

OCTOBER 2011

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Dear Friends,


I had to dig out the winter jacket this week as braving wind and rain I headed out. Meeting a friend, she passed comment on the weather, but assured me that it was to be better by the weekend. Hope blossomed. How we need to know there is something better ahead of us. Weather-wise of course we look forward already to next spring and summer, naturally hoping it will be better than the one now gone. Faith-wise and even life-wise we constantly need to remind ourselves that “things can only get better”!!

I was reminded of this again when I received an email from a Brethren friend whom I met in the summers of 1975 and 1976, but hadn't seen since. I was doing a summer work experience in a List 'D' School for boys north of Helensburgh, and during time off, found a Summer Mission on the beach and joined in. My friend and his family were very good to me over those summers and I was invited regularly to their congregation's weekly Bible Studies, where I sat largely in fear and trepidation, while the senior men of the church showed their knowledge of all things biblical.

On one such occasion they were looking at 1 Peter, chapter 1, a passage about hope. The senior elder suggested that sufferings were only part of our life and that they were interspersed with good times for which we give thanks to God. Good as it sounded I had a problem with it!! It seemed to me that the passage was saying that even if our entire life is one of suffering it is nothing compared to the glory that awaits us in heaven, and I let the group know what I thought. There was a moment's silence as the elderly gentlemen all looked at each other, and I was expecting either to be totally ignored or indeed sent out of the Bible Study as a heathen interloper. However the silence was broken by an old gentleman saying, “I think our young brother has something here”. Relief and acceptance!! I still believe that passage means the same today as always. No matter how hard or painful our lives are. No matter what we have to endure or put up with day after day. “If our hope is in this life only we are the most

pitiable of people” (1 Corinthians 15 v19). However, whoever we are, whatever our circumstances, whatever the burdens we carry, personally or for others, we have a glorious future to which we look forward because of what Christ has done. I pray that something of that future will break into your lives now, making your pain easier and your burdens lighter and help you remember the “living hope” you have at the centre of your lives, which as any B.B. person will tell you is the “sure and steadfast anchor” of our soul (Hebrews 6 v 19).

Yours in His Service,
Malcolm



Don't wait for something big to occur. Start where you are, with what you have, and that will always lead you into something greater

WEDDINGS

- 3rd Sept. **Nicole McGill & Alan Walmsley**
May God bless their life together.
- 24th Sept. **Marie Kilday & Alex Cochrane**
May God bless their life together.

FUNERALS

- 2nd Sept. **David Watson**
We remember sisters Angela and Margot in our prayers
- 8th Sept. **John Wilson**
We remember wife Alexis , son Austin and daughter Priscilla.
- 16th Sept. **Christine McLaughlan**
We remember daughters Carol and Gail and son John.
- 16th Sept. **Owen Brannigan**
We remember Angela and the children Connor and Georgia.

FUTURE SERVICES

- 2nd October** Boys' Brigade Dedication Service 10.30am
- 9th October** Guild Dedication Service 10.30am
- 16th October** Harvest Service 10.30am
- 23rd October** Baptismal Service – Kai John Cowan 10.30am
- 30th October** Communion Service 10.30am
Evening Communion Service 6.30pm
- 6th Nov.** 75th Anniversary of 45th Girls Brigade Coy. Thanksgiving and Dedication Service 10.30am
- 13th Nov.** Remembrance Sunday
Please note **10.45am** start
Songs of Praise Service
6.30pm (Singing the congregation's top 10 favourites)

(Please note that on the Sundays, 30th October and 6th 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!!!)

WORSHIP STUDY EVENINGS

Following the successful Study evenings on The Bible and Pastoral Care, the third set of studies will be on Worship. These evenings are open to all, led by the minister, but with group discussions and pitched at a level all will understand.

Sunday 9th October 7.30pm

What is Worship?

Sunday 16th October 7.30pm

Why we do what we do now- a potted history of Protestant worship.

Sunday 23rd October 7.30pm

The Sacraments of Baptism and Communion.

Sunday 30th October 8.00pm

Recent Developments in Worship.

Sunday 6th November 7.30pm

Creating our own Worship Service.

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

Our weekly meetings recommence on Monday 3rd October at 7:45pm. The opening speaker will be our Minister, Rev. Malcolm Cuthbertson. Membership is open to all men in our community and a warm welcome is extended to new members. A special welcome is extended to lady drivers to attend our meeting on Monday 10th October, when our speaker will be from the Strathclyde Police Drivers' training school. Learn good driving tips and up to date road laws.

17th Oct. John Kinnis (son of the late Rev. Robert Kinnis, a former minister of our church)

24th Oct. Quiz night,

31st Oct Sandra Paterson (Fitness).

Looking forward to meeting new and existing members.

J.Coutts (President)



GUILD NEWS

The new session of the Guild begins on Tuesday 4 October at 7.30 p.m. and our Syllabus for October and November is -

- 4 Oct Opening Night (Hats)
- 9 Oct (Sunday 10.30 a.m.) Re-Dedication
We hope as many members as possible will attend.
- 11 Oct A Place of Hope.
- 18 Oct Laser Treatment – Gillian McNeil.
- 25 Oct Stage Struck – Yvonne Waring.

- 1 Nov Halloween Night.
- 8 Nov Cardonald Ladies Choir Concert.
(tickets £4)
- 15 Nov Julia Birkenshaw.
- 22 Nov Crystal Clear.
- 29 Nov Fashion Show – Toggery Ltd.

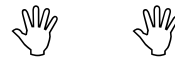
We look forward to meeting up with all our members and catching up on their news and welcoming new members. You can be sure of a warm welcome at the Guild.

Flower Calendar



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

September	
September 4th	Margaret Clark
September 11th	Yvonne Bronsky & Elaine Clark
September 18th	Senga McChesney
September 25th	Bob Clelland



Thanks to all who have offered help 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, let me know

Sincerely Agnes

Direct me now, O
 gracious Lord,
 To hear aright Thy
 holy Word;
 Assist Thy minister
 to preach,
 And let Thy Holy Spirit teach,
 And let eternal life be found
 By all who hear the joyful sound.
 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 or place a copy of the information in the folder outside the Vestry

PLEASE NOTE

Deadline for the next issue of the Link is October 19th

Getting Your Kids through Church without them Ending up Hating God

Wednesday 02 November 2011 The Clyde Auditorium, Glasgow

Every year, thousands of young people leave the church and for many of us, this is a personal concern. However many of them don't actually turn their back on God, but on something else. This tour is an opportunity for parents, church leaders and youth workers to join together as we discover what that "something" might be – and try to change it.

International speaker and best-selling author, Rob Parsons has brought insight and inspiration to thousands of families since founding Care for the Family. With passion and humour, Rob will help us understand what we can change in our homes, our churches - our hearts - which will make it less likely that a generation will be lost to the church.

Also appearing are the acclaimed British Christian band Phatfish, and the Saltmine Theatre Company.

How to Book Tickets

Group booking tickets already reserved for Mure Memorial Church, at a special price of £8 per ticket. First come first served. Contact Michelle Key on telephone or text 07767821607. For more information or to book your own ticket go to www.gyktc.org.uk or call 01506 846476

Finance report to the end of August 2011

We are now 2/3rds of the way through the year and our offerings are over £6000 ahead of last year, but still slightly behind our budget figures. There has also been a small increase in our other income. Our expenditure, however, has increased over last

year by approximately £6000, mainly due to our Ministries and Mission costs. We are however at our expected budget spend. I am reasonably happy with the current state of our finances at present, but like all treasurers I would welcome more income.

It is nice to see that our Windows fund is steadily increasing and now stands at £15,820. **Many thanks for all the many very generous donations that have been given.** This will certainly help when we apply for funding, which we will proceed with, when we receive quotations for the work to be carried out.

The Guild members have very kindly agreed that they will each donate their usual Summer collection towards the Church Window fund. If each member, if you have at present signed a Gift Aid Form, would please quote their WFO number or name then this would allow me to claim back tax. Thank you ladies for this very kind decision.

While on the subject of gift aid, **if you are a taxpayer** and have not already completed a gift aid form, please consider this, as it is a method of increasing your contribution by 25p in every £1 given, for simply signing the form.

Peter Malcolm

Lodging House Mission.

Well done to Ross Mc Kendrick who participated once again in the sponsored cycle event in June and raised £125.00.

There are LHM Christmas card leaflets available at the front and rear of the church. Please give me orders by 30th October.

The latest LHM news letter is now also available, please take a copy.

Ann Carmichael.

DOOR DUTY – October

BEADLE: Graeme Leiper

Door & Collection

October 2nd	October 9th
E Boyd	J Hunt
C Rodgers	J Hannah
A Stuart	M Brown
M McKellar	Mrs Hunt
B Graham	Mrs Hannah
M Martin	A Kenyon

October 16th	October 23rd
A Kavannah	L Kennedy
A Telfer	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
L Strachan	C Robertson
M McMillan	E Colquhoun
A Forrester	J McLaren

DOOR DUTY – November

BEADLE: R McKendrick

Door & Collection

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



Gladiolus: Strength of character, Love at first sight, Generosity

Community Development Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped over the summer months to make our Summer Fellowship Monday afternoon teas a success. A particular thanks to Malcolm's Mum, Jean Paterson, who very kindly donated coffee and tea etc. to get us started. Also thanks to Annie Graham who donated beautifully hand made cards to be sold and the proceeds to go to the Window Fund. Our fund is standing at £675. This money was raised by our functions through the summer months – teas, anniversary celebrations and ticket sales for the quiz. Thank you all for your help and support. Another date for your diary is **Saturday 26th November**, when we plan to have a **CEILIDH**, and you can bring your own refreshments – alcoholic or non alcoholic.

Peggy McLellan.

Friends are like balloons, once you let them go, you might not get them back. Sometimes we get so busy with our own lives and problems that we may not even notice that we've let them fly away. Sometimes we are so caught up in who's right and who's wrong that we forget what's right and what's wrong. Sometimes we just don't realise what real friendship means until it is too late.

Holding on to anger is like Grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.

Bible Class



Hopefully, the Congregation enjoyed our presentation of the previous year's work which had been postponed from June.

We are pleased that John Birkenshaw has become a part of Bible Class, as a Leader. Now, we just need to persuade a few more adults to commit to turning up on a Sunday to allow us to continue to meet. John works shifts but will join us on his days off.

As the young people in Bible Class turn into teenagers, they are under more peer-pressure not to go to Church on a Sunday morning. Sleepovers with friends, sport-related activities and shopping all compete for their time and attention. Sadly, this session, so far, shows that our Church is failing to attract new, young people and there has been a noticeable drop in numbers attending Bible Class each week.

Satellite Club

To try and address this problem the Satellite Club has been launched via Facebook - an internet social-networking website. The purpose is to maintain contact with teenagers and young adults, and their parents, who no longer regularly attend worship at Mure, with a view to inviting them to church social events and activities, in the hope that they will, at least, step over the threshold, and will be made welcome.

Beverley Bisset
Bible Class Leader

Badminton Club

The church badminton club begins its new session on Monday 10th October at 8 p.m. This is a fun club which is open to anyone over 16, whether you are a beginner or an accomplished player. If you are interested in having some fun while keeping fit then please come along any Monday night or contact Jeanette or Graeme Leiper on 0141 778 4662.

45th Glasgow Girls' Brigade (Mure Memorial Parish Church, Garrowhill)

The new session has now started and we meet on Monday and Wednesday nights as follows:

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

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

BRIGADERS (S1 – S6)
Wednesdays 7 .30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.

All girls are welcome to join us for games, crafts, baking, quizzes, badgework and much, much more.

75th Anniversary

We are looking forward to a very exciting session this year as the Company celebrates our 75th Anniversary. To celebrate we are holding a Reunion Dinner for past members of the Company on 5th November 2011 and would be delighted to see as many former members as possible, however for catering purposes we need to know in advance how many people are intending to join us on this evening of celebration and fun. If you are, or you know of, any former members then please add contact details to the list in the Church or email details to:

gb45thglasgow@yahoo.com as soon as possible. We are also holding a service of Thanksgiving and Dedication on Sunday 6th November and are hoping to be organising other activities of celebration later in the year.

Jeanette Leiper



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.

Throughout the month of October, voting slips will be 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, 13th November at 6.30 pm, we will have a "Songs of Praise" evening, when we will sing through the top ten choices.

Property Committee Update

The Property Committee and some brilliant helpers are continuing to try to maintain the Church "within budget and on time" as they say. Things like toilet seats, light bulbs and so on aren't very exciting developments, but none the less it's this type of essential maintenance that takes time and money, but not everyone notices. Two members "discovered" the Mure Memorial Miners Church Memorial Stone, made of polished pink granite, and have undertaken to carry out some minor works to make it available to once again be seen by all. The information document, within a frame which had rotted is being reprinted, and a new frame will be ordered so that it can be seen by all. The stone is currently available to view in the main vestibule of the Church, on the right hand side.

Once again, if you are aware of anything amiss from a maintenance point of view, feel free to report it to an Elder, or even place an entry in the Property Maintenance Book in the Church Office yourself. Don't worry if it's already something we know about – the more eyes who see, hopefully the better looked after the property will be.

Presbytery Report

At the June meeting of Presbytery a Special Committee convened by the past Moderator, the Revd Neil Galbraith was appointed to consider an ongoing matter of a sensitive nature and the committee now brought its recommendation to Presbytery. Having sought advice, the Committee recommended that an Investigating Committee, consisting of three people who were independent of Presbytery, be appointed and that the Committee be chaired by the Very Revd Dr John Cairns, a former Moderator of the General Assembly. The remit of the Committee will be to investigate complaints raised about some procedures one of which relates to an audit of the Presbytery Office procedures which has been carried out at a total cost of over £9,000, without proper authorisation or consultation. The committee will be asked to determine whether any of the complaints should be upheld, to review related processes of decision-making and accountability within Presbytery and to recommend what steps, if any, should be taken as a result of the findings of the Committee.

Much of the meeting was taken up by the Strategy Planning Group. Members of Presbytery were being asked to take part in a

weighting exercise to determine the relative importance to be attached to each of the five factors that are to be taken into consideration during the Presbytery Planning Process. The five factors were detailed in the September Link. They are Parish Population, Parish Need, Congregational Size and Strength, Ministries and Mission Contributions and Outward Looking Focus. Each person eligible to vote was given 10 points to allocate between the five factors. These could be allocated equally, i.e. two points to each factor, or distributed in any other way so long as the total points allocated added up to ten. proposal fell and we spent some considerable time in discussion before, eventually, scoring our sheets, which will be locked away until nearer the end of the process, when all congregations have been visited and the factors have been scored for every congregation in Presbytery.

Our Presbytery team visited on the afternoon of Sunday 11th September. We were challenged to look at the eight aspects, which were again listed in last month's Link, and to try to give as much information about our congregational life and work.

Much of the discussion at Presbytery related to Factor 3 – Congregational Size and Strength. It is necessary to determine the number and the ages of people who attend worship at each Congregation, as opposed to the numbers on the Congregational Roll. These numbers will be used to assist in calculating the average giving of each Congregation, the rate of growth or decline in income for each Congregation, the rate of growth of membership of each Congregation and the average age of each Congregation. Concern was raised that in many congregations there are members who have been faithful attenders and who continue to support the congregational life both financially and in their prayers, but are now housebound and unable to join the congregation on a Sunday morning. This process was not taking them into account. It was agreed that various factors could skew the figures, but it was impossible to come up with an ideal process.

Janet Park

Baillieston Mary's Meals Projects

Since January 2011 we have packed and sent 2020 backpacks, which have been delivered to where they were most needed throughout the world. This has been done thanks to the many donations of items required for the bags and we thank all who continue to be so generous in their giving.

We continue to need all items and at present have an urgent need for towels, which need not be new. Used clean towels are most welcome.

Cotton clothing, trousers, skirts, tops for children aged 5 – 16 are also needed and will be most gratefully received.

Harvest Appeal



Sunday 16th September will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service and this year we will be supporting the East African food crisis appeal by sending our collection to Christian Aid who has launched an emergency appeal to help people affected across this region. They have already released £540,000 for immediate response, and the work will be scaled up as the crisis intensifies.

Drought and displacement, combined with rising food prices have left the east and the horn of Africa, especially Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia, in urgent need of humanitarian support.

The situation is reported to be the worst food security crisis in the world today and some parts of the region are experiencing the driest conditions in 60 years. After two poor rainy seasons in 2011, drought in countries affected has left more than 12 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.

At the same time Christian Aid is concerned that large numbers of people who have been displaced within Sudan and from Somalia are also facing food shortages.

Gift envelopes will be available from the beginning of October and if you would like to support our Harvest Appeal, please uplift an envelope. This will also allow you to Gift Aid your donation, if you are a tax payer.

*Reach down and
lift others up
It's the best exercise
you can get*

The Senior Citizens are looking forward to a return visit from The Senior Citizens Orchestra on Monday 21st November at 2.15 pm in the Church.

Tea will be served in the hall after the concert and all are welcome to join us.

her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed. The next school day, the neighbour and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with a little girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?' Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is." The little girl said, "Well, who is she?" "That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy." "Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?" "Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cause she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"



Shirley & Marcy

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbour if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with

*Angels bless and angels keep
Angels guard me while I sleep
Bless my heart and bless my home
Bless my spirit as I roam
Guide and guard me through the
night and wake me with the
morning's light.*

Amen

