course our plans for Holiday Club continue a-pace! Should anyone wish to help out, (and we have a few tasks that don't involve being tied up for a full morning such as registering the children in, helping with crafts and snacks!) please do speak to me on a Sunday morning.

Another date for your diary is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May when Garrowhill Primary have their Spring Fayre. It promises to be an excellent day, particularly with the beat the goalie stall! A chance to see just how awful my goal keeping skills are! I'm sure if you can help then they would be most happy to have your assistance. Please speak to myself or Angela Patrick.

Many thanks for your continued support  
Douglas



**Coming soon to Mure Memorial  
August 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**





Lodging House Mission are seeking volunteers to help in our kitchen and main hall. Duties are basic but the effect is huge.

Can you spare 1 day per week, (or even a half day) to extend care and compassion to people who are on the margins of society by virtue of homelessness, mental health and addiction?

If you are able to help in any way, please speak to Anne Carmichael.

### Summer Friendship Club



The Club will commence on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00 pm. Why not come along, bring a friend, and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat? We are looking for volunteers to join the tea rota. Can you spare a few hours? Speak to Ellen Colquhoun or Myra McMillan

### Gardening Team

#### It's that time of year again!

We are trying to organise a 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. If you are happy to contribute to this, please speak to me at church, or phone on 0141 771 7699. Let me know what days/evenings, would be suitable.

Thanks,

John McMillan



## From the MAP Committee



You might remember this picture. It was back in February 2016 that we first printed it in the Link. We are delighted to say that **“We have done it!”**

With your support and some successful grant applications we have now raised sufficient money to proceed with the first phase of our Mure Access Project. This is the creation of new disabled access to the building at both hall and sanctuary levels, the installation of disabled toilets at both levels, a disabled lift between the two levels and the installation of a toilet in the vestibule at the front doors of the church. Work will at the start of June and should take approximately ten weeks to complete. Our success has been largely thanks to a very generous grant of £50,000 from the funding body WREN.

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. This project will help tremendously with access into and around our building for wheel chair user and those with limited mobility. It is fantastic that WREN has awarded us this money and we are looking forward to seeing our new access taking shape over the next months.

It is hoped that disruption will be kept to a minimum, with the door to the sanctuary and the door to the hall from the Youth Chapel being sealed off.

This is the first phase of our project. Phase two will be the creation of a new car park with disabled spaces on the grove side of the building. The committee are already looking at possible sources of funding and trust that we can rely on your continued support.



**Give me a sense of humour, Lord;  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some happiness from life;  
And pass it on to other folk.**

### LINE DANCING



The line dancing will be taking a break for the summer from Tuesday June. 26th when we will be having our closing party. We will be back again on Tuesday 4th September at 2 pm to 3 pm. Everyone is welcome.

### Presentation to Anne Stuart to mark her retirement



On Sunday, 22nd April, 2018, a presentation was made to Anne Stuart to her retiral from 43 years of flower arranging for the church sanctuary week by week.

### The last laugh!

Three fellows went to church and when it came time to pass the collection plate, the three discovered they had no money. Not wanting to be embarrassed, one fainted and the other two carried him out.

Teacher : Why was Adam a famous runner?

Student : Because he was first in the human race.

Adam was created first - to give him a chance to say something.

Did you hear about the clever cat who ate some cheese and breathed down the mouse hole with bated breath?

If your children want to take driving lessons, don't stand in their way.

The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and suddenly turned into a pillar of salt.

"My mother looked back once while she was driving," contributed little Johnny, "and she turned into a telephone pole,"



**Congratulations to Ross Wallace and Ryan Goudie who received their Queen's Badge Award at the BB display**

## An appeal just in



Scottish Love in Action have launched the Hoof it to Hyderabad Challenge and it is now open for registration.

Help SLA to virtually walk the 5000 miles, 8000km or 12,106,000 steps from Scotland to Hyderabad in India and raise money for their **GIRLS' LIVES MATTER** Appeal.

During the month of June 2018 SLA hopes you will walk, run or cycle a minimum of 10km or 15,133 steps which will contribute towards their aim to walk the equivalent distance from Scotland to Hyderabad.

The joy of this is that it is up to you on how you want to challenge yourself, there is no set date or set place; you set the place, the distance and the pace and have the chance to exercise that Fitbit. Ever step counts, every step gets us a step closer.

Visit the **Hoof it to Hyderabad Challenge** page on the SLA website at [www.sla-india.org](http://www.sla-india.org) to find out more and to register. Text Hoofit to 70660 to register for £5 or sign up on the

website. Groups aged U18 can register for free on the website.

### **Win two flights to India or a TrailblazersGo Experience**

All eligible participants aged 18+ will be entered into a prize draw to win either two return flights to India generously donated by Virgin Atlantic or, for groups or individuals aged under 18, a two hour bushcraft experience from TrailblazersGo.

Don't tell God  
you have a big  
problem  
  
tell your problem  
you have a big  
GOD.

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### **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 May 23rd 2018**

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