



October 2016



# Mure Memorial Church



# The Link

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Dear Friends

Doubt, disillusionment, discouragement and despair, are emotions that are common to all of us at some point in our lives. Loss of a job, loss of a loved one, divorce, illness, any of these things and more can throw us into a tailspin and fill our hearts with anxiety and fear. We think that things will never be right again.

Especially in the middle of the night, things seem at their very worst. We forget that there ever was a thing called hope, and all that we have learned about God's saving grace is nowhere to be found. If ever we knew how to call upon God, it is now only a distant memory from a better and happier time, and even when we need God the most, we turn our backs on God and walk away.

That is exactly the situation in which we find the disciples. Followers of Jesus, they had believed in the new life he had promised them. Their hearts were filled with joy and anticipation as they looked forward to hearing more of his word, and to being witnesses again and again to his good works, to his miracles.

Fed in body, mind, and spirit by their fellowship with Jesus and with other believers, their lives had become filled with a new joy, and even all they had to give up to follow him was as nothing compared to what they now had. They thought it would go on forever.

All their hopes and dreams ended with the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, it had beaten every last shred of hope from them. They thought there was nothing left to do but pick up the pieces of their former lives and begin again, to turn their backs on all that had seemed so expectant and hopeful.

Don't we all do that? If we've lost something, don't we keep revisiting the same spot, thinking that if we go there often enough, the lost item will miraculously appear?

One of the most wonderful things to come out of the resurrection is that we learn this about Jesus, no matter how bad things become for

us, no matter where we go to hide ourselves when the world gets to be too much for us, even if we lose our faith for a time, He will come to be with us.

He won't ask us for explanations, we won't have to justify our position, and there will be no recriminations.....He will simply meet us as we walk, or it may be in a car that is taking us away from those things we can no longer endure, as we try to walk off the results of that recent medical test that took us completely by surprise.

Whatever route we take, when we can't take it anymore, Jesus will meet us there. Even though it is us who are going away, he is always faithful. He comes to the disappointed, the doubtful.

He comes to those who have given up and are headed home, which makes this whole story about the blessedness of being broken. This should not surprise us. Jesus' entire ministry was centred on those who needed him the most, the poor, the sick, the blind.

Wherever he found them, he shared not only his love, but whatever else he had, until finally he shared his broken body as well.

God uses everybody to proclaim His kingdom, not only when we are good, faithful and true, but even in our moments of faithlessness.

Just as he made himself known to the disciples, and used them to make his story and the news of his resurrection known to the world, so he comes and stands beside us in our moments of despair, calling our name, waiting for us to recognize Him, to realize again the truth of his words, to be renewed in faith so that he can use us again.

In countless ways, Jesus comes among us, never demanding, but patiently waiting for us to open our eyes and see him. We have only to be willing to have our eyes opened in faith, so that we can see the Risen Christ for ourselves, so we can feel his presence and his peace as they surround us.

Wherever we are on our life journey, pray that when the Risen Lord comes to us, our eyes may be opened so we can see him in all his glory, and then, renewed in faith, tell others the Good News.

Yours in Christ,  
Alex

**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**

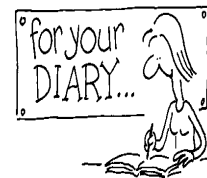
**FUNERALS “God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes - Rev 21”**

27 <sup>th</sup> June	William Calder: We pray for wife Ann and all the family
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Irene Blackatt: We remember daughter Irene and all the family in our prayers
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Ian Richardson: We remember all the family in our prayers.
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Duncan McKenzie: We remember wife Jean, daughter Sheila and son Rod and their families in our prayers.
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Archie Wilson: We pray for Anna and sons William and Andrew

20<sup>th</sup> Sept Matt Steele: We remember wife Isobel, son Eric, daughter Evelyn and their families in our prayers.



Jesus, light of the world,  
lead us to be tolerant and understanding of others, looking for what unites people rather than what might divide and separate. Inspire us always to discover the best in one another and work together to build up your kingdom in our world today.  
Amen.



Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Senior Citizens resumes 2.15 pm Men’s Fellowship resumes 7.45 pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Guild recommences at 7.30 pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Board Meeting at 7.30 pm
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Cabaret Night with ‘Twilite’ in Garrowhill Bowling Club
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	BB & GB Dedication Service 10.00 am
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kirk Session meeting at 7.45 pm
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10.00 am
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Morning Worship 10.00 am
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Baptismal Service 10.00 am
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Baptismal Service 10.00 am

## Flower Calendar



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

<b>September 4th</b>	<b>The Carmichael Family</b>
<b>September 11th</b>	<b>W Key</b>
<b>September 18th</b>	
<b>September 25th</b>	<b>Bob Clelland</b>

## DOOR DUTY OCTOBER

### **BEADLE: R Getty**

Door & Collection

<b>October 9th</b>	<b>October 16th</b>
R Colquhoun	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Scotland
S Blackwood	J Davidson
M McEwan	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford
J McLaren	C Turnbull

<b>October 23rd</b>	<b>October 30th</b>
I Whitelaw	I Main
R McLellan	J McVittie
N Collins	C McChesney
A Miller	A Nicol
P McLellan	S McKibbin
J Smith	M McLachlan

## DOOR DUTY NOVEMBER

### **BEADLE: R Getty**

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



Our programme for October and November is as follows –

Oct. 4	Sandra West
11	Project – All Friends Together
18	Canine Partners
25	Halloween Party
Nov. 1	Grand Central Hotel
8	Malcolm Cuthbertson
15 afternoon	Visit from Mure Guild – Lunch
22	Octave 8
29	John & Peter Douglas (Twins)

Our meetings start at 7. 30 p.m. and everyone is made very welcome.

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A Message from Anne Scott – Guild Treasurer

As agreed at our AGM the summer collection this year will be donated to the Church MAP and General Fund. As members may be aware, if donations are gift aided, the church can get a further 25% of their donation.

If any member would like their summer collection to be gift aided and have already completed the necessary form, at commencement of session please put collection in an envelope and either add WFO number or name.

If you are a taxpayer and have not completed a gift aid form and would like to have your collection gift aided the necessary forms can be obtained from Peter Malcolm.

### Senior Citizens



#### *Calling All Seniors!*

The Senior Citizens recommence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.15pm. We have a varied and entertaining programme. I look forward to seeing all members once again and new members are very welcome.

Kathy Dent ( President

### Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship



Our new session commences on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, when we meet in the Guild Room at 7.45pm. Our opening speaker this year will be our minister, the Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson.

Our Secretary, Bob Colquhoun, has again produced an interesting syllabus and the details for October are as follows;

10<sup>th</sup> Oct – John Phillips: Slovakia

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Heather Willimott; Spain and Portugal

24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Bobby Keys; Windsor Castle

31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Rev Peter Davidge

We will be pleased to welcome men from the congregation and our community at any of our meetings.

### **From Douglas**

I think it is fair to say that things are now back in full swing! The Scripture Union Group has restarted at Bannerman High, and we have twelve young people attending. This is positive as many of the young people attending are in S1 and are coming from the groups at Swinton and Garrowhill Primaries. I suspect that part of the reason for the strong numbers is because of the weekend away to Lendrick Muir, which is from 7-9<sup>th</sup> October. (It goes without saying that this is a weekend that I will be serving at!) Garrowhill SU Group is back up and running, and I am delighted to say that I am very ably assisted by Elizabeth Russell this year. The group is still in its infancy, and we have five names on the register who come along on a Thursday lunchtime. There is still space for plenty more, so if anyone in P6-7 wishes to come along, then please feel free!

I have also been asked back to continue reading Bible stories to the children at Happitots Nursery in Garrowhill. The children seem to enjoy me being there, but I'm never sure how the time goes. This past week has provided evidence that it seems to be going well! I was walking down the corridor of Swinton Primary when I was stopped by a P1 pupil who said to me, "I know you! You came to my nursery to read Bible stories! It was great!" Such praise really helped fill me at a time when I was feeling a little sorry for myself!

Around the church, the Youth Fellowship PM has restarted, and we now have ten young people on the register! There are big plans for the YF, and young people around church as a whole for the coming year. As ever, watch this space for more details! As ever, I am also around to support the Sunday School, Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade as required.

With Harvest on the horizon for the coming month, I am looking forward to sharing in this celebration with you as a congregation on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, as well as with Garrowhill Primary School in the church on 13<sup>th</sup> October. There are also a few assemblies at Bannerman High planned for this coming month, so as ever I won't be short of work to do!



### Observations On Growing Older...

**Your kids are becoming you...and you don't like them...but your grandchildren are perfect!**

**Going Out is good...Coming Home is better!**

**When People say "You look great" and then they add "For your age!"**

**When you needed the discount, you paid full price. Now you get discounts on everything! Movies, Hotels, Flights, but you're too tired to use them.**

**You forget names ....But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!**

**The 5 pounds you wanted to lose is now 15 and you have a better chance of losing your keys than the 15 pounds.**

**Your spouse is counting on you to remember things you don't remember.**

**The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.**

**Your husband sleeps better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than he does in bed. It's called his "pre-sleep".**

**Remember when your mother said, "Wear clean underwear in case you 'GET' in an Accident"? Now you bring clean underwear in case you 'HAVE' an Accident!**

**You used to say, "I hope my kids 'GET' married... Now, "I hope they 'STAY' married!"**

**You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" Switch...~When GOOGLE, iPod, email, modem ...were unheard of, and a mouse was something that made you climb on a table.**

**You tend to use more 4 letter words ..."what?"..."when?"... ???**

**Your husband has a night out with the guys, but he's home by 9:00 p.m. Next week it will be 8:30 p.m.**

**You read 100 pages into a book before you realize you've already read it.**

**What used to be freckles are now liver spots.**

**Everybody whispers.**

**You have 3 sizes of clothes in your wardrobe ...2 of which you will never wear**



## **Presbytery Report**

We opened our first meeting after the summer break by celebrating the Sacrament of Communion during our opening Worship. We welcomed three new ministers who had been inducted over the summer to Lenzie Old, Giffnock Orchardhill and Eastwood and paid tributes to three ministers who had passed away over the summer, the Rev May Allison, the Rev Dr Moyna McGlynn and the Rev James Simpson and to Jean Morrison, who was the Presbytery Elder for Shettleston Old for many years.

We had two invited speakers. The first was the Rev David McCarthy who is the Church of Scotland Development Officer for Fresh Expressions, whose job it is to support and encourage the work of the church in developing new ways of being church. He works with churches to find new ways of engaging with our communities, listening to what they have to say, sometimes allowing them to voice their discontent. It does not involve asking people to come to where we are and it is not a means of increasing our numbers, but it is a way of showing the love of God. It has been up and running within the Church of England and the Methodist Church for several years and has resulted in the planting of new congregations and churches which have a different style from the church which planted it rather than cloning something which is already established and works well elsewhere. There will be an opportunity to find out more at an event to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October at Renfield St Stephen's Church, but booking is required. If you are interested, please speak to me and I can give you further information.

The second speaker was Mrs Val Brown who is the Vice Convener of the World Mission Council, who spoke about the effect of climate

change, which is making world poverty permanent. She spoke about the problems caused by flash floods which occurred after people have planted their seeds to grow their much needed crops. It is the poorest people in the world who are paying the highest price. It is essential that we reduce our carbon emissions and she challenged everyone to wrestle with our own lifestyles.

The Business Committee reported that the Community Responsibility Committee have been made aware of cuts in provision of Elderly Care in some parts of the Presbytery. They have been in contact with Glasgow City Council about this, but congregations are asked to pass any information to the Presbytery Office, if they are aware of any cuts in their area.

Fiona Crawford, the Presbytery Strategic Planning Officer, gave a report on a recent planning meeting which had decided to adopt as a strategic theme for our work, 'Supporting Congregations to be People of the Way'. This was the theme of this year's General Assembly. She started by giving us some figures. There are 127 congregations within Glasgow Presbytery, 111 Ministers, 71 Ministry Development Staff, (that includes people like Douglas), several locally employed staff, who are paid by the local congregation and 8 Presbytery Employees. There are 15 Presbytery Committees who work to cover the various aspects of the work of Presbytery. From these figures, it is obvious that scale is an issue and most members of local congregations do not recognise themselves as a part of Presbytery. It was hoped that, as a Presbytery, we would work to be more visible, accountable, pro-active and supportive of congregations through stronger communication, greater engagement and commitment.

The Strategic Planning Committee asked Presbytery to approve the appointment of Roland Hunt to the linked charge of Carmyle and Kenmuir Mount Vernon as an Ordained Local Minister. Roland has been working with the congregations as a Reader since the

beginning of the year, but will now be ordained. Once we know a date, we will intimate it for anyone who might wish to attend his Service of Ordination

The Community Responsibility Committee had invited Hazel Watson, the Convener of the Scottish Churches Anti-Human Trafficking Group to speak. She shared some examples of people who had been caught up in human trafficking and explained that the group are looking for support to enable spiritual befriending for women who have been trafficked, but have now been released and want to attend church or have someone with whom to pray.

The Learning and Nurture Committee invited a delegate from the National Youth Assembly to give a report. One of the main topics which they had discussed had been mental health issues and the need to remove the stigma attached to it.

The World Mission Committee intimated that Christian Aid Scotland has launched an emergency appeal for Malawi to help support communities through a devastating drought that has left 6.5 million people without access to food. The first £70,000 will be match-funded by the Scottish Government. To donate you can visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/malawi-food-crisis](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/malawi-food-crisis).

Janet Park



I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I received when I joined the church last month. It's always been an absolute pleasure to be a part of the team at Mure Memorial and it felt right to finally make it official.

John Birkinshaw



Archie Wilson

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our friends in Mure Memorial for all the cards and expressions of sympathy we have received on the death of my dear husband, Archie, who died on 12<sup>th</sup> September, aged 88.

Thank you to Alex, our minister, and Janet, our organist, for all their help and for the lovely services in Church and at the Crematorium. Thank you also to all those who carried out the arrangements at the Church service and the Guard of Honour at the door afterwards.

I know Archie would appreciate all your kindness.

God bless you all.

Anna, Andrew and William Wilson





**MURE MEMORIAL'S**  
**YOUTH**  
**FELLOWSHIP**



Hello everyone! We wanted to let you all know about some new and exciting changes to our Sunday youth organizations in the church.

It's no secret that numbers are unfortunately low these days at both Bible Class and Youth Fellowship. It's even less so a secret that the young people in our church are the future of our church. To that end, we decided it was time to bring forward a reformed organization that works better for the young people of the community.

So from October, the Bible Class and YF will merge to form a united youth organization. Youth Fellowship will run from 7 – 9 on Sunday Evenings as usual with its new counterpart, YF:AM running 10 – 11 on Sunday Mornings, replacing the Bible Class.

These reforms will see the coming together of the Bible Class's musical charm and it's flair for tackling current affairs and every day issues with the Youth Fellowship's energetic spirit for games and fun days out. Tie these with entertaining and meaningful Christian education, we think we just might have something the kids will want to keep coming back to!

But we need your help to get the word out. Sure, we're making noise, here in The Link, on Facebook etc., but word of mouth is the most powerful tool at our disposal. In fact, it's brought us one new attendee every week this session so far!

So if you know just one young person who might be interested, give us a mention! You never know! They may well come along and have an awesome time with us. Next week they'll bring a friend! We will be distributing more information over the coming weeks and leaflets will be available for you in the church and you can pass these on to anyone you think may be interested.

We thank you for your support during this time of transition. We will be doing everything in our power, with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, to ensure that this new venture is the greatest success it can be. We'll keep you updated on our progress.

Many thanks,  
Mure Memorial's Youth Fellowship Team.

Oh! And you can like our new Facebook page at [facebook.com/mureyf](https://facebook.com/mureyf)

**Badminton Club**

The church badminton club begins its new session on Monday 3rd October at 8 pm. 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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> October**

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