

OCTOBER 2012

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

*Dear Friends*

*Organisations restart for the Winter session this month and I would particularly like to bring to your attention the Guild. This year is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Guild, at that time the Women's Guild. Much has happened in society over those years, and much too in the Church locally, nationally and internationally, however the motto of the Guild over that time remains as an important statement of faith and mission – “whose we are and whom we serve”. Perhaps not so clear today is to whom the “whose” and “whom” refers. It is of course Jesus, which puts the Guild front and centre in the witness to Jesus Christ.*

*As Christians we belong to Jesus. He has bought us with His loving sacrifice and whether we appreciate it or not, the sacrifice stands there as a done deed for all time. In response to that loving sacrifice on the cross at Calvary, and the amazing grace He has shown us, we Christians seek to take His grace, mercy, forgiveness and acceptance out into the wider world in loving service to humanity. That was the call 125 years ago, and it remains still a central plank of the Christian faith today.*

*It is for that reason that it is a privilege to take up the request for a course on discipleship for my Autumn teaching on Sunday evenings. The world has changed, as has the Church, and there seems to be some confusion, uncertainty, and doubt as to how Jesus might be followed in today's world. However you don't need to sit at the news or talk to family, friends and*

*work colleagues to know that the gifts given through Jesus are as much needed as they ever were.*

*The Guild has made a considerable difference to many people's lives down through the years and we will celebrate some of that at the Dedication Service on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, but all of us at any time can touch a person's life for the better, but we need to constantly remind ourselves “whose we are and whom we serve” as we do it, so that it might be the best it can be!*

*Yours in Christ*

*Malcolm*

## **DISCIPLESHIP 101**

### **Following Jesus in today's world**

This is a series of 5 weekly meetings looking at how we might be better disciples of Jesus. Each unit is self-contained, so if you can only manage one it is still worth coming. The meetings are on Sunday evenings at 7.30pm starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that these meetings will be unsuitable for those with a closed mind; those who are already perfect; and those who can change the world without the help of anyone else!!!

*Give me five minutes with  
A person's cheque book and  
I will tell you where their  
Heart is*

*Billy Graham*

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.

***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

***October***

- Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Guild Dedication Service  
10.30am  
Discipleship Meeting (1)  
7.30pm
- Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> Property Committee 7.30pm
- Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Harvest Service + Baptism  
Discipleship Meeting (2)  
7.30pm
- Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> School Holiday Week
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Service of Thanksgiving for  
new windows. 10.30am  
followed by lunch.  
Discipleship Meeting (3)  
7.30pm
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Communion 10.30am  
Evening Worship Event  
6.30pm  
Discipleship Meeting (4)  
7.30pm

***November***

- Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> Worship Development  
Committee 7.30pm
- Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship + Baptism  
10.30am  
Meeting of New Members  
3.00pm  
Discipleship Meeting (5)  
7.30pm
- Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> Property Committee 7.30pm
- Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Service  
**10.45am**
- Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> Kirk Session 7.30pm
- Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship 10.30am
- Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship 10.30am  
Evening Worship Event  
6.30pm

*I would like to say thank you for the flowers, cards and visits received after my fall. They were very much appreciated.*

*Ellen Russell*

October 21st	October 28th
E Boyd	
A Stuart	KIRK
C Rodgers	SESSION
B Graham	
M McKellar	
M Martin	

### **Prayer for Guidance**



*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.*

### **DOOR DUTY – November**

#### **BEADLE: R McKendrick**

Door & Collection

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

### **DOOR DUTY -October**

#### **BEADLE: G. Leiper**

Door & Collection

October 7th	October 14th
C Stewart	W Millar
R McLellan	Mrs Walker
N Collins	J McVittie
I Whitelaw	C McChesney
P McLellan	A Nicol
J Smith	E Nimmo

*We wish to thank all who prayed for David during his illness, and to wish Mure Memorial every good wish for the future with God's Blessing*

*Margaret and David Cameron*

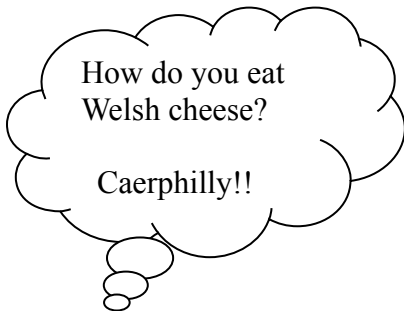
***God has given us two hands,  
One to receive with and the  
Other to give with.***

**Flower Calendar**



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

<b>September 2nd</b>	<b>M. Mathieson</b>
<b>September 9th</b>	<b>M Hutchison</b>
<b>September 16th</b>	<b>Wilma Carrick</b>
<b>September 23rd</b>	<b>B. Clelland</b>
<b>September 30th</b>	<b>A. McChesney</b>



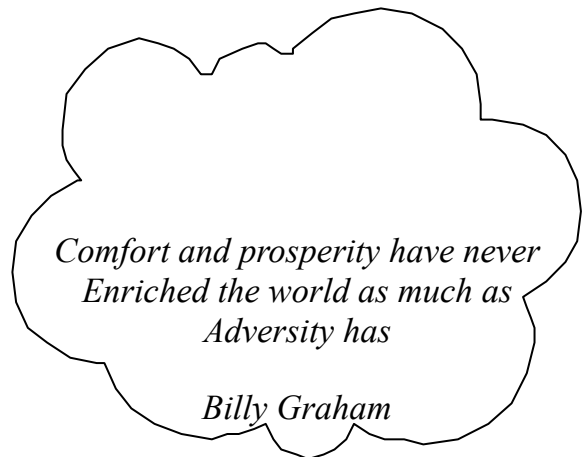
*Many thanks for the beautiful flowers received from Mure Memorial Church. Ronnie and I have been truly touched by the kind thoughts and get well cards received from everyone.  
Regards  
Edith Bavaird*



**Mure Memorial Toddler Group**

Toddlers has started back after the summer holidays. We meet on Wednesdays and Fridays – 9.30 am till 11.30 am, school term time in the large hall. Mums, Dads, Grandparents are all welcome to bring along babies aged from birth to 3 year old. Come along and have some fun playing with the toys and other children. We look forward to welcoming some new faces.

Angela



## Finance Report

At the end of August our offerings from WFO, Standing Orders and Open Plate were £53518. This compares to last year where we had received £54,949 and our budget expectation was £55,800. This down trend is worrying so let's hope that it does pick up before the end of the year. Our other income is on a par with last year.

Our expenditure has increased and at the end of August was £67,756. Last year's figure was £62,691 and a budget expectation of £65152. This overspend is mainly due to our necessary property repairs that had to be carried out, namely £2,110 roof repairs due to the lead being stolen again, £1310 for repairs to and including a new water boiler for the kitchen, £996 for replacement fire extinguishers and £202 for electrical repairs. Our other expenditure is as expected. The Board is being kept fully up to date with the situation.

Our windows have now been fully installed and all invoices paid except for our Architects fees. The total cost so far, as we have had some extra costs to bear, is £87,795. We have received £36,642 from Climate Challenge fund and will receive the balance of £27,210 when we have submitted reports required by them. We still have some outstanding work and decisions to make on the extra money we have accumulated, before the final situation is known.

Unfortunately almost immediately after the windows were installed, one of the main front windows was broken with someone using an air gun and using the windows as

target practice. As scaffolding was required to replace the window the cost of the repair was £1,152. Also our Church of Scotland Insurance does not cover glass breakages. Although the windows are toughened glass and will repel most objects, someone shooting at them is almost impossible to protect.

Peter Malcolm

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## THE GUILD

The Syllabus for the Guild for October and November is -

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oct 2              | Silver Deal – G.C.C.                                                            |
| Oct 7 (Sunday)     | Re-Dedication Service                                                           |
| Oct 9              | Projects - Helen Kerr                                                           |
| Oct 16             | P.C. Alison Alexander                                                           |
| Oct 23             | N.E. Council Meeting                                                            |
| Oct 30             | Halloween Night                                                                 |
| Nov 6              | St John's Singers (Open Night – Tickets £4 available from any committee Member) |
| Nov 13             | Our Time in China – Mr and Mrs McLellan                                         |
| Nov 20 (afternoon) | Mure Church Lunch (Guild Week)                                                  |
| Nov 27             | A Victorian Christmas                                                           |

The meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and new members are always welcome.



### *More favourite recipes*

#### Dumpling Loaf

2 cups dried fruit  
1 cup of sugar  
1 cup of water  
4 oz of margarine  
1 teaspoon mixed spice  
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
Add all ingredients to pan and heat until the margarine melts then let cool. Add 2 cups of flour and 2 eggs. Pour into 2 x 1lb loaf tins. Bake at regulo 4 or 170 degrees for 1 hour

*I would like to thank the congregation for all their good wishes and for flowers and cards received since my operations. All these have been very much appreciated  
Thank you all.*

*Margaret Getty*

### 45<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Girls' Brigade



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

**EXPLORERS - (Primary 1 – 3)**

**Monday 6.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.**

**JUNIORS - (Primary 4 – 7)**

**Monday 6.15 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.**

**BRIGADERS - (S1 – S6)**

**Wednesday 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.**

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

### **Presbytery Report**

After our opening devotions and a welcome to those who were new to Presbytery, we dealt with the review of Standing Orders which had been recommended in the findings of the Committee chaired by The Very Rev John Cairns to look into the administration of Presbytery. The Standing Orders cover every aspect of the workings of Presbytery and lay down how everything

should be done, from who is eligible to be a member of Presbytery, to how meetings should be conducted, to how members should be disciplined, to the remit and working of each committee and much more. A tremendous amount of work had been put in to the preparation of the draft which was brought forward and the meeting accepted it with one amendment. Up until now Ministerial members of Presbytery were expected to wear robes at all services of Ordination and Inductions, but when this was put to the vote, the majority wanted this requirement to be removed.

The next item on the agenda was the timetable for the Presbytery Plan. The proposed plan had been sent out to congregations at the beginning of September and Congregations wishing to respond must do so by 25<sup>th</sup> September. Consultation meetings will then be held during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> October and week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> October. It is intended to have the revised plan approved at a special meeting of Presbytery on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

It was agreed that Presbytery should send a letter to Archbishop Mario Conti on his retirement and to The Most Revd Philip Tartaglia on his inauguration as Archbishop of Glasgow.

Under Vacancy Business we dealt with the translation of the Rev David Locke, who was formerly the Minister at Barlanark Greyfriar's, to the congregation of Banff & King Edward.

The Superintendence Committee gave a report and recommendations relating to the situation at Glasgow Cathedral. The Kirk Session had been seeking assistance to

address the areas of conflict within the Session and would continue, through a series of conferences and retreats, to encourage mutual respect and a sense of common purpose among its members. Presbytery thanked and discharged those from their own membership who had been working as Assessor Elders at the Cathedral.

Representatives of Superintendence would return to meet with the Kirk Session in April or May 2013.

The Mission Strategy Committee encouraged congregations to promote and attend, with guests, one of the evenings entitled "Jesus the Evidence" which are being run at various venues throughout October. More information is available about this elsewhere in the "Link".

Presbytery was delighted to approve the basis of Union of Castlemilk East and Castlemilk West Congregations to be known as Castlemilk Parish Church of Scotland. The Ministry and Stewardship Committee in its report gave a breakdown of the Ministry and Mission contributions received from congregation in Presbytery in the seven months to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012. 89 congregations had paid in full, 13 had asked for a variation to their payments and were up to date, 16 were one month in arrears, 12 were more than one month in arrears and 5 had made no payment. The total of money paid was £3,156,546 and the outstanding arrears amounted to £258,197.

The Community Responsibility Committee reported that, as part of a review of how the Lodging House Mission serves the needs of a changing group of service users, the Board had decided to end Sunday opening. There is



now to be a Tuesday lunch time service in addition to the prayers which are held three days a week. In line with the ambition of the LHM to help people on in their lives, as well as supporting them through difficult times, the chaplain encourages those who use the LHM to attend their local church.

The World Mission Committee intimated that the "Tax Bus" is due in Glasgow on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This a joint initiative between Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty who are taking to the road across Britain and Ireland to bring people together in a bid to end the injustice of tax dodging at home and abroad. The campaign has highlighted how developing countries lose 160 billion dollars every year, one-and-a-half times what they receive in international aid. A special meeting, with high profile speakers, will take place at the Renfield Centre in Bath Street at 7.30 pm on the day the Tax Bus visits Glasgow.

The Safeguarding Committee intimated the retiral of George Brown after 15 years faithful service as a Safeguarding Trainer and thanked him for his years of service. George is a former member of Mure Memorial, as were all of his family.

Janet Park

#### Badminton Club

The church badminton club begins its new session on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8pm. 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 **0141778 4662**

### **Jesus: The Evidence**

This is an outreach tool which was developed by Cathcart Trinity Church. The evening presents the rational and historical basis for Jesus being the Son of God. It is designed primarily for agnostics, atheists, questioners and newcomers – although Christians also find the evenings useful by providing a historical and rational evidence refresher for their faith and witness. Each evening lasts around two hours with an opportunity for tea, coffee and questions. Free booklets, covering the material presented, are provided to each attendee at the end of the evening.

All meetings start at 7.30 pm and the dates and venues are as follows;

**11<sup>th</sup> October** - Cadder Parish Church, Cadder Road, Bishopbriggs G64 3JJ

**22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Pollokshaws Parish Church, Shawbridge Street, Glasgow G43 1QN

**24<sup>th</sup> October** – Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill Church, Western Avenue, Rutherglen G73 1SQ

**26<sup>th</sup> October** – Eaglesham Parish Church, Montgomery Street, Eaglesham G76 0AR

**30<sup>th</sup> October** – Partick Trinity Church, 20 Lawrence Street, Glasgow G11 5HG.

**In matters of style swim with the current;  
In matters of principle, stand like a rock."**

**Thomas Jefferson**

## INFLATION

### *BELIEVE ME – I'M NO COMPLAINING*

As a pensioner I'm nae badly aff  
But I'm feert tae look in shop windaes  
I canna aford tae laugh  
I wis used tae the fifty bob tailors  
And socks at twa bob a pair  
Noo a hate tae meet the retailer  
He really gies me a scare  
A real guid tie wis hauf a croon  
An a shirt nae very much mair  
Noo kippers are nearly poon for poon  
When they used tae be tuppence a pair  
And when ye take the price o' drink  
It's fair shocking whit they ask  
For whit they noo chairge per pint  
We yince could buy a cask  
So I'm feert tae look in shop windaes  
It's nae great pleasure at a'  
But perhaps I'm only dreamin  
It's nice tae see things sae brow

## PROPERTY



I am sure all members and visitors are all pleased with the successful installation of the new windows throughout our Church buildings, the look, and the benefit this gives us is easy to see.

When taking on a major project like this many surveys had to be completed, and all areas of the building looked at to see what affect and implications doing this work would have. In doing so, many areas of the

fabric of the Church were highlighted that were going to need either urgent or remedial attention. Now in a perfect world it would be easy to call in experts to have these issues and jobs attended to, but in a Church like Mure Memorial budgets are stretched and funds are just not available to immediately act on these issues. We are confident that within our Church there are many talents, and the property committee has decided to attempt to set up regular work parties in the hope of carrying out, where reasonable, work that can be completed where “professional skills” are not called for, but more “practical skills”. It is therefore our intention to set aside either days in the week or perhaps Saturday mornings /afternoons when we can gather volunteers and earmark jobs for completion on a regular basis.

If you would be willing to be involved either in a practical or a professional way and able to help, can you please complete one of the slips and leave it in the boxes provided at both doors.

Thank you (Property Committee)

### THRIFT SHOP

Jimmy and Ellen Russell have decided to retire from the thrift shop after over thirty years. Jimmy has opened and closed the halls for all the various organisations and to my knowledge has never missed a day. From all the ladies at the thrift shop we would like to thank them for their dedicated service

Myra

## MENS' FELLOWSHIP

Just in case you missed the September link, our fellowship commenced on MONDAY 1st October at 7.45pm. I look forward to welcoming YOU to join with us on Monday evenings. We have a full and varied syllabus prepared which I'm sure will be of interest. Come along - you'll be in good company;

John Coutts

*There is a vast difference between  
saying prayers and praying*

### **Harvest Collection – Save the Children**

It is a sad state of affairs that in 2012 there are many children going to school without breakfast after sleeping on a mattress on the floor of an unheated room. The Kirk Session have decided that our Harvest Collection this year should go to support the Save the Children Charity who are working to alleviate this unacceptable situation.

### ***The Secret of Living***

*The secret of living is learning to pray-  
It's asking our Father for strength for  
the day!*

*It's trusting completely that His  
boundless grace*

*Will overcome care and each problem  
we face!*

*It's walking by faith every mile that we  
plod,*

*And knowing our prayers bring us  
closer to God!*

*“Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer,  
believing, ye shall receive*

### **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  
24<sup>th</sup> October**