

November 2014

# Mure Memorial Church



## The Link

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Dear Friends,

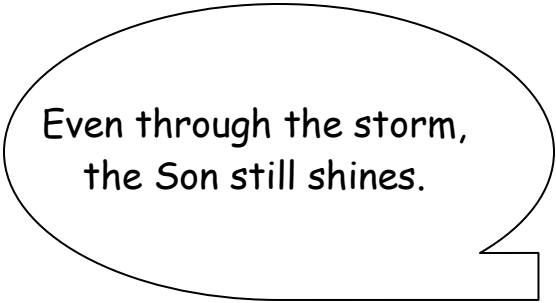
I always find this time of year strange. There seems to be an unsettled atmosphere that continually shifts the ground on which we have our being. On the one hand this is the season of remembrance highlighted in our Remembrance Day service. However the season is well chosen since Autumn is that time when we also reminisce about the warm summer holidays, the longer, brighter, and warmer days which we won't see for a while. It is also with the onset of Winter, the time when many frail people will sadly breathe their last, and there is the opportunity to look back with family over the contribution and legacy of many lives again now gone.

The strangeness however, before things become too morbid, is that, alongside this, in our worship and church life generally, we are celebrating the dedication of our organisations and the start of our new session of activities, and the empty halls of the summer are no more. This pendulum swing of looking backwards and forwards, although a constant part of the life of any congregation, seems somewhat pronounced at this time of year. This forward momentum was helped by having a recent meeting of leaders from the congregation. They were asked to choose priorities for the way ahead that might focus the work of the church for the foreseeable future. The meeting decided on the three issues of (1) our children and young people, (2) the development of worship and (3) the continuing improvement in our pastoral care. The Kirk Session will be looking at ways in which this agenda can be taken forward in the near future, but already things are moving. We will have the appointment of a worker as part

of the ministry team to work with children and young people during the winter. On the worship front we are still looking for a time and space for alternative worship, while having another look at the number of our members unable to attend for 10 am on a Sunday. We have an excellent care team at present, but we are still unable to meet the demand of hospital visits, and visiting those who are largely housebound, and getting elderly up to the building for worship and other events. These issues will no doubt take up a fair amount of discussion and activity over the winter and beyond.

I hope we can get through this season with good celebrations of the past, but with the desire to use them as a launching pad for the future, a better future freed from the destruction of hatred and greed, from squabbles over power, so prevalent in the wider world, and instead a real desire for unity and love, so much needed today. "Thy Kingdom come, O Lord."

Yours in Christ,  
Malcolm



Even through the storm,  
the Son still shines.



### 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)

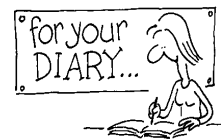
No specific appointment is necessary. Other times can be made available by arrangement, as can home visits. The minister’s phone number is **07740868181**. Please feel free to pass the times and phone number to anyone who may request them.

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

- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. Susan Ralston: We pray for husband Gordon.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. Margaret McKendrick: We remember Ross and all the family in our prayers.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. May McQuade: We pray for all the family.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. Mary Fleming: We remember husband Sam and all the family in our prayers.

### BAPTISMS “Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them – Mark 10”

3<sup>rd</sup> August Allan Paul McCallum (Adult) & Rio Kade Allan McCallum: We pray for Rio’s parents Allan & Michelle.



- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Guild Concert with The Glasgow Philharmonic Choir
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. Remembrance Service **10.45am**  
**Please note the different starting time of the Service**
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. Guild Sunday Service 10.00 am
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. World Mission Beetle Drive 7.30pm
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Morning Service 10.00 am
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Board Meeting 7.30 pm
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Morning Service 10.00 am
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Sunday at Seven Morning Service 10.00 am
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Kirk Session meeting 7.45 pm
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Communion Sunday

Ever-living God  
 we remember those  
 whom you have gathered  
 from the storm of war into  
 the peace of your presence,  
 May that same peace calm our fears,  
 bring justice to all peoples and establish  
 harmony among the nations.  
 Amen.



My thanks to all at Mure Memorial. I am now a little stronger after my fall in church. My grateful thanks for the lovely flowers and get well wishes I received from the Church and the Guild. My thanks also to my friends and members at Mure Memorial for their kindness in phone calls, visits and cards which I received. It was much appreciated. I do miss the Church, but hope to be with you soon.  
 Nancy Smith

**Flower Calendar**

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



<b>October 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Edith Bavaird
<b>October 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Mary Martin
<b>October 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Janette & Jack Hunt
<b>October 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Jean Fyfe

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Our new session is now well underway and an invitation is extended to all men of the congregation, and indeed within the parish, to join with us on Monday evenings at 7.45pm. Our syllabus for November is as follows;

- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Rev Ada McLeod
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Alastair Borthwick  
- Japan
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Bill Wood – Soldiers  
Grove – The town that  
moved
- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Ronnie Fitzcharles –  
Coaching Holidays
- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy Robertson – With  
Saga to the Wild West
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Robert Hamilton-  
Western Isles and St  
Kilda

**DOOR DUTY November**  
**BEADLE: R McKendrick**

Door & Collection

November 9th	November 16th
E Boyd	
C Rodgers	
A Stuart	Guild Sunday
D Rodgers	
B Graham	
A Graham	

November 23rd	November 30th
A Telfer	R Colquhoun
G McDonald	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
M McMillan	C Robertson
P McDonald	E Colquhoun
A Forrester	J McLaren

**DOOR DUTY December**  
**BEADLE: M Scott**

Door & Collection

December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 14 <sup>th</sup>
A Pollock	
C Scotland	
J Davidson	Kirk Session
A Borthwick	
J Crawford	
C Turnbull	

**Loving Father**  
**When difficulties**  
**surround us, help us**  
**to keep a sense of balance,**  
**and stay peaceful within.**



**Amen.**



**Thank you**

I would like to thank the Choir, Sunday School and Church family for all my beautiful flowers and cards I have received after my operation. All so very much appreciated. I am doing well and hope it won't be long till I am back at church again.

Irene Main



*"Don't walk in front of me - I may not follow.  
 Don't walk behind me - I may not lead  
 Just walk beside me - and be my friend."*

Albert Camus

## Nine modern-day sins

- Booking a table in a restaurant and not turning up
- Taking coat hangers from hotels
- Pledging money for a telethon, but not sending it
- Not clearing away your tray at McDonalds
- Taking ten items through the nine items or less checkout
- Starting the bottom layer of a chocolate box before finishing the top
- Unfolding all the sweaters in Marks and Spencer
- Phoning your cousin in Australia from work.

## GUILD NEWS



The programme for November and December is -

- November 4<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Philharmonic Choir. Tickets £5, on sale now or pay at the door (includes tea and homebaking)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Malcolm Cuthbertson
- Afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> Visit from Mure Guild Irvine (Lunch)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Moira Scott - Trip to Asia
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Citizens Dinner
- 9<sup>th</sup> Carols by Candlelight

New members are always welcome and can be sure of a warm welcome and an enjoyable evening. Come and see.

## **Garrowhill Garden Estate**

Recently, Garrowhill Garden Estate has been named as the Scottish Regional winners of Britain's national garden competition "Cultivation Street", organised by David Dolmoney co-host of STV's "Your Garden" and is due to be presented with £500 of gardening vouchers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents of the Garrowhill Community who donated trays of plants and monetary donations when we first started up. Without these donations, we would not have been where we are to-day and we are eternally grateful for the support we have had to date.

There was also a motion lodged in the Scottish Parliament congratulating all the members of Garrowhill Garden Estate Community Group for the voluntary work we do to improve the visual impact within the Garrowhill Community.

We have also received a third Level 4 Thriving Award from Beautiful Scotland, due to be presented in Stirling this month.

We now go through to the National Final to be judged for Britain's Best Community Street with £10,000 to the winner.

Warm Regards  
Barrie Linning



Lodging House Mission

Thanks are due to Garrowhill Primary School, the Sunday School and members of the congregation for their donations at the Harvest Services.

Three large car loads of tins and packets were delivered to Lodging House Mission, where they were gratefully received. A particular thank you to all who helped pack up the goods, with a special mention to John and Alistair and to Agnes and Linda, and of course to our drivers, Elizabeth, Pamela and Joe.

The Lodging House Mission Christmas card order form is now available from Anne Carmichael.

*"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."*  
(Seen on an Irish gravestone)





The McKendrick family would like to thank all friends and members of Mure Memorial for their kind expressions of sympathy and support and for the many cards and flowers received following Margaret's passing. We would also like to thank Malcolm for conducting such an uplifting service and Bill for his musical accompaniment.

We also appreciated the teams who welcomed the congregation as they entered the church and to members who operated the sound system.

Many thanks are due to all who attended the services and for such a magnificent contribution amounting to £1,000.00 which will be shared by the Beatson Hospital and Macmillan nursing.

### **Presbytery Report**

Our guest speaker at the October meeting of Presbytery was Mrs Heather French who has served for many years as the National Vocations Promotion Officer for the Ministries Council. She disclosed some concerning figures to us. Unless there are more entrants into training for full time ministry, by 2020 the Church of Scotland will be around 200 ministers short. By 2024, Glasgow Presbytery will have lost 43 of its ministers due to retirement.

She shared with us some of the ways that the Ministries Council are looking to reverse this

trend and encourage more people to consider training for ministry. They are posing the question, "What's God's grand plan for your life?" and she stressed the importance of our prayers for the work which she does.

She assured us that there was no intention of lowering the standards of the candidates being accepted.

They have been looking at sister churches who seem to have had some degree of success using definitive marketing strategies. There has been greater press coverage, advertising and a greater presence at events.

They are trying to raise awareness locally and are looking for local vocation champions. These could be ministers, deacons, elders or members of congregations who would help to organise vocation conferences locally.

They are also engaging with young people in a pilot project, which is being run in Arbroath St Andrew's Church, where a group of around six young people are sharing accommodation and working as a team within the Parish. Apprenticeships and summer placement are also being offered.

The Business Committee reported that word had been received from the Ministries Council in Edinburgh, that the Presbytery Planning Task Group had accepted the Glasgow Presbytery Plan.

A new Strategy Officer has been appointed and will take up her appointment at the end of October.

A request had been made for more youth representation at Presbytery and the Committee were recommending that two young people in the age group 18 – 25 be invited to be Youth Representatives to Presbytery with the same rights and privileges as Youth Representatives at the General Assembly. This means they will be entitled to speak and move motions but not vote during debates on Committee reports and Overtures, but not entitled to speak during debates on matters affecting Presbytery procedures or Standing Orders. The arrangement will be reviewed after one year. This was agreed.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee reported that Glasgow Presbytery has been assigned a figure of £6,220,590 for its 2015 Ministries and Mission Contributions. This represents an increase of 0.35% from last year. The proposed figure for Mure Memorial is £59, 890.

The Committee also gave us a helpful reminder of the duties of Trustees.

The Community Responsibility Committee made another appeal for support for foodbanks, especially in the run up to Christmas.

They are also researching to what extent congregations are involved in the role of Credit Unions in communities around the Presbytery.

The World Mission Committee had already been authorised by Presbytery to explore the possibility of Twinning with a partner in Pakistan at Presbytery level. The World Mission Council in Edinburgh had received a

request from the Church of Pakistan Diocese in Hyderabad to twin with a Church of Scotland Presbytery and, having looked at their profile, the World Mission Council staff were suggesting that this was a good match.

A request was now being made for approval that a profile of Glasgow Presbytery be sent to the Diocese of Hyderabad in Pakistan along with an offer to further explore the potential for Twinning. This was approved and it was also agreed that the Business Committee would set up a working group to take the proposal forward and report back to Presbytery.

Janet Park

**CROSSREACH**  
providing a caring future  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> November has been  
designated CrossReach Week  
2014.**

CrossReach was previously known as the Church of Scotland Board of Social Responsibility. They continue the Church of Scotland's long tradition of providing care and support. There are leaflets available in the Church telling about the marvelous work which they do.

Please take time to read the leaflet and fill in the response form.

You can find out more about their work at [www.crossreach.org.uk](http://www.crossreach.org.uk).

**Some actual excerpts  
from the classified  
sections of newspapers:**



Dog for sale; eats anything and is fond of children,

Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

Illiterate? Write today for free help.

For sale: antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.

Used cars: Why go elsewhere to be cheated. Come here first.

Mixing bowl set designed to please a cook with round bottom for efficient beating.

*From A Box of Delights, J John and Mark Stibbe*

**World Mission Committee**



We would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support at the launch of the Connected Church Project last month. Bill

Russell's Concert raised the magnificent sum of £664.30 which, added to our special Harvest offerings, means that Tearfund's self-help groups in Ethiopia will benefit by no less than £1310.71.

Clearly, the presentation by Tearfund's Lynne Paterson touched many hearts and we are grateful to her for giving her time that Sunday morning as well as to Bill for putting his well-known musical skills at our disposal in the afternoon.

Of course, this is only the start of a three year commitment and we have another date for your diaries. On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30pm we will be holding a good old-fashioned Beetle Drive in the Church hall. We hope that this will appeal to all members of the family - mums, dads, grandparents and children - and absolutely no previous experience is necessary. As long as you can hold a pencil, shake a dice and count to six, you will be able to play and we can promise you two things – a lot of fun and, of course, a cup of tea to give you a breather. So please come along and enjoy yourselves. Tickets costing £3 for adults and £1 for children will be available from committee members or through the various organisations in the church.

Finally, may I draw your attention to our notice board in the main hall. We intend to use it for regular updates on the progress of the Kale Haywet Church self help groups so that you will know how your donations are being used.

Alastair Borthwick

How well did you do in our quiz about Ethiopia?

Here are the answers:

1. Which of the following is the flag of Ethiopia?



a)

2. What is the monetary unit of Ethiopia?

b) Birr

*The Pula is the monetary unit in Botswana and the Naira is the monetary unit in Nigeria*

3. What is the main export of Ethiopia?

a) Coffee

4. What is the Capital of Ethiopia?

c) Addis Ababa

5. Ethiopia celebrates New Year in which month in our Calendar?

c) September

6. Which one of the following countries does not share a border with Ethiopia?

d) Ghana

7. What was the former name of Ethiopia?

a) Abyssinia

8. What is the Ethiopian name for the festival that we call Christmas?

b) Ledet

*Timket is Epiphany and Fasika is Easter*

9. Who was the last ruler of Ethiopia?

c) Haile Selassie

*Haile Gebrselassie and Mohammed Aman are Ethiopian long distance runners*

10. Which religious relic is still believed to be in existence in Ethiopia?

b) The Ark of the Covenant

*The Ark of the Covenant is believed to have been brought back by Menelik, the first Solomonic Emperor of Ethiopia, when he returned from visiting his father King Solomon in Jerusalem. He is alleged to have ruled around 950 BC, according to traditional sources.*

**Lead me this day, Lord, not only to be of service to others but to ensure that I find quiet moments for myself and for you.**



### CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE LINK

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**Deadline for the next issue is  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

