

November 2016



# Mure Memorial Church



# The Link

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

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Friends,

While preparing a recent sermon on Joseph in Egypt I was caught by the word 'steward'. This used to be a central word in the English vocabulary - shop-steward, bar-steward, air-steward, but appears to be fast disappearing. The word, or rather the role, is a very important one throughout the Bible as countless people act the role. Joseph was a steward under Pharaoh with responsibility for all the country's produce in a time of famine. The leaders of the Jews throughout history and especially in the time of Jesus were referred to as stewards, responsible to God for the people of God. Essentially a steward is someone in a position of responsibility looking after goods or people in place of someone more important. The expectation is that the steward will keep whatever he is responsible for in good order and deliver them later as they were received, or even better than that. The criticism of the Jewish leadership was that they were failing to keep God's people well, and indeed were misrepresenting God to them, often for their own prestige and power – not at all what a steward was supposed to do.

Stewarding, or rather stewardship, has often been a major part of the Church as well. The stewardship for which the central church has often asked, is in relation to the financial and fabric wellbeing of the church. We have had expectations put upon us that we raise our monies and look after the property as good stewards. However, I am wondering (aloud) whether there is a higher expectation wanted of us by God.

We appear to be happier maintaining the ways things have always been, unwilling or unable to move into the future with God. It is of course good to support what has always been, because it is the way we know, the way we were brought up, and we are comfortable with it. However, in the story of the three stewards (the parable of the talents), Jesus gives two of the stewards into a row for simply returning what was given to them, while the one who returned more than was given was amply rewarded.

We continue to struggle to advance the Mure Access Project, which is not just a maintaining

of the building, but opening up the building to be more accessible not only to the physically disabled, but also to young children in prams for our pre-five agenda. Once again the debate centred around the replacement of our organist with a Musical Director has re-awakened the exclusion in worship of those who like to sing with a more contemporary musical agenda.

Can we set aside our own comfort with the way things are and look to worship, fellowship and service more appropriate to present and future generations? Can we find ways of appreciating visitors to the congregation stepping out of their comfort zone by coming into our church, without finding ways to criticise their behaviour, dress or language? Can we be stewards of all that God has given us and offer back to him even more than he gave us?

I do so hope we are up for the challenge!

Yours in Christ,  
Malcolm

## 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**

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

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Martha McCallum: We remember husband Peter and the family in our prayers
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. Jim Gold: We pray for wife Edna and the family
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. Ian Cox: We remember wife Nan and the family in our prayers
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. Margaret Lackie: We pray for Alistair and sons Craig and Alan.

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

- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: Harlow Margaret Creighton: We ask God’s Blessing for parents Lauren and William

**WEDDINGS** *“So they are no longer two, but one.– Matthew 19”*

- 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Lorna Elmslie and David Campbell: May God richly bless them both.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oct Nicole James and Keiran Hall: Wishing them every blessing



- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Baptismal Service 10.00 am
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Service in St Andrew’s Church 10.45 am
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday Service **10.45 am.**  
**Please note different start time**
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Nov Beetle Drive in aid of our Connected Church Project 7.30 pm
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Kirk Session meeting 7.45 pm
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Baptismal Service 10.00 am
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Board meeting 7.30 pm
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Morning Worship 10.00 am  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Morning Worship 10.00 am  
Gift Service
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Communion Sunday 10.00 am

Please note, there will be no afternoon Communion in December, but there will be a short Service of Communion on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, before the start of the Senior Citizens.



**Flower Calendar**

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

<b>October 2nd</b>	<b>Alison Strachan</b>
<b>October 9th</b>	<b>Ross McKendrick</b>
<b>October 16th</b>	<b>Mary Martin</b>
<b>October 23rd</b>	<b>Edith Bavaird</b>



Lord our God, open us up to your Spirit living within us, that we may live fully each day of our lives.

Touch us that we may become more aware of all that is around us, growing in a sense of wonder and awe, and in appreciation for all that we see and hear and touch and taste and smell.

May we live in such a way that we never take anything for granted, but always be appreciative and express our thanks to those who are part of our lives..

Amen

**DOOR DUTY NOVEMBER**

**BEADLE: G Leiper**

Door & Collection

<b>November 6th</b>	<b>November 13th</b>
E Boyd	A Hunter
C Rodgers	E Clark
A Stuart	M Brown
D Rodgers	Jeanette Hunt
B Graham	S Brown
A Graham	A Kenyon

<b>November 20th</b>	<b>November 27th</b>
A Telfer	R Colquhoun
G McDonald	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
M McMillan	M McEwan
P McDonald	E Colquhoun
	J McLaren

**DOOR DUTY DECEMBER**

**BEADLE: R McKendrick**

Door & Collection

<b>December 4th</b>	<b>December 11th</b>
A Pollock	
C Scotland	
J Davidson	Kirk Session
A Borthwick	
J Crawford	
C Turnbull	

**Senior Citizens**



***Calling All Seniors!***

Our programme for November and December is:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Billy Laing - Singer
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov Glasgow Senior Citizens' Orchestra. This will be held in the church and is an open meeting.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Outing to Sandyholmes Garden Centre with Lunch
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov John Muir – Singer and Pianist
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Alastair Borthwick – Holiday Slides
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Lunch at Kaldi's



Our programme for November and December is as follows –

- Nov. 1st Grand Central Hotel
- 8th Malcolm Cuthbertson
- 15th Afternoon visit from Mure Guild, Irvine - lunch
- 22nd Octave 8 – Fund Raiser (Tickets on sale soon)
- 29th John & Peter Douglas
- Dec. 6th Senior Citizens' Dinner
- 13th Carols by Candlelight

Meetings start at 7. 30 p.m. and are always entertaining and informative and you can be sure of a warm welcome and a nice cup of tea.

**Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship**



Our group meets on Mondays at 7.45 pm. We meet in the Guild Room. We invite men from our congregation to consider joining us at our weekly meeting

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- Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Sandy Robertson – Portugal
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Brian Martin – Special Olympics
- Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Peter Montgomery – Old Glasgow
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Stuart Harbinston
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> David B Vennard – Battle of the Somme
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Jill Scott & Bill Hicks – Grand Central Hotel



### From Douglas

October was yet again a busy month! The team of volunteers from Holiday Club met to discuss the summer's event, and whether we should continue running a Holiday Club next summer! The unanimous decision is that we will be running another Holiday Club next summer, so watch this space for more details! What I can confirm is following the success of our Christmas Extravaganza last year, it is something we will be repeating! Letters will be out to the young folk who attended Holiday Club within the next few weeks with full details of this exciting event.

I can have a very arduous job, but there are plenty of perks of the job, and one of those perks came in the last month when I helped the Girls' Brigade out with transport to Soaves' Café in Muirhead. It was a great trip, especially the free ice cream at the end!

You may be aware that the Sunday School has now changed its name to JAM Club. Jam stands for Jesus and Me, and it was a name picked by the

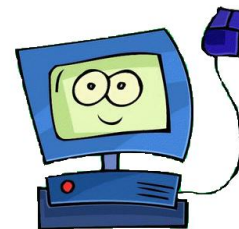
children themselves. I think it's a wonderful name, as it perfectly illustrates the relationship the children and young people need to build with Jesus. It doesn't change the excellent work that Linda and her team have and will continue to put in to the Christian Education of our children in our congregation.

At school, most of you are aware I was at the Secondary School weekend away with the Glasgow East Schools. It was a great weekend and the young people appeared to enjoy it greatly.

Christmas is on the horizon, and I've already hinted at how busy it is likely to be! In truth, I wouldn't have it any other way!

Thanks again for your continuing support  
Douglas

### Our Church website



[www.mure.org](http://www.mure.org) has undergone some significant change, so if you have not visited for a while, please take this opportunity. We are also looking for people to contribute more for the web site. If you have something going on in your organisation, please ask for it to be advertised and also let us know how it went - a picture would be great as well. New ideas are also welcome. Please email [webadmin@mure.org](mailto:webadmin@mure.org)

We are very much indebted to John McMillan for all the work which he has put into upgrading our website.

## Jonny's Half Marathon on 2<sup>nd</sup> October for Leuchie House

Hi folks!



Well the weather couldn't haven't been any better. The sun was shining and the atmosphere was tremendous. I managed a time of 1 hr 45 min which was a new PB and the icing on the cake.

Once again I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your donations. The response from friends, family, colleagues, Mure Memorial Church and Garrowhill Bowling Club has been overwhelming and you have all made a contribution to making "Margaret's Room" at Leuchie House become a reality. Your sponsorship raised £1405 - an amazing amount and all in memory of a very special lady.

Thank you all again.

**Jonny Scott**

**Thank You!**

*I would like to thanks everybody for the calls and cards I received when I came home from my spell in hospital. I am on the mend now. It was much appreciated*

*Evelyn Fleming*

**Thank You**

I would like to thank you for the flowers and also all the prayers and phone calls made enquiring about David's illness. Your concern is very much appreciated.

Ann and David Frew

**Some wise words from Robert Louis Stevenson from what he called his "Pattern for Living".**

"Make up your mind to be happy, and learn to find pleasure in simple things..."

"Make the best of your circumstances. No-one has everything, and everyone has something of sorrow intermingled with the gladness of life. The trick is to make the laughter outweigh the tears "

"Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortunes that befall others... "

"You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism worry you... "

"Don't let your neighbour set your standards. Be yourself... "

**Thank You!**

Many thanks to all my friends at the Church. I was delighted to get so many cards and lovely flowers.

Thanks to you all.

With love

Sally Stanton



Lodging House Mission

*The following is a letter which I have received from the Presbytery Clerk*

The Lodging House Mission is a lifeline for some of the city's most vulnerable people. It is open Monday to Friday, and on average sees 100 homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded people on a daily basis. In the winter months the night shelter opens at LHM from 1st December, and this year LHM would like to extend their opening hours to include a Saturday, allowing people to use the space instead of leaving the building at 7.30am with nowhere to go until the shelter reopens at night. The existing staff and volunteers work tirelessly at LHM and, like many charities, they are always grateful to have more individuals volunteering, as you can see from our Presbytery website which often has information on volunteering for LHM. LHM have thought about the different ways they could extend the service and have developed a unique opportunity to allow congregations to directly support LHM: they're asking congregations to arrange a team of volunteers to allow the service to operate on Saturdays (separate from any individuals who already volunteer on weekdays). They need four people from 9am-3pm to volunteer with a LHM staff member who will be responsible for the overall running of the day. The six hours per person can be shared by two people who choose to split the hours or it can be one person, that is a choice for congregations to make. They hope to have support from at least 12 congregations to volunteer their time for this vital service for vulnerable and often excluded people. 12 congregations working together with LHM would mean that a congregation would only need to commit to one Saturday every 12 weeks to make a huge impact on the lives of people in their city. Six hours from a congregation's time would allow this service to support people for an extra day every week. What would you be

doing? You would help with breakfast and lunch and clearing away dishes. You would also be engaging with the service users and would, of course, be supported by a LHM staff member. If this is an opportunity that you feel your congregation would like to know more about, please contact either of our Presbytery Clerks or the Lodging House Mission. With kind regards,  
Very Rev W C Hewitt, Joint Presbytery Clerk

*If you would be interested in volunteering to help by forming a team from Mure Memorial, please speak to Anne Carmichael or myself.*  
**Janet Park**

*I must thank the Church for the beautiful flowers I received on coming home from hospital. It was most uplifting and they were much admired by family and friends*



*Thanks again*  
**Nancy Smith**

*Love is a fabric that never fades, no matter how often it is washed in the waters of adversity and grief.*



**Thank You!**

Thank you for the lovely flowers I received from the Church. I appreciate the kindness and the pleasure they give.  
**Jean MacKenzie**

## A Poem for Remembrance Day



*"The inquisitive mind of a child"*

Why are they selling poppies,  
Mummy?  
Selling poppies in town today.  
The poppies, child, are flowers of  
love.  
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy,  
Mummy?  
Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because my child, men fought and  
died  
In the fields where the poppies  
grow.

But why are the poppies so red,  
Mummy?  
Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood, my child.  
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black,  
Mummy.  
Why does it have to be black?  
Black, my child, is the symbol of  
grief.  
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?  
Your tears are giving you pain.  
My tears are my fears for you my  
child.  
For the world is forgetting again.

**Author Unknown**



### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

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