

SEPTEMBER 2012

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

Dear Friends

As you read this letter I will be most likely in Southern Turkey looking for the sun. Rena and I hadn't planned to have this holiday but the summer has been such a wash-out that we feel the need for a warm sunny fortnight to recharge the batteries. We are going to a little holiday complex off the beaten track in the south of Turkey in the hills overlooking the eastern Mediterranean.

Rena will do her usual holiday thing and lie all day in the sun with an occasional swim in the pool. I will do my usual holiday thing and find a shaded corner preferably with air-conditioning and read. Rena will read too. She will enjoy her political thrillers and historical romance, and I will catch up with the latest theological writings. Rena believes this to be me working, when this is for me my recreation, or re-creation, the way in which I am refreshed and renewed, particularly in mind and soul.

I mention these details of part of our life together to show how different people are. We are, thankfully, not robots who follow pre-programmed ways of responding to the world and taking in sustenance for our future well-being. Each one of us is unique with so many factors that come together to make us who we are and how we grow.

Yet we do this together, accepting each other for who we are, enjoying the things we enjoy together, like eating out, but also allowing time and space for personal interests and activities. If I were to tell Rena to read some theology she would give me my head to play with, and were I forced to sit in the sun all day

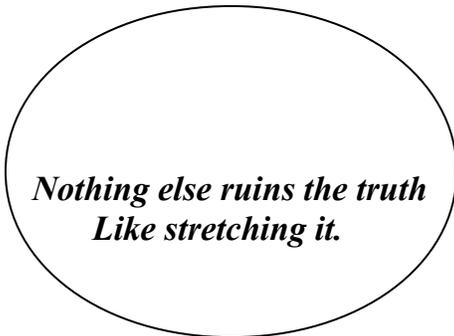
every day I would probably be suicidal with boredom. There is no right or definitive way to enjoy a holiday or how we grow.

The Christian community and the people of Mure Memorial in particular are a collection of unique individuals. They all have their likes and their dislikes. They all have their different ways of acknowledging and appreciating the presence of God, and seeking to serve Him in the world. There may be clusters of people who share the same interest or activity and can join together for a while, while others will be doing their own thing differently, but together we make up the Body of Christ. We shouldn't be forcing people into our mould just because it is our way of doing or believing, rather we should be allowing space for people to develop and grow in their own ways.

As our activities start afresh for the new sessions, I hope and pray we can appreciate the faith we share together, but also the differences that make us unique, and seek to grow together in Christ in ways appropriate to who we are.

Yours in Christ,

Malcolm



***Nothing else ruins the truth
Like stretching it.***

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.

FUNERALS:

- 31st May : **Jimmy Mitchell:** we remember his daughters, Angela, Mandy & Lyndsay.
- 1st June: **Ina Bowie:** we remember her nephew Neil in our prayers.
- 2nd June: **Margaret Stables:** we pray for the family, David, Alan and Elaine.
- 18th June: **George Pert:** we pray for sister Janette and the wider family.
- 19th June: **James Carson:** we remember daughter Linda and all the family in our prayers.

- 25th June: **Catherine Speirs:** we pray for daughter Elizabeth and all the family.
- 28th June: **John Mathieson:** we remember wife May, daughter Elizabeth and all the family.
- 4th July: **Isabella Crichton:** we remember son Ian, and brother Jim in our prayers.
- 9th July: **James White:** we remember brother Robert and Margaret White in our prayers.
- 10th July: **Fay Cameron:** we pray for husband Iain and sons Graham and David.
- 12th July: **Thomas Grant:** we pray for son Colin and all the family.
- 17th July: **Emma Fox:** we remember nephew Duncan in our prayers.
- 19th July: **Jimmy Millar:** we remember wife Margaret, sons Graham and Colin, and daughter Ruth.
- 2nd August: **Eddie Montgomery:** we pray for daughter Valerie and all the family.
- 2nd August: **John Park:** we remember daughter Joyce and son Iain in our prayers.
- 3rd August: **James Hogg:** we remember son David and all the family in our prayers.
- 9th August: **Sam Paterson:** we pray for wife Anna, son Alan and all the family.
- 10th August: **Jean McNeil:** we pray for husband Rab, daughter Jean and all the family.

- 17th August: **Agnes Ward**: we pray for husband Hugh and all the family.
- 20th August: **Marion Lang**: we remember daughter Sadie and all the family in our prayers.
- 24th August: **Lewis Allan**: we pray for parents Kenneth and Gail of this stillborn baby.

BAPTISMS:

- 29th July: **Leah Willock**: we ask God's blessing on parents Aileen and Thomas and the wider family.
- 26th August: **Juliet Scott**: we ask God's blessing on parents Chloe and David and the wider family.

WEDDINGS:

- 28th July: **Laura McBride and Richard Woolley**: we ask God's blessing on their life together.
- 24th August: **Lorraine Colvin and Martin Donnelly**: may God bless their future life together.

I write to say "Thank You" for the lovely flowers which I received after my fall in June. The flowers and warm wishes were much appreciated.

Wilma Carrick

*May the roads rise to meet you,
May the wind be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

***Thurs. 30th August – Friday 14th September
Malcolm on Holiday***

- Sun. 2nd Service led by Alistair Borthwick
- Sun. 9th Service led by Pat Carruth
- Sun. 16th Service led by minister
- Wed. 19th Kirk Session 7.30pm
- Thurs. 20th Property Committee 7.30pm
- Sun. 23rd Service led by minister
- Thurs. 27th Board Meeting 7.30pm
- Sun. 30th Girls' Brigade & Boys' Brigade Dedication Service 10.30am
- Evening Event 6.30pm

October

Thurs. 4th Worship Dev. Comm.
7.30pm
Sun. 7th Guild Dedication Service
10.30am
Thurs. 11th Property Committee
7.30pm
Sun. 14th Harvest Service + Baptism
Mon. 15th – Fri. 19th School Holiday Week
Sun 21st Service of Thanksgiving for
new windows. 10.30am
Sun 28th Communion 10.30am
Evening Event 6.30pm



*Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,
Adopt me for Thine own,
That I may see Thy glorious face
And worship at Thy throne.*

*Let every thought and work and word
To Thee be ever given;
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven.*

Amen

Community Development

Once again we have come to the end of a successful summer season and our Monday Fellowship afternoon tea and chat.

To finish our season we had a buffet lunch which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Thanks to all who joined us during the summer – we enjoyed serving **you** and hope **you** enjoyed the fellowship.

See you all next summer

Peggy McLellan and her willing helpers

80 NOT OUT

*Today dear Lord. I'm 80
And there's much I haven't done.
I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm
81.
But then if I'm not finished with all I want to
do,
Would you let me stay a while until I'm 82?
So many places I want to go, so very much
to see.
Do you think that you could manage to make
it 83?*

*The world is changing very fast,
There is so much in store,*

*I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84;
 And if then I am still alive,
 I'd like to stay till 85.
 More planes will be up in the air,
 So I'd really like to stick
 And see what happens to the world
 when I'm 86.*

*I know dear Lord it's much to ask
 (And it must be nice in heaven)
 But I would really like to stay until I'm 87.
 I know by then I won't be fast and
 sometimes will be late, but it would be so
 pleasant to be around at 88.
 I will have seen so many things
 and had a wonderful time,
 So I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89*

.....Maybe

DOOR DUTY - September

BEADLE: R Getty

Door & Collection

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

September 16th	September 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

30th September	
A Pollock	
C Scotland	
J Davidson	
A Borthwick	
J Crawford	
C Turnbull	

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

I would like to give thanks to Mure Memorial for the unexpected gift of flowers I received. They were beautiful and much appreciated.
 Thank you once more
 Betty Hampton

The Senior Citizens
 We recommence Monday 1st October at 2 p.m. - West Tones are entertaining for our opening. All welcome
 Kathy Dent

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Bill Russell, the Choir, and all who helped to make a wonderful celebration of the life of Jimmy. All your kindness and good wishes were a great comfort to us. He lit up our lives and we will cherish his memory.

Margaret Miller

***Where love is,
God is.***

Thank You

On behalf of my family I would like to thank Malcolm for conducting John's funeral service He made it special.

I would also like to thank everyone who sent flowers and cards of sympathy. At a time like this it is a great comfort to know you have so many friends who care.

May Mathieson

THE GUILD

The new session of the Guild starts on Tuesday 2nd October. We have a varied and interesting syllabus planned so why don't you come along and join us? Our meetings start at 7.30p.m. You can be assured of a very warm welcome. We are looking forward to meeting up with all our old friends and making new friends and catching up with everyone's news

Flower Calendar

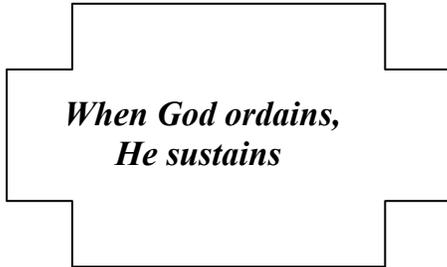


Thank you to everyone who has donated flowers for our Sunday services during June, July & August

June 3rd	Margaret Getty
June 10th	Brewster Family
June 17th	Ellen Colquhoun
June 24th	Mamie Johnston and Margaret Kerr

July 8th	Niall Sloan
July 15th	Ella Tran
July 22nd	Jean Fyfe
July 29th	Isobel Cunningham

August 5th	Myra Brown
August 12th	Mr & Mrs Pollock
August 19th	Caroline Robertson
August 26th	Mr & Mrs R Scott



*When God ordains,
He sustains*

45th Glasgow Girls' Brigade



We are looking forward to a very exciting session this year our meeting times are as follows:

EXPLORERS - (Primary 1 – 3)
Wednesday 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, badgework and much, much more.

Help Needed

It is becoming more and more difficult for the Girls' Brigade and other youth organisations to encourage volunteers to give up their time to help with organisations. The 45th has over the years been in the lucky position of always having enough leaders and helpers to maintain the level of activities which we think the girls deserve. However, we are now very short of help (especially with the Brigaders - 12 -17 years) and

Boys' Brigade



At last!! The new session has arrived!!

New members will be made welcome in all our sections.

Anchor Boys P.1 – P.3
Friday 6.15 – 7.15pm
Junior Section P.4 – P.6
Thursday 7.15 – 9.00pm
Company Section P.7 – S.1 – S.6
Friday 7.30 – 9.30 pm

We are hoping to introduce new activities to our programme this year.

Our Dedication Service will be held on Sunday 30th September.

wondered if there was anyone who would be interested in coming along to help. In order to try to cover all the activities and age groups within the company we would consider help of any length of time. I would be grateful if you could consider whether you could offer:

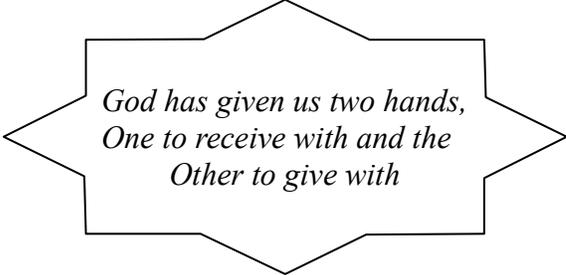
- ◆ A one-off night – if you have any specialist activity in mind
- ◆ A few weeks – again if there was any specific area which you could help with
- ◆ A 6 or 8 week stint – which would allow help with the badge work programme
- ◆ Helping regularly with a section
- ◆ Any other help

Thank you for your previous support of the Company and please let me, the Minister or any Girls' Brigade Officer know if you can help in any way, or if you know of anyone else who would be willing to offer their help.

Jeanette Leiper
Captain
45th Glasgow Girls' Brigade

John Thomson and extended family wish to thank all friends, neighbours and clients of his wife Elizabeth for their kindness, cards and messages of sympathy received on her death.

With sincere thanks



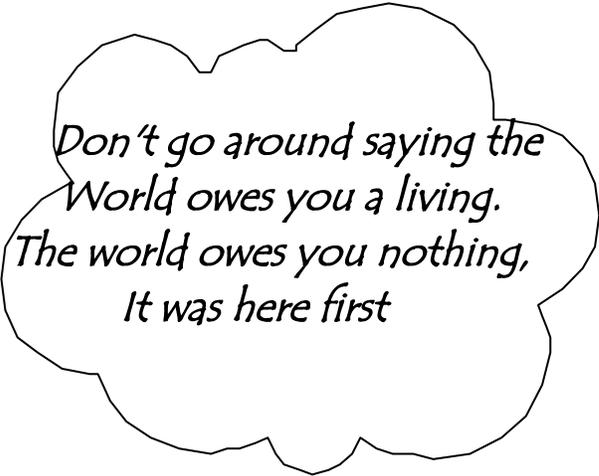
*God has given us two hands,
One to receive with and the
Other to give with*

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship will commence on Monday 1st October at 7.45pm. The committee extends a warm invitation to all men of the congregation and parish to join us on Monday evenings and enjoy a lively and interesting hour and a half. A varied syllabus has been prepared which I am sure will meet most tastes and a welcome awaits **YOU.**

Note the date Monday 1st October.
Hope to see you then.

John Coutts



*Don't go around saying the
World owes you a living.
The world owes you nothing,
It was here first*



Thanks to everyone who handed in their favourite recipe. Unfortunately there was not enough to make up a book, so we thought we would include one or two of them in the Link.

CHEESE STRAWS

- 1 Cup of S.R. Flour
- 1 Cup of grated cheese
- 1 Cup of milk

Mix flour cheese, then add milk. Place in a greased bun tin and bake for 15 minutes at gas 6 or until golden.
Eat while still hot

**THE MOST FAVOURITE
RECIPE**

2 Heaping cups of love, kindness and co-operation

Plenty of hard work, a dash of humour and many prayers

Mix together with understanding and bake in a warm oven for 365 days a year

Many thanks to members and friends of Mure Memorial Church and Women's Guild for the lovely flowers and cards which we received on our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

They were gratefully received by both of us

Ewing and May Mackay

Eco Congregation Scotland

You may be aware that Mure Memorial is now a registered Eco Congregation. The organisation that we are registered with is called Eco Congregation Scotland. It is a charity which encourages churches to incorporate environmental issues into their church life and mission.

Eco congregation Scotland run an award scheme to recognise the achievements of churches that register with them. We are hoping to be in a position to apply for their first level of award in the not too distant future.

This can be achieved by promoting activity in three areas:-

Promoting the link between the Christian Faith and environmental issues. This is achieved through church services and youth group activities.

Taking practical action in the church. For ourselves, our windows project would fall into this category.

Influencing attitudes and taking action in the local or global community. This normally entails establishing links in the

wider community related to environmental activities. At present, Mure Memorial is utilised by various groups in the community, and we also have a link with Garrowhill Primary School. These could be developed to fulfil this area of activity.

If you would like more information then please take a look at the information and resources that are detailed on this website www.ecocongregationscotland.org .

If you are interested in getting involved in the eco activities of the church, or have any questions about it, please come and see me.

Stuart McKibbin



Can you sing?

Of course you can – everybody (well, almost everybody) can sing.

Why do you not sing in the choir? That question, I cannot answer for you. May I invite you to give it a try? The choir is a friendly group and a warm welcome awaits you. We meet after morning worship for a short time and on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm - starting on 25th September. Please give this appeal your earnest consideration – we need more members to lead the praise on a Sunday and at special services. (We rely on help from friends outwith Mure Memorial at Christmas and Easter.)

We also perform concert pieces.

It helps if you can read music, but I am willing to teach you if you come along to the choir. For a church the size of Mure Memorial, there should be more members of the choir.

I hope and pray that many of you will come and join us. (If you have any concerns or would like some more information, please speak to me after church or phone me on 01506 871693.)

You would be doing the church a great service, you would be praising God by using the talents He has given you and you would enjoy yourself – this is compulsory!!

Bill Russell

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

**Deadline for the next issue is
19th September**

Sincere thanks for the many cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy received after our sad loss. We appreciate such kindness and support at this time

Anna Paterson and Family