

October 2014

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

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Dear friends,
Just a few lines to keep you up to speed with the Ministry here in Mure Memorial and Baillieston St Andrew's.

Firstly I would like to thank each of you for the warm welcome I have received from both congregations over the last 6 months, you have all allowed me to feel very much at home among you and this has been very important as Malcolm and I are really striving to let it be known this is a team Ministry, hence the reason we have been sharing the worship in both churches. We are setting out to achieve exactly what the Gospel of Christ is all about, reaching out to everyone with eyes to see and ears to hear.

I know from sharing with you all that, as a group of Christians within the community of Garrowhill and Baillieston, you seek to accept and value individuals as they are, enabling them to recognise their self worth and encouraging them to achieve their full potential.

Christ-like principles form the cornerstone of all the church's work, services and facilities and underpin our determination to ensure that involvement in the whole area is a positive and enjoyable experience for all. Our approach strives to be enabling, empowering, supportive and outward-looking.

However once the team ministry is well enough recognised and established, the plan is that we will lead worship separately and alternatively in both churches, whether this will be weekly, fortnightly or monthly has still

to be arranged, as we have to think about Baptisms, Weddings, etc.

The east end of Glasgow is an area with a wonderful community spirit, even though it suffers from bad press at times. People are ever so friendly, and this brings me to the essence of addressing you as friends, as Christ called us no longer slaves, but friends.

At this point I would share the role of the welcoming team, who meet everyone coming into both Churches on a Sunday morning, they are doing a wonderful job in their Ministry.

However, this leads me into a story which happened in another Church, so I thought I would relate it to you.....

The Session Clerk went to the Minister to say he felt there was a lack of friendliness among members of the congregation and that people were reluctant to greet one another in church. Eventually the Minister agreed with him and said he would devise a plan to change things.

During service the next Sunday, the Minister described the situation to the congregation and said that the following Sunday they would have a brief pause to allow parishioners to turn to those seated around them and greet them with a friendly hello.

After the service, one man turned around to the woman behind him and said, "Good morning." She looked at him in shocked indignation and snapped, "That doesn't start until next Sunday!"

The truth is some folk aren't ready to be friends of either God or us but, regardless of their choice, we are called to be friends to them, to choose to act in love not only towards those who love us, but to outcasts, to the lowest and least in society, to drug addicts, to the homeless, to elderly people who need help to take care of themselves, and of course to our neighbours in the seats around us in the Church, no matter how grumpy he or she may be.

Remember my friends, God has chosen us to be his friends, despite the fact you and I at the first, did not choose him. Let us therefore choose, as he asks of us, to be friends to others, regardless of what they think or what they do.

Love each other with the kind of love Christ refers to, you know the kind of love I mean. It is the love that goes beyond what seems right according to the letter of the law and enters into the Spirit of what God wants for us, the love that enters into feeding others, into healing others, into showing grace to others, into giving peace to others, the love that values others, regardless of who they are or what they have or have not done.

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

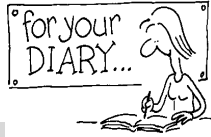
Saturday 10.00am – 11.00am St. Andrew's
(Pop-In Café available at same time)

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.

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

Passed away 22nd August John McKendry: We remember wife Flora and daughters, Karen and Jean in our prayers.

Passed away 2nd September Mary Carmichael We remember husband Ian, daughter Ann and son Archie in our prayers



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 5th Oct. Dedication Service for all our organisations 10.00am

Monday 6th Oct Opening meeting of Senior Citizens 2.15pm
Opening meeting of the Men's Fellowship 7.45pm

Tuesday 7th Oct. Opening meeting of the Guild 7.30pm

Sunday 12th Oct. Harvest
Thanksgiving also a Baptismal Service 10.00am

Sunday 19th Oct Morning Worship with a guest speaker from Tearfund to launch our Connected Church Project 10.00am
An afternoon of music performed by Bill Russell in aid of our Connected Church Project 2.30pm

Wednesday 22nd Oct Kirk Session meeting 7.45pm

Sunday 26th Oct. Morning Worship 10.00am
Sunday at Seven

Sunday 2nd Nov. Morning Worship 10.00am

Sunday 9th Nov. Remembrance Service **10.45am**
Please note the different starting time of the Service

Do your best and then sleep in peace.
God is awake.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our first meeting for session 2014/15 will commence on Monday 6th October at 7:45 pm. An invitation is extended to all men of the congregation, and indeed within the parish, to join with us for an evening of fellowship. Our syllabus for October is as follows;

Oct 6 th	Rev Alex Stuart
Oct 13 th	An evening with Jamie Stuart
Oct 20 th	D Murray : The truth about Glen Miller
Oct 27 th	John McLaughlan : Govan Chair Man
Nov 3 rd	Rev Ada McLeod

So many shades of gold
 Autumn
 Another miracle we take for granted
 Another expression of the artist's vision
 The blending of the autumn hues
 with the setting sun
 Warm
 Comforting
 Perfect
 Thank you for autumn, Lord

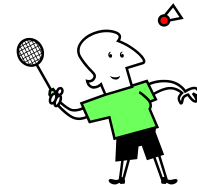


Flower Calendar

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




September 7th	Mrs Hamill
September 14th	Billy Key
September 21st	Mr & Mrs N Sloan
September 28th	Bob Clelland



Badminton Club

The church badminton club begins its new session on Monday 6th October at 8p.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.


 My sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me flowers after my minor op. It is very much appreciated.
 Margaret Miller

Volunteer Drivers Wanted



Community Transport Glasgow

Have you just retired or are you looking for something worthwhile to do in your spare time?

We urgently need car owners to take elderly people from the North East area to their health appointments.

Any time you can offer would be a help, even as little as one half-day per month.

If you would like to help or to find out more, call free on 0845 605 5955 or email projectofficer@ctglasgow.org.uk

The Carmichael family would like to express their appreciation for the cards, flowers and messages of condolence they received following the death of Mary.

They would like to thank Alex for conducting such a personal and uplifting funeral service and Bill for his accomplished and sensitive musical accompaniment. They are also grateful for the valued contribution to the service by the elders and technical team.

Thanks are also due to all who attended the service, and for the generous donation to Alzheimer Scotland.

DOOR DUTY October

BEADLE: G Leiper

Door & Collection

October 5th	October 12th
R Colquhoun	A Pollock
I Malcolm	C Scotland
S Blackwood	J Davidson
C Robertson	A Borthwick
E Colquhoun	J Crawford
J McLaren	C Turnbull

October 19th	October 26th
I Whitelaw	E Boyd
R McLellan	C Rodgers
N Collins	A Stuart
Aileen Miller	D Rodgers
P McLellan	B Graham
J Smith	A Graham

DOOR DUTY November

BEADLE: R McKendrick

Door & Collection

November 2nd	November 9th
W Millar	E Boyd
I Main	C Rodgers
J McVittie	A Stuart
C McChesney	D Rodgers
A Nicol	B Graham
S McKibbin	A Graham

"To me, faith is not a noun but a verb"

Jimmy Carter, former President of the United States



Can you help?

The Pastoral Committee are seeking volunteers to help taxi some of our more elderly/less able members to church. We already have a group of willing drivers whose help is invaluable but would appreciate further assistance to cover for illness/holidays, etc. Ideally we would like to create a rota system which would be of mutual benefit to both passengers and volunteers. We are aware that many members already taxi family or friends/neighbours to church on a regular basis and we thank you for the service you provide. *If you can be of assistance please speak to any member of the Pastoral Care Committee. Your help will be much appreciated.*

Service

“Dear Lord, do not make us like porridge, which is difficult to stir and slow to serve. But more like Corn Flakes, crisp, fresh and ready to serve.”

(Boys' Brigade camp grace)

GUILD NEWS



The new session of The Guild starts on Tuesday 7 October and our meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. The Capitation Fee this year is **£10**.

The programme for October and November is

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| 7 October | Opening and Guild Conference DVD |
| 14 October | Julius Project – Guild Project |
| 21 October | Angels with Beards |
| 28 October | Halloween Party |
| 4 November | Glasgow Philharmonic Choir
(Tickets on sale soon) |
| 11 November | Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson |
| 18 November | Guild Week – Visit from Mure Guild Irvine (Lunch) |
| 25 November | Trip to Asia – Moira Scott |

New members can be sure of a warm welcome and a very enjoyable evening. Why not come and see.

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank all friends and members at Mure Memorial for support shown to us on Jim's passing. The many lovely cards, messages of sympathy, flowers and 'phone calls we received were a great comfort and much appreciated at this sad time in our lives.

Thank you also for your donations in Jim's memory to Parkinson's UK which raised £640. Hopefully, your generous contributions will enable them to carry on their excellent work in supporting people and in research that they are carrying out to find a cure for Parkinson's

Yours in Christian love
Margaret Meek & family

Community Transport Glasgow Health Journeys Volunteer Driver Project

Are you over 65?

Do you need help to attend your medical appointment at you GP surgery, clinic or hospital?

Ask your surgery to register you with the service then you can phone directly to arrange your appointments giving a few days' notice.

For more information call Ann Porter
Freephone - 0845 605 5955



Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens recommence on Monday 6th 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)

Count Your Blessings

Count your blessings, not your crosses;
count your gains instead of losses.

Count your joys instead of woes; count
your friends instead of foes.

Count your smiles instead of tears; count
your courage, not your fears.

Count full years instead of lean; count
kind deeds instead of mean.

Count your health instead of wealth; Love
your neighbour as yourself.



The Food Train

Over 65? Need help to shop?

Food Train is an award-winning Scottish charity. Their volunteers provide a weekly food shopping service for older people in south and north-east Glasgow who struggle to do their own shopping.

For just £3 per delivery (plus the cost of your groceries) they will collect your shopping list in person or by phone, shop for you in a local supermarket, deliver to your home and unpack into your cupboards if you wish. For more information call 0141 423 1722. Volunteers (drivers and helpers) are also needed for list collection, shopping and deliveries.

Email : glasgow@thefoodtrain.co.uk
Web : thefoodtrain.co.uk



Presbytery Report

Members who were new to Presbytery were welcomed to our first meeting after the summer break.

The Business Committee reported that Chris Macrae had resigned from his post as Strategy Officer over the summer and it was agreed that we should express our sincere thanks to him for all his hard work, especially in helping to draw up and finalise the Presbytery Plan.

It was agreed that a special meeting of Presbytery should be held to discuss the overture sent down from the General Assembly relating to Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnerships. It was planned to have presentations for and against the overture followed by discussion and a vote.

The Education Committee reported on the changing ethnic demographic across the school pupil population within Glasgow.

Over the last three years there had been an overall increase in the proportion of pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds which is reflective of the increase across Scotland as a whole. In Primary, 20.1% come from an ethnic minority background compared with 6.8% nationally. In Secondary, 15.1% come from an ethnic minority background compared with a national figure of 4.9%. 17% of all Primary pupils have English as a second language – an increase of 1.5% in the past three years. In Secondary the figure is 15%.

The Education Committee are recommending that chaplains in schools might consider offering to help with any

groups designed to assist pupils needing help with speaking English.

The Learning and Nurture Committee had invited Presbytery's Youth Development Co-ordinator, Catherine Falconer to give a report on this year's Youth Assembly.

They had heard reports of the variety of worship which is on offer in various congregations across the country. In some, young people were going out to visit the older members.

There had been much discussion about the problems in the Middle East and questions raised about how we, as the Church of Scotland, can offer help.

There were several guest speakers including the Moderator and a representative from CrossReach who had spoken about the work which they do at Perth Prison.

The Mission Committee reported on an application which had been received from Wellington Parish Church for a grant from the Creative Outreach Fund. This fund was established to help congregations start new missional initiatives with a view to creating a new worshipping community either in conjunction with, or independent from existing congregations. Grants of up to £10,000 per year can be given to self-supporting congregations for an initial period of three years to meet 50% of the staffing costs with the congregation raising the other 50%.

Wellington Church is planning to develop worship, teaching, discussion groups and pastoral care with and for the student community, building on work that is already being done by the congregation. The project is supported by the university Chaplain and,

ultimately it is hoped to create a student-based congregation.

The Mission Committee were recommending that approval should be given and Presbytery agreed to this.

Janet Park



Many thanks for the beautiful flowers and kindness shown to us which added even more to the celebration of the birth of our beautiful son, Ben. We are truly blessed.

Tracy, Phil, Jack & Ross

The Oaks Care Home, Glasgow Rd

The community council committee were invited to a preview at the above Home, and myself & four others attended.

The Home is excellently appointed, and the rooms are well furnished. There are two different types of accommodation, one type is bedroom only and the others are apartments, furnished with a cooker and fridge, both have en suite bathrooms. There is also a common room fitted out with a centrally placed cooking island and with a fridge & washing up area.

The emphasis is on rehabilitation of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 65 with a

range of mental health issues such as anxiety, depression and brain injuries, helping them rebuild the confidence and life skills they need to lead as independent lives as possible.

Residents will be admitted on an individual basis, following a thorough assessment involving the local health and social care services.

It is anticipated that these residents will be short term only, with a minimum stay to help them achieve their goal of self support.

Many may return to supported community living or be able to live independently, while others may continue to need extra care or assistance.

Some will be allowed shopping expeditions under supervision.

The internal layout and security arrangements have been well designed.

Should anyone require further information, do not hesitate to approach me.

J.Coutts

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers you gave me. They are very much appreciated

Helen Purdie

*I can complain because rose bushes
have thorns or rejoice because the
thorn bush has a rose.
It's all up to me*

World Mission Committee



We have not been idle over the summer and I am pleased to announce that the official launch of our Connected Church Project with the Kale Heywet Church in Ethiopia will take place

during morning worship on Sunday, 19th October, when the congregation will be addressed by Lynne Paterson from Tearfund who administers the project.

That afternoon, Bill Russell has offered to raise funds by giving one of his popular piano and organ recitals at 2.30pm and it is hoped that many of you will support him with your presence and also by advertising the event amongst your friends and neighbours. Admission will be by donation and, of course, there will be a cup of tea provided.

Before all that, however, the Kirk Session has agreed that this project be the charity to be supported at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service and, to that effect, we will be issuing Tearfund envelopes the week before to give you the opportunity to complete a Gift Aid form to increase the value of your gift. We would, however, ask that you return the form via the church so that the gift is included as part of our church's project.

The committee have a number of other fund-raising ideas for throughout the year

and we are excited by the prospect of how much we can do to help these self-help groups in Ethiopia. We now have a space on the wall in the Main Hall and intend to use it to keep you all informed.

Finally, and most importantly, we would ask you to remember all Connected Church projects in your prayers, but, especially the work with the Kale Heywet Church.

Alastair Borthwick

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and visits during my recent illness.



Thankfully I am now on the mend and looking forward to getting back to work and Girls' Brigade soon.

Many thanks again
Myra McMillan



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 Post Box 35 in the Session Room

The following is an extract of a letter from the Moderator, the Rt Rev John Chalmers.

I am delighted that I will be spending a week of my moderatorial year from 2 – 7 November with the Social Care Council as part of the third annual CrossReach Week. The Council, in the name of Christ and our Church, provides vital support to many vulnerable people throughout Scotland in over 70 projects. I am, therefore, keen to do as much as I can during this week to highlight and promote not only their work, but the social care work carried out by many local congregations. For this reason I was pleased that in their report to the General Assembly the Council established Sunday 2 November 2014 as CrossReach and Social Care Sunday to mark the beginning of CrossReach Week. I will be playing my part by hosting a Service of Celebration in St George's Tron Church, Glasgow at 4pm, which will involve service users and staff from CrossReach. It would be a tremendous witness to the mission of the Church in the area of social care to see the church full for this special celebration. I invite you, therefore, to join me if you are able and encourage members of your congregation to do likewise.

**Deadline for the next issue is
Wednesday 22nd October 2014**

