

OCTOBER 2010

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

**John 8:12**  
**"I am the light of the world.**  
**He who follows Me shall not walk in**  
**darkness,**  
**but have the light of life."**

Dear Friends,  
This verse from John's Gospel often comes to my mind at this time of year. The summer is past, the nights are drawing in, and we have before us the prospect of four months or so of limited day light.

This image of Light and Darkness is a theme which runs through the whole of Scripture and is an image which might simply be seen as....  
Light = Good and Darkness = Bad

Many of the very familiar, often quoted, passages in scripture are concerned with Light:

The very first verses of the Bible tell of God creating light and then separating the light from the darkness to make Day and Night

The prophet Isaiah used the contrast of light and darkness as he looked forward to the coming of God's Messiah....

**Isaiah 9:2** *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.*

**Isaiah 49:6** speaks of God's Messiah as '**a light to the Gentiles**'

**Isaiah 60:1** *commands 'Arise, shine; For your light has come! and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you'.*

In the New Testament we continue to find images of light and darkness:

At the start of John's Gospel, Jesus' life is identified as, '**the light of men**' **John 1:4** and there is also the powerful declaration in **1Peter 2:9** that we have been **called out of darkness into God's marvellous light**

So when Jesus proclaimed....**"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of**

**life."**.... He was declaring Himself to be the fulfilment of these and many other prophecies.

Jesus came bringing the Light of Life to all who would receive Him.

Jesus made this declaration in the temple at Jerusalem on the Last day of the Festival of Tabernacles.

This festival took place at the time of the winter equinox and was a time when the people remembered God's many promises regarding light as they looked towards the darkness of winter

God had promised them His light for guidance, and for the revelation of His truth and God had promised that His light would be borne by His servant – His Messiah -- who would be the eternal light for the whole world.

At the Festival of Tabernacles there were torch light processions through the streets and giant lamp stands were set up in the temple to give light to all of Jerusalem during the hours of darkness to symbolise the eternal light of God.

And it was, that as Jesus stood in the temple beside these lamp stands, He declared Himself to be the Light -- not just of Jerusalem -- but of the whole World

He was the promised light of God.  
He was the servant mentioned in Isaiah who would bear light to the Gentiles.... and all of God's prophecies of light were fulfilled in Him.

Many people, as we know, dismissed Jesus' claims and continued to walk in darkness; but as the darkness of winter draws in around us, I pray that we might all welcome Jesus Christ as the true light of the world and have Him as the light of our lives.

**May you know God's blessing now and always.**

Leslie Grieve (Locum)

**Tel. 0141 576 13766**

**The Children of the Sunday School took part in a sponsored silence and jump and the money raised was sent to the Lodging House Mission. The letter which follows was received from the Chaplain of the Lodging House Mission.**

Dear Children of Mure Memorial Church

On behalf of the 120 men and women who come to the Lodging House Mission each day, let me thank you for your marvellous gift of £162 to help towards the work of the Mission. It was very kind of you to raise money for us by doing a sponsored silence and jump. How did you manage to keep quiet for such a long time?

We hear so many things about how awful and unruly many children are today and all about the naughty things they appear to get up to. However, nobody seems to mention all the good things that children are involved in, such as this sponsored silence and jump you did to raise money to help men and women who have experienced homelessness. Knowing that children have helped raise funds for our clients and that the children of Mure Memorial Church think and care about them will make them very happy.

The money that you raised will be used in a variety of ways such as providing food for meals, helping with outings or buying some craft material for the art classes we do with the clients.

Please continue to pray for all the men and women who use our day centre and all the volunteers and staff who work with them, that God's love in action may be the experience of all who come through our doors.

Thank you all once again for your support and may God's richest blessing be with you all.

Yours sincerely

Gus McKay (Chaplain)



*Life isn't tied  
with a bow, but  
it's still a gift.*



**Women of the Bible - Anagrams**  
(How many can you find? The answers are on page 7. No peeking!!)

A rash	Heal	At harm
Clips rail	Aargh!	A tram
Hide all	Threes	Cars do
Habitat	Rim aim	Brake eh!
Daily	Amino	Bite heals

**Life is overflowing with the new.  
But it is necessary to empty out  
the old to make room for the new  
to enter**

Just a note to say many thanks for the lovely flowers I received on Sunday, which I very much appreciated. I am feeling a bit better & hope to be back soon to church.

Yours sincerely

**Janet Forsyth**



**Flower Calendar**

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

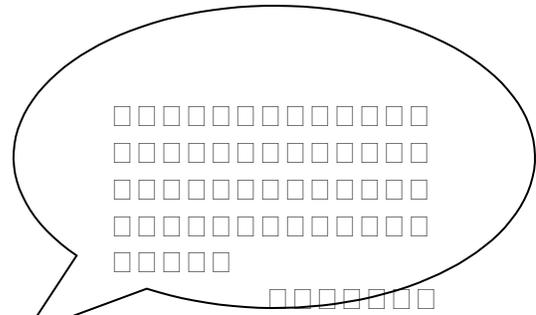


<b>September</b>	
September 5th	Mrs Currie & Family
September 12th	Mr & Mrs Pollock
September 19th	Diane Torbet
September 26th	Bob Clelland



Once again may I make an appeal for help to wrap and / or deliver flowers on a rota basis, as many hands make light work.

**Agnes Nicol**



**Congratulations and well done**



At this month's meeting of the Baillieston Churches Together Committee we heard a report from the local support group for Mary's Meals, which works out of St Bridget's Hall every Tuesday morning and is supported by members from all of the local churches. They have recently reached the magnificent total of 4,000 back-packs filled in the last two years. Towards the end of the school term, an appeal was made to the Schools in the East-end of Glasgow asking for donations of empty back-packs which were no longer required. Garrowhill Primary School donated 204 back-packs, all of which had already been filled with the various items and were ready to be sent off to children in Liberia.



Once again the KIRKINTILLOCH MALE VOICE CHOIR came up trumps & provided a fine evening's entertainment. A big thank you to all who attended and supported this fund raising effort. I would particularly mention the Ladies of the Social

Committee & other non members for their baking & preparatory work for the tea afterwards, also to the unknown ladies of the congregation who handed in home baking. All your efforts provided the sum of £450 towards our funds. Thank you all.

J.Coutts

### **Boys' Brigade**

All our sections are back in full swing. We would like to thank all the parents and friends who attended our dedication service on 19th September.

It was nice to hear the joyful voices of our Anchor Boys singing, joined by the Explorers.

Well done to Robert Fleming for his Bible reading and to Adam Carruthers who composed and read the prayer of intercession. This is the first time a boy has written a prayer himself and then read it in Church.

A group of our seniors are hoping to form an editorial team to produce a B.B. News item for future editions of the Link.

This will be a boy's eye view of what is going on in and around the Company.

John Strachan



Dear friends,

As you know my Ordination and Induction was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September and I was overwhelmed when I entered the Church to see so many people from Mure Memorial.

I would like to thank you all for sharing in, what was for me, a very special night. All your, cards, gifts, good wishes and encouragement have been so appreciated; my only regret was that I did not get to speak to everyone who was there.

Yours in Christ's service

*Les Brunger*

Prayer

*Lord, behold our family here assembled.*

*We thank you for this place in which we dwell,  
for the love that unites us,  
for the peace accorded to us this day,  
for the hope with which we expect the morrow;  
for the health, the work, the food and the bright skies  
that make our lives delightful;  
for our friends in all parts of the earth.  
Amen.*



If you would like a prayer to be said for yourself/a personal situation please complete one of the prayer slips available at each church door. Alternatively email

[prayer@mure.org](mailto:prayer@mure.org)

or telephone Eileen on 573 8142

### **Prayer Group**

The prayer group meets on Thursday evenings at 6:45pm in the Vestry. Please come along and join our group – you will be made most welcome

Eileen Mitchell

## **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

**Deadline for the next issue is**  
**27<sup>th</sup> October**

### Badminton Club

The Church Badminton Club restarts on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 p.m. This is a fun club open to anyone over the age of 16, of any ability, who would like to enjoy some fellowship while keeping fit. If you are interested in joining us then please come along any Monday night between 8 p.m – 10 p.m.

### Girls' Brigade

As we start our new session, unfortunately, a few of our helpers and officers will not be able to join us this year. This allows us the opportunity to ask if there are any ladies who would be interested in coming along to help at the Girls' Brigade, even for a few weeks.

We cover many subjects with the girls and I am sure there are many ladies with talents which they could pass on to the girls.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping or would like more information, please speak to any member of GB staff or contact Jeanette on 778 4662 or email [leiper\\_j@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leiper_j@yahoo.co.uk).

Our new session is now under way but we would welcome any new girls who would like to join us. We meet as follows:

Explorers (Primary 1 – 3) - Mondays  
6.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Juniors (Primary 4 – 7) - Wednesdays  
6.15 p.m – 7.45 p.m.

Brigaders (S1 – S6) - Wednesdays  
7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

### **Jeanette**

#### **Bible Trivia**

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah: He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

### **DOOR DUTY – October**

#### **BEADLE: ROBERT GETTY**

##### Door & Collection

<b>October 3rd</b>	<b>October 10th</b>
L Strachan	J Hunt
L Bell	Mrs Hunt
A Frew	J Hannah
A Smith	Mrs Hannah
A Kenyon	A Kavannah
M Brown	

<b>October 17th</b>	<b>October 24th</b>
W Millar	E Boyd
C Scotland	A Stuart
Car. Stewart	C Rodgers
C McChesney	B Graham
C Turnbull	W B Bowie
Mrs Walker	M Martin

### **DOOR DUTY – November**

## BEADLE: ROBERT McKENDRICK

Door & Collection

November 7th	November 14th
A Pollock	W Millar
J McVittie	C Scotland
J Crawford	C Stewart
A Borthwick	C McChesney
A Nicol	C Turnbull
A Stewart	A Walker

Rim aim - Miriam  
Brake eh! - Rebekah  
Daily - Lydia  
Amino - Naomi  
Bite heals - Elisabeth

## If you have a moment

*In happy moments, praise God*  
*In difficult moments, seek God*  
*In quiet moments, worship God*  
*In painful moments, trust God*  
*In every moment, thank God*



## Women of the Bible - Anagrams

A rash - Sarah  
Heal - Leah  
At harm - Martha  
Clips rail - Priscilla  
Aargh! - Hagar  
A tram - Martha  
Hide All - Delilah  
Threes - Esther  
Cars do - Dorcas  
Habitat - Tabitha

## THE GUILD



The new session of the Guild will have started by the time you get this magazine. We have a full programme of interesting and entertaining items and a warm welcome is extended to everyone who would like to come and join us on Tuesday evenings. Our meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. and we usually finish between 8.45 and 9.15 p.m. Our programme for October and November is -

- Oct 5 Projects - Helen Graham  
10(Sun) - Dedication Service  
12 Songs & Laughter - Rhona Hughes  
19 Terrify No More  
26 Falkirk Bohemians (Theatre Night)
- Nov 2 Gardens I Can Remember - J. Kinloch  
9 St John's Singers Concert  
16 All Our Yesterdays - A. McPhail  
23 Guild Week - Lunch with Mure Guild, Irvine

(Our twinned Guild)  
30 Rev. Melvyn Wood

**Service for Nurses & Medical Staff  
(past and present)  
on St Luke's Day, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
at 11.00 am in the Nurses' Chapel  
Glasgow Cathedral**

**Agnes Key (Nan)**

Many thanks to the congregation and friends for the cards, help and support received during Nan's illness.

Thanks to all friends, ex work colleagues and others who attended Nan's funeral on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. It showed how much people thought of her. Thanks also for the donations received at the end of the service, which will be sent to the Marie Curie Hospice, Stobhill. The amount collected was £1101.64 - a tremendous gesture - thanks to all who donated

Billy Key

**LODGING HOUSE MISSION**

Many thanks to one of our members, Ross McKendrick, who participated in the sponsored cycle event and raised £118.00. The children will again contribute to the Harvest Appeal. Copies of the Lodging House Mission annual review are now available at the

front and rear of the church. Copies of the LHM Christmas Catalogue are now available. Please see me if you wish to see a catalogue for any items you may want to purchase.

A Carmichael

**A Final Word from the  
Nominating Committee**

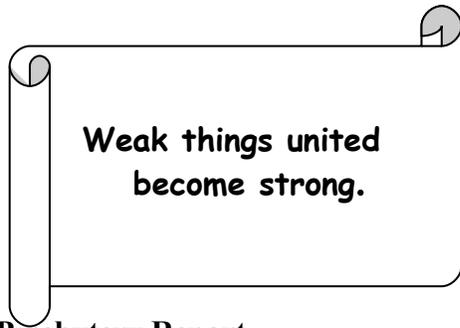
On behalf of the members of the Nominating Committee, I would like to express our thanks for all the support, prayers and words of encouragement which you have given us over the past two and a half years.

At times, it seemed as if God had sent us out on an interminable path but, every time we experienced a set-back, we seemed to gain a new strength to continue. As a group, however, we never doubted that He would finally lead us to that special person who was to become our new minister.

The strength of your support in electing Malcolm Cuthbertson confirmed the unanimous feeling of the committee when we decided to put forward his nomination that this indeed is the man to take us further on our journey of faith.

As Malcolm reminded us, we are all "the King's priests, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God" and I look forward, as I am sure you all do, to exciting times under his leadership in Mure Memorial as God uses us all to carry out His work both in this community and in the wider world.

Alastair Borthwick



## Presbytery Report

At the first meeting after the summer break, Presbytery welcomed some new members. These included the Revd Dr Graham Blount and his wife the Revd Sheila Blount. Dr Blount has recently been inducted to St Enoch's Hogganfield. We also welcomed Mr Gus Mackay who has been appointed as Chaplain at the Lodging House Mission

The Presbytery Council gave notice that they want to make some changes relating to Manses. This has arisen because of some recent problems where congregations have called a minister and the manse had not been ready for occupancy or, in one case, not yet built. The proposals are that no leave to call will be granted until the Property Committee of Presbytery signs off that the congregation have a suitable, compliant manse and that the congregation have a satisfactory plan in place to bring the property up to a condition suitable for a new incumbent to move in, prior to the induction.

At the June meeting of Presbytery, it was agreed to suspend the Presbytery Plan until the September meeting. It is now proposed that a new Strategy Advisory Group be set up, which should be given the remit of conducting an immediate review of the Presbytery Plan, under the instruction of the General Assembly, using the numbers outlined by the Ministries Council in their report to the 2010 General Assembly. The Revd Graham Finch, who is Convener of the

Ministries Council, explained that the current number of Ministerial posts within Glasgow Presbytery is 163. It is intended that this should be cut by the equivalent of 31.4 full time posts by 2014.

He said that the basic reason for the review of the Presbytery Plan was that the last round of planning was carried out with no knowledge of the costs involved. We now have a grasp of the costs, and that is why this whole issue has been brought before the General Assembly. During the discussions relating to the various proposals, it was suggested that we cannot continue with unrestricted tenure, as this does not allow for the flexibility which will be required, if we are to reduce our numbers to the required level by 2014. A proposal was made that the Strategy Advisory Group should write to all ministers and charges within Glasgow Presbytery asking them to offer up their tenure to discussion as part of the review process. This was carried.

The Communications Committee asked the meeting to note the remit from the General Assembly which urged all congregations to support and promote the Kirk's monthly magazine, Life and Work.

The Ecumenical Relations Committee reported that Glasgow Churches Together would like to encourage churches to celebrate St Andrew's Day as an opportunity to proclaim a common witness to the people of their respective parishes. It is hoped to provide an event in the city area which people can attend if there is no local event.

Presbytery affirmed their delight for the Roman Catholic Community as they

welcomed Pope Benedict XVI to the City of  
Glasgow.

Janet Park

## Our Harvest Collection

The Kirk Session has decided to donate this year's Harvest Collection to Christian Aid's Pakistan Flood Disaster Appeal.

Monsoon rains sweep across Pakistan each year, but this year the rains have been stronger and more intense than usual, causing the worst floods for 80 years. The extent of the damage is severe, and the floods have destroyed communities - demolishing entire villages, roads and bridges and ruining fields and crops and killing livestock.

Throughout Pakistan, farming and animal rearing is the main source of income for many, so the loss of livestock and farm land will have major long-term consequences.

Christian Aid has sent £750,000 to help Act Alliance partners respond to the devastating floods that have killed more than 1,600 people.

Act Alliance partners will provide food, shelter and medical assistance to around 230,000 people in Balochistan, Khyber Paktunkwa, Punjab and Sindh provinces. Reports vary, but current estimates suggest that in excess of 20 million people in Pakistan have been affected.

Your donations will help make a difference to the people of Pakistan whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed in what the UN is describing as the worst natural disaster since the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami.



An evening of Organ. and Piano Music



Presented by  
Bill Russell

in aid of Christian Aid's  
Pakistan Flood Disaster Appeal.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00  
pm.

Tickets £4.00 available from  
choir members

## Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship

### *Fellowship of the Highest Order*

Our new session will have started by the time you receive your October Link. We hope to welcome back former members as well as any men who are new to our fellowship.

Our programme for October and November is as follows;

4<sup>th</sup> Oct Leslie Grieve  
11<sup>th</sup> Oct Maxi Richards – Drug Addiction  
18<sup>th</sup> Oct John Yellowlees – Scotrail  
25<sup>th</sup> Oct Quiz Night

1<sup>st</sup> Nov Gabe Wortman – Glasgow  
Community and Safety Services  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov Bill Russell – China  
15<sup>th</sup> Nov Visit to Blochairn Camera Control  
Room – 2pm meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Barry Linning (VP evening)  
29<sup>th</sup> Nov Margaret McElroy – Mary's Meals

**October 1940 to October 2010**

## **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Did you know that the magazine has been in print for exactly 70 years this month.

**Yes!! the magazine has been going this length of time. Have a look at our back page for a copy of the front page of the first ever Mure Memorial Magazine and here are a few extracts from inside.**

### **Boys' Brigade**

"With high hopes and aspirations, the Company launches out on session 1940-41. Although handicapped with a great part of the staff on active service, Lt Halkett and two Staff-Sergeants intend to make this new session even better than the last. With prices soaring the problem of rigging out recruits has been acute and it has been found necessary to raise the recruit's fee to 3/-."

### **Girls' Guildry**

"The Guardian, Miss Malcolm, and assistants will gladly welcome old and new members. The Rosebuds, the Speedwells and the Company".

### **Junior Sunday School**

"Let us recognise the need for the children of this generation to be brought up in the knowledge of Christian faith and living."

### **Dramatic Club**

"Although founded last year under the difficult war conditions, the club made a most successful debut in its presentation of three one-act plays."

### **Air Raid Precautions**

"We wish to intimate to all parents of young people attending youth organisations in the Church Halls during the week that we have provided a shelter for them in the basement. Also at least one of the Ministers will be on A.R.P. duty outside the Church Hall during a raid."

## **Coffee Morning**



The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides of Garrowhill/Baillieston District are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 10 – 12 in the Church Hall. This is in aid of the Charity which arranges a trip to Lapland for children with life threatening illnesses to allow them to meet Santa. Your support would be appreciated.

Sheila Blackwood



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**Subject to Presbytery sustaining our Call to the Reverend Malcolm Cuthbertson, we are hoping that Malcolm's induction will take place on the evening of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. It is normal practice for the congregation to make a welcome gift to a new minister.**

**If you wish to contribute to the gift, please use the attached envelope. This can either be put into the collection plate or given to your Elder who will be**

visiting with further details of  
the induction.

# Mure Memorial Church

## GARROWHILL

### MINISTER

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Telephone: Baillieston 217

### SESSION CLERK

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### ASSISTANT MINISTERS

Rev. J. H. MacIntyre, M.A.  
Rev. W. P. MacNaughtan,  
M.A.  
18 Weirwood Park  
Garrowhill

SERVICES—12 noon and 6.30 p.m.

MONTHLY LEAFLET No. 1.

OCTOBER, 1940.

### PASTORAL LETTER

This is our first Parish Leaflet and we hope to publish one every month.

Our aim is to keep every member of the congregation in touch with all the activities of our Church.

In these days of dire reality the nation is crying out for an active religion, a Christianity that calls up for active service every believer. The Church has a great task before it in preserving the welfare of the individual and of the community and the Church must not fail in this respect. Amid the pressing needs of our defence in these days we must never lose sight of the armour of the soul. No nation can endure if it neglects the power that is given by God, the "Power that cometh from on High." "The nation that will not serve God will perish."

Apart from the stated services on Sunday and the varied activities to be resumed this winter, there is the vital daily necessity for contact with God.

Some people may find that they can do this best in their homes. Others feel that there is strength in unity, and for such there is a weekly service for Intercession in the Church on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. We hope all who feel the need of corporate prayer will make use of this service. Prayer is the one great source of courage, confidence and strength.

On the 8th of September last our King called the whole nation to a day of Prayer and many people throughout the country found new strength and courage from the worship of that day. But we must remember that it is only by sincere, persistent prayer that great things are wrought for us and for the world. We would do well to follow the example of our beloved King by being in our places in the House of God regularly week by week.

There is a great variety of work our Church is attempting to undertake this winter, especially among the young people. We hope every member of the congregation will take an active interest in all our activities. Never before did our country need an active Church as it needs it to-day.

R. C. M. MATHERS.

### A THOUGHT

"Only as Christ abides in the men and the women of the world can His Kingdom be established here. Christ has no body on earth now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes with which He is to look out compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

### NEW MEMBERS

Miss Patterson, 25 Douglas Drive.  
Mrs. Clarke, 61 Springhill Road.

### BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

- Sept. 1—Georgina Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burnside, 59 Grafton Street, Glasgow.  
" 8—Eric Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Halkett, 41 Springhill Road.  
" 8—Robert Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Milliken, 8 Bannercross Drive.  
" 8—Marjorie Mabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ashfield, 2 Maxwell Drive.  
" 22—James, son of the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. M. Mathers, The Manse, Garrowhill.

### MARRIAGES

- Sept. 20—Charles Gilbert Thom Slater and Mary Ellen Lorraine Turnbull.

### BURIALS

- Sept. 7—Mr. Armstrong, 34 Gordon Avenue.  
" 17—Jack, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector McLean, 38 Barrachnie Road.

### THE MINISTER

Mr. Mathers may be interviewed in the Vestry on Thursdays, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., or at the close of services on Sundays.