

**NOVEMBER 2011**

**Mure Memorial Church**



**The Link**

Dear Friends,

Some of you will be aware that occasionally on a Sunday morning I am prone to bursting out in song during my sermon, usually when I am reminded of some words of a hymn or song that matches with what I am saying. This week in the midst of another couple of funerals, pastoral visits and church meetings, I felt again that I wanted to burst out in song. It wasn't this time a particular song that came to mind, just a joyful hymn of praise for the unsung heroes of our community and church. You know the kind of person to whom I'm referring, indeed you may well be one. The people I am thinking about, and indeed, about whom I am praising God, are the countless people who work away behind the scenes in so many contexts of need and care – family members who stretch themselves to the limit caring for loved ones; church workers volunteering in all manner of situations to work with the children, the elderly, the administration, or around the building; people who serve our community or local charities, often with routine but important tasks. All doing so quietly in the background wishing for no other attention than the good of those they seek to serve.

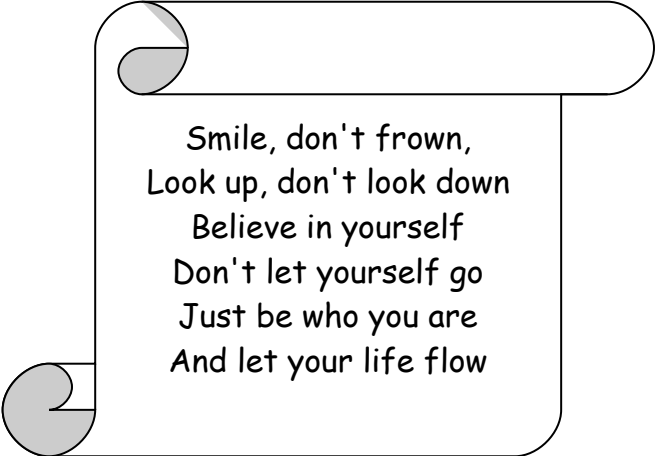
It is awesome, and utterly important, how the basic fabric of society and humanity is dependent on such people. That the government, with its notion of "Big Society", or even the church with its references now to "social capital", (a suggestion that while the church can't add much to the economy in pure financial terms, it ought to be supported and funded by charities and government because of the caring people it provides), should try to make some claim for making this happen, is of course a great arrogance, when for the most part it is simply who we are, and what we do as human beings.

However that such people who don't look for rewards or even our thanks, (although it is good to give it even if unwanted), allow us to give thanks and praise to God for them - this is also a part of who we are and what some of us are moved to do – and we do it. If you see someone doing such work, giving of time and energy without the want of pay or praise, give thanks to God for them; if you have the

opportunity then thank them for their commitment and care; and better still if you are able, why don't you join them and move others to praise the God of our faith for your contribution to human wellbeing and community.

Thanks be to God!!

Malcolm



Smile, don't frown,  
Look up, don't look down  
Believe in yourself  
Don't let yourself go  
Just be who you are  
And let your life flow

### Funerals

- 14<sup>th</sup> October **Brian Campbell** – we remember sons Colin & Brian in our prayers.
- 20<sup>th</sup> October **Jean Moncrieffe** – we remember the Fraser family, Barbara, Jim and Alistair in our prayers.
- 21st October **Jessie Willison** – we remember all the family in our prayers.

### Baptism

- 23<sup>rd</sup> October **Kai John Cowan** – may God bless parents Alan & Claire.

## Future Services

30 <sup>th</sup> October	Communion Service 10.30am Evening Communion Service 6.30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 45 <sup>th</sup> Girls Brigade Coy. Thanksgiving and Dedication Service 10.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Opening of Garden of Remembrance at George Square. Malcolm is conducting the service for The Royal British Legion . Service starts at 11.00am and lasts approx. 30 minutes.
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Remembrance Sunday <b><u>10.45am</u></b> Songs of Praise Service 6.30pm (Singing the congregation's top 10 favourites)

(Please note that on the Sundays, 30<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November, Glasgow Presbytery would like to note the number of people attending and their ages, as part of their assessment process for ministry allocation. Needless to say it is hoped you would make it a priority to attend on these Sundays, and some method of noting individual ages will be revealed in due course. For ladies and others who are sensitive about these things – please note that the age given will not be associated with a name, nor will there be any checking, so those who wish to be 21 again can be so for the duration of the service!!!)

20 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Normal(!) Sunday 10.30am
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	First Sunday in Advent 10.30am Advent Praise Evening with Praise Band 6.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Service at 10.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Gift Service 10.30am
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Nativity Sunday 10.30am Carol Party with the Choir 6.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	School Services 9.00am & 11.00am
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Watchnight Service 11.00pm

25 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas Morning Service 10.30am
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Ne'erday Morning Service 10.30am

## 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.

## ***MENS' FELLOWSHIP***

### **November:**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Russell
14 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Blochairn CCTV control centre (afternoon visit, details of times etc.in church intimation sheet)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Douglas Keith (villages of Glasgow)
28 <sup>th</sup>	Vice President's night.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all men of the congregation and parish to join us at 7:45 on Monday evenings.

J.Coutts (President)



## GUILD NEWS

Our Syllabus for November is -

- 1 Nov Halloween Night.
- 8 Nov Cardonald Ladies Choir Concert.  
This is an open night and everyone is welcome to come and enjoy what will be a very enjoyable evening. Tickets available from Guild members or pay at the door. (tickets £4)
- 15 Nov Julia Birkenshaw.
- 22 Nov Guild Week - Crystal Clear.
- 29 Nov Fashion Show – Toggerly Ltd.
- 6 Dec Senior Citizen's Party  
Greenhill Male Voices
- 13 Dec Carols by Candlelight

### Flower Calendar



Thank you to everyone who has donated flowers for our Sunday services during the month of October

<b>October</b>	
<b>October 2nd</b>	Alison Strachan
<b>October 9th</b>	Janette and Jack Hunt
<b>October 16th</b>	Mary Martin
<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Mrs D Lang
<b>October 30th</b>	J Crawford

Thank you all for the cards, flowers and gifts I received on the occasion of my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. These are very much appreciated.

Again, thank you.

Dolly Lang

### **Intimation Bloopers:**

Happy to report that our church secretary is recovering from the injuries she received in the fatal crash.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The 'over 60's' choir was disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church.

There will be a service this afternoon in the north and south ends of the church. Children will be baptised at both ends.

The minister for next Sunday's service will be found pinned to the notice board in the Hall.

The minister is pleased to announce an increase in the number of young mums since he arrived.

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Thanks to all who have helped to wrap and deliver flowers, this is much appreciated. I will draw up a rota in the New Year. Can I remind you of the flower request book at the front of the church. Anyone you feel needs a bunch of flowers, please let me know

Sincerely Agnes



O Thou, from whom all blessings flow,  
I lift my heart to Thee;  
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,  
Dear Lord, remember me.

Amen

## **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 the folder outside the Vestry**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**Deadline for the next issue of the Link is  
November 23rd**

#### **Presbytery Report**

At the October meeting we heard the Annual Report from the Lodging House Mission. They had seen an increase of 10% usage since last year with around 130 visitors coming over their doorstep every day. They continue to maintain a high level of care, having served 45,000 meals in the past 12 months. No-one is ever turned away. They now offer fourteen various learning and development opportunities every week alongside prayer, Bible study and services taken by their chaplain. Unfortunately, they are looking at a substantial deficit this year. Last year's deficit was cleared because of two very generous legacies.

The Strategy Advisory Group brought some proposed amendments as to how they would calculate the average giving per member for each congregation. This is part of Factor 3 – Congregational Size & Strength and is to be calculated using the total offering figure extracted from the 2009 Congregational Accounts for each congregation. This will be divided by the number of those present at worship on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011, but they have now decided to exclude those under 16 from the calculation, although they will be included in the head count. The committee also gave further details of the timescale. They will have the first draft of the plan ready for the end of January. This will be followed by a time for consultation during February and March, with the second draft being ready for

April. They are still hoping to have the new Presbytery Plan in place by June 2012. The Property Committee asked all members of Presbytery to note that The Church of Scotland Insurance Company has introduced as a mandatory requirement the obligation on congregations to have all portable electrical appliances tested annually by a competent person who does not have to be an electrician. One Minister pointed out that it costs between £1.50 and £2.00 per appliance and he had counted 90 appliances in his church. How many might we have? He said that there was a training course available to become a competent person and be allowed to carry out PAT testing. The cost of the course was £350 to £400, but that grants were available.

If you are interested in finding out more, Andy Stewart would love to hear from you!! The Church and Society Roadshow is coming to Glasgow and will take place between 10.00am and 2.00 pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Pearce Institute, Govan. There will be stalls, leaflets, a cafe, Olive Tree Holy Land crafts for sale and a chance to meet with members of the Church and Society Council.

The Ministry and Stewardship committee reminded the meeting of the forthcoming Stewardship Conference and encouraged all congregations to send representatives to learn about the programme. The General Assembly has instructed that all congregations must run a stewardship campaign every three years. The committee also presented the Ministry & Mission Contribution figures for 2012. The General Assembly had approved a 3% increase in the total income.

Our proposed figure from "121" is £52,700, but the Committee has used its allowance to reduce it slightly to £51,333.

The World Mission Committee encouraged congregations to organise a "Souper Sunday 2012" event.

Under the Vacancy Business, we dealt with the Call to the Revd Bill Hunter of Ruchazie to Howe of Fife Church in the Presbytery of St Andrews. Bill, you will recall, was our Interim –Moderator at the start of our vacancy.

Janet Park



### Top Ten Hymns/Worship songs

It is now ten years since we last gave everyone an opportunity to vote for their favourite hymns and worship songs and it will be interesting to see how many old favourites reappear in this year's list and how many new entries there will be.

Voting slips are available in the church. Please fill in your choice of three praise items, post the slip in the boxes provided and we will then count the votes.

On Sunday evening, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm, we will have a "Songs of Praise" evening, when we will sing through the top ten choices.

Janet Park



A symbol of the sun, the Japanese consider the orderly unfolding of the chrysanthemum's petals to represent perfection

A friendly look,  
a kindly smile,  
One good act,  
And life's worthwhile

Without God our week would be:

Sinday

Mournday

Tearsday

Wasteday

Thirstday

Fightday

Shatterday

7 days without God makes one weak.

Are you a regular worshipper at Mure Memorial, but have not yet become a member of the congregation?

Do you support Mure Memorial by giving regularly, but don't have WFO envelopes?

Are you a tax payer, but have never got around to signing a Gift Aid form?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions we would like to encourage you to take time to fill in one of the forms which are now available at both doors of the church. Simply tick the boxes and hand the slip to any member of the door duty team.

**Church Ceilidh** A date for your diary. Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please come and join us. Tickets priced £6.00 are now available from members of the community development committee. Bill Russell and his band will provide the music. The "**BUFFET**" will be pies and peas followed by ice cream and fruit. You are welcome to bring your own refreshment, alcoholic or non alcoholic.

Dear Friends,

We are extending a warm welcome to all young members of our church family and their friends to come along and join in the fun and games and at the same time extend their knowledge of the Bible as part of the Crèche, Sunday School and Bible Class at 10.30 on Sunday mornings. Please come along and enjoy yourselves.

## **DOOR DUTY – November**

**BEADLE: R McKendrick**

Door & Collection

<b>November 6th</b>	<b>November 13th</b>
A Pollock	C Stewart
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	J Greenshields
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith

<b>November 20th</b>	<b>November 27th</b>
W. Millar	E Boyd
Mrs Walker	C Rodgers
J McVittie	A Stuart
C McChesney	M McKellar
A Nicol	B Graham
E Nimmo	M Martin

## **DOOR DUTY – December**

**BEADLE: M Scott**

Door & Collection

<b>December 4th</b>	<b>December 11th</b>
J Hunt	A Kavannah
J Hannah	A Telfer
M Brown	Alex Wilson
Mrs Hunt	L Strachan
Mrs Hannah	M McMillan
A Kenyon	A Forrester

## **Finance Report to End September 2011**

Our General Account situation as at the end of September 2011 is as follows:

	2011	Budget	2010
Offerings & Gift Aid	60534	61867	53715
Other Income	6041	3111	4315
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>66575</b>	<b>64978</b>	<b>58030</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>70064</b>	<b>72204</b>	<b>61136</b>

Our Windows Fund stands at £16,227.

It is interesting to note that the “Windows Tins”, started by our Guild, and which are situated at the doors of the Church, have so far contained £374. Please continue to support this with any small change you might have.

Our Christian Aid for the East Africa Appeal raised £861.12

Peter Malcolm

**Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. (Mother Theresa)**

**Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go. (Oscar Wilde)**

**Apologising doesn't always mean that you are wrong and the other person is right. It just means that you value the relationship more than your ego.**

**Never ignore a person that loves you, cares for you and misses you, because one day you might realise that you lost the moon while counting stars.**

*My God, accept my heart this day  
And make it always Thine,  
That I from Thee no more may stray,  
No more from Thee decline.*

*Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,  
That I may see Thy glorious face  
And worship at Thy throne.*

*Let every thought and work and word  
To Thee be ever given;  
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,  
And death the gate of heaven.*

*Amen.*





