

SEPTEMBER 2013

Mure Memorial Church



The Link



Dear Friends,

I don't know whether you heard the explosion in Garrowhill last week, centred on Mure Memorial Church. Nothing serious - I had just written up my diary for the next few months!!! While there have been a few funerals and weddings over the summer - remember that in the Link you're only seeing those associated with Mure Memorial – the two-congregation arrangement has gone reasonably well. I am missing out on the coffee and chat, not to mention the breakfast, after the Mure services, but the two services have been fine for me.

However as had been expected when I sat down last week to put in all the meetings, the diary went “Boom”!! While I had anticipated two Kirk Sessions, two Congregational Boards, two Guilds, two BBs, two GBs etc, I forgot the bane of my life - two magazines, with two editors on my tail for articles!! (Good to have you back Nan!).

There is some good news, in that starting with us on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September is Dr. Roland Hunt. Roland is an experienced Reader of the Church acting for many years as locum at Carntyne South Church. More recently he has passed the selection process to become one of the first Ordained Local Ministers in Glasgow Presbytery. The Ordained Local Ministers (OLMs) are lay people who will be able to lead the sacraments and chair Kirk Session meetings without have to go through full university degrees. Roland is being placed with us for nine months to see how both of these things are done and possibly get a chance to do things by himself e.g. moderate a Session

meeting (with the minister in attendance of course!) I trust you will give him a warm welcome to Mure.

The paperwork for the post of Associate Minister is now going through the Church system and we would hope to have someone in place by the New Year.

So the summer break is past, if not the summer weather which has on the whole been good this year. For those who are members or leaders of organisations I trust your batteries have been fully recharged for the winter agenda ahead. For those who feel they can offer more there are all kinds of voluntary positions available waiting for you to step forward, whether some visiting, some work around the building, some activities with children, singing with the choir or attending a Bible Study. If you wish to talk about any of those feel free to talk to any church leader. Please note the new vestry times and feel free to call in at either church building.

Looking forward to seeing God's Blessing for the 2013/2014 session.

Malcolm

### 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.



## NEW 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"*

21<sup>st</sup> June **Bill Peat:** We pray for daughters Laura and Lorraine and son Ian.

24<sup>th</sup> June **Robert Boyd:** We pray for daughters Dorothy and Senga and all the family.

11<sup>th</sup> July **Isobel Cunningham:** We remember all her friends in our prayers.

18<sup>th</sup> July **Agnes Duncan:** We pray for daughter June and all the family.

26<sup>th</sup> July **John Jordan:** We pray for daughter Emma, dad James and all the family.

26<sup>th</sup> July **Hannah Judge:** We pray for husband John and daughters Jacqueline and Elizabeth.

26<sup>th</sup> July **Nessie Dick:** We pray for sons William and Brian.

27<sup>th</sup> July **June Kerrigan:** We remember son John and daughter Julie in our prayers.

29<sup>th</sup> July **Stewart Niblock:** We pray for wife Rita and all the family.

14<sup>th</sup> Aug. **Ruby Hughes:** We remember husband James and all the family in our prayers.

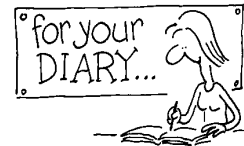
## BAPTISMS *"Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them – Mark 10"*

### BAPTISMS

2<sup>nd</sup> June **Jay and Lucy McDonald** (twins): We wish every blessing on parents John and Tracy.

30<sup>th</sup> June **Holly Cross:** May God add His blessing to parents Robert and Yvonne

- 28<sup>th</sup> July     **Layton Reddie:** We wish every blessing on parents Derek and Deborah.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Aug.     **Lily Gray:** We wish God's blessing on parents Paula and Kerr.



**WEDDINGS** *“So they are no longer two, but one.— Matthew 19”*

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- 20<sup>th</sup> July     **Lyndsey Merrilees & Grant Connolly:** May God richly bless them both.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug.     **Maryann Cramb & Gary Nelson:** May God's richest blessing be on them.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug.     **Jaqueline Swan & Charles McManus:** May God be ever-present with them.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Aug.     **Christine Key & Steven McKay:** May God's blessing be ever with them.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Aug.    **Jill McMillan & Iain Leiper:** May God richly bless them both.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Our first meeting for session 2013/14 will commence on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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. An interesting syllabus is ready for your pleasure.

J.Coutts

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

- Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Morning Worship at 10.00am
- Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Property Committee Meeting 7.30pm
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept Founder's Day Celebration 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the congregation.

Rev. Les Brunger is preaching, with Malcolm conducting the worship. There will be a brunch after the service of sausage rolls and sandwiches. We have invited former members from further afield to join us for the celebration.

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. Presbytery meets in Govan to give permission to advertise for Associate's post.
- Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. Kirk Session meets at 7.45pm.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. Baptismal Service for Carson William Farrell at 10.00am
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Baptismal Service for Fiona Jessie

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	May Colqhoun from Canada at 10.00am Meeting of the Congregational Board at 7.30pm
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Marriage of Craig Corrie and Michelle Parker
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Morning Worship 10.00am Evening Worship 6.30pm
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Marriage of Kirsty Key & Alan James at 2.00pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Guild Dedication Service at 10.00am
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Harvest Service at 10.00am

### **The Story of a Kirk**

As we celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the founding of our congregation, we thought we would include some extracts from the book which was written by David Duncan, our then Session Clerk, to mark the centenary in 1973.

“God moves in a mysterious way,” the hymn-writer tells us. “His wonders to perform.” While it might be regarded as presumption to imply that Mure Memorial Kirk was one of the wonders of God’s world, it would not be untrue to say that the conditions in which the Mure Memorial Congregation had its beginnings were predestined when the coal and iron measures of the Central Lowlands of Scotland were laid down some three million years ago.

Had there been no iron ore in The Monklands, and had there been no coal seams to justify the sinking of some twenty-four pits in the vicinity of Crosshill- later to become known as Baillieston- there would have been no need of a Monkland Canal to provide a means of transporting heavy loads of iron ore and coal from The Monklands to Glasgow, that hive of industry, where demand for commodities was growing fast. Roads were little more than rutted, muddy farm tracks, and such vehicles as were in existence were quite incapable of carrying the heavy loads involved.

This demand for iron ore and coal arose prior to the development of railways, and to the civil engineers of those days a canal was the only answer. The Monkland Canal was a very busy waterway at the peak of its usefulness. Barges, it is said, were almost nose-to-tail all the way from Coatbridge to Port Dundas. As the canal was the only means of east-west transport, it is hardly surprising that a village came into existence on the north bank of the Monkland Canal, just east of the point at which the present Easterhouse Road crossed the line of where the canal used to run. The village, locally known as “The Hole”, was properly named West Maryston and comprised houses which were occupied mainly by miners. The derivation of the name, “West Maryston”, is not clear but is thought to have arisen from the existence of a well, known as “Mary’s Well”, which was one time the source of water for the village. Local

tradition has it that Mary, Queen of Scots, rested there and refreshed herself at this well.

West Maryston is described by some as “a hamlet”, but reports by those who lived there have it that there were upwards of a thousand people dwelling in the area. Families were large-10 to 15 children being not uncommon, and the village was not confined to one row of dwellings along the bank of the canal.

At any rate, whether village or hamlet, had there been no West Maryston there might never have been a Mure Memorial Kirk, for it was in this village of West Maryston that a small group of people, believing strongly in Free Church principles, resolved to establish a place of worship convenient to their locality. This dedicated group held its first Divine Service in a rented hall in the mining village of West Maryston on Sunday, the sixth day of September, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

It was known at its beginning as “Baillieston Free Church”; later as “The Miners’ Church”; as “The Children’s Church”; as “The Iron Kirk”; as “Mure Memorial United Free Church, Baillieston” and now as “Baillieston: Mure Memorial”.

*Life is an experiment.  
The more experiments we  
make, the better.*  
R W Emerson



***God in heaven hear my prayer,  
keep me in thy loving care.  
Be my guide in all I do,  
Bless all those who love me too.  
Amen***

***Amen***

*We would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the congregation, to thank Margaret Getty, assisted by Bob, for all her hard work overseeing the distribution of both the Link and Life and Work magazines.*

*Margaret has decided to retire after very many years of faithful service.*

## Flower Calendar

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



<b>June</b>	
<b>June 2nd</b>	<b>Mr Mrs Getty</b>
<b>June 9th</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Colquhoun</b>
<b>June 16th</b>	<b>Mrs Wilma Carrick</b>
<b>June 23rd</b>	<b>Mrs Matheson &amp; Family</b>
<b>June 30th</b>	<b>Margo Kerr &amp; Mamie Johnson</b>

<b>July</b>	
<b>July 7th</b>	
<b>July 14th</b>	<b>Ella Tran</b>
<b>July 21st</b>	<b>Neil Sloan</b>
<b>July 28th</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Davidson</b>

<b>August</b>	
<b>August 4th</b>	<b>Mrs M Brown</b>
<b>August 11th</b>	<b>Mrs Betty Pollock</b>
<b>August 18th</b>	<b>McMillan/Leiper Wedding</b>
<b>August 25th</b>	<b>Mrs Caroline Robertson</b>

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

We are looking forward to a very exciting session this year starting as follows:

**EXPLORERS** Monday 2nd September  
(Primary 1-3) 6.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

**JUNIOR** Wednesday 4th September  
(Primary 4-7) 6.15 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.

**BRIGADERS** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
(S1 – S6) 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 45<sup>th</sup> 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. Is there anyone out there 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 you could cover  
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 girls' 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  
45<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Girls' Brigade

Every day, it's important to ask and answer these questions: "What's good in my life?" and "What needs to be done?"

Nathaniel Branden

### **Senior Citizens**

The Senior Citizens recommence on Monday 7<sup>th</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)

***The Mission Group*** would like to offer a vote of thanks to all those who helped with the Jonathon Veira Concert both before and during the event.

A grateful thanks is also offered to all who donated not only their time but their talents, their money and food and drink for both the Veira family and the audience who attended on the 22nd June.

The positive feedback received from many who attended the concert demonstrated to the Mission Group that Mission work is very much needed and appreciated by many, and the use of music, song and laughter is one sure way of passing God's word, and God's love, onto others.

At the concert a number of pledges were made through the sponsorship of children via Compassion UK and a further donation will be sent to Compassion UK from Mure Memorial Church, this money will help further Compassion UK work in supporting, encouraging and developing children.

None of this would have been possible without the contribution of many who supported and encouraged the Mission Group in their first of what we hope will be many opportunities to share God's love and work through Mure Memorial.  
God Bless.

Thanking you in anticipation of your help.

Yvonne

## **DOOR DUTY September**

**BEADLE: R Getty**

Door & Collection

<b>September 1st</b>	<b>September 8th</b>
W Millar	E Boyd
Mrs Walker	C Rodgers
J McVittie	A Stuart
C McChesney	M McKellar
A Nicol	B Graham
E Nimmo	M Martin

<b>September 15th</b>	<b>September 22nd</b>
J Hunt	A Telfer
E Clark	Alex Wilson
M Brown	M McMillan
Mrs Hunt	A Forrester
S Brown	A Telfer
A Kenyon	

<b>September 29th</b>	
R Colquhoun	
I Malcolm	
S Blackwood	
C Robertson	
E Colquhoun	
J McLaren	

## **DOOR DUTY October**

**BEADLE: G Leiper**

Door & Collection

<b>October 6th</b>	<b>October 13th</b>
A Pollock	C Stewart
C Scotland	R McLellan
J Davidson	N Collins
A Borthwick	I Whitelaw
J Crawford	P McLellan
C Turnbull	J Smith

### ***THE GUILD***

We hope you have all had a good summer, we certainly can't complain about the weather this year. Over the summer some of our members have celebrated family babies, baptisms and marriages and sadly we had the funeral of one of our oldest members. Our first meeting of the new session is Tuesday 1st October starting at 7.30 p.m. and we look forward to meeting up with everyone and welcoming new members. You can be sure of a warm welcome and some interesting and enjoyable evenings

*On behalf of ourselves and our family, we would like to thank all friends at Mure Memorial for the many lovely cards, flowers and phone calls received, but most of all for your many prayers which were a source of great comfort and strength to us at what was a very difficult time. Also to those who helped and supported us in the weeks after getting home from hospital, a big thank you. It was very much appreciated.*

*God bless*

*Ross and Margaret McKendrick*



### **Toddler Group**

Toddlers has returned after the school summer break and we would like to welcome everyone back.

It would be lovely to see some new faces. If you would like to bring along your child, grandchild or even just someone you look after, we are open on a Wednesday and Friday from 9.30 till 11.30 am in the Big Hall.

Mums, Dads, Grandparents are all welcome. We charge £2.00 per child per week which goes towards the snack/toy and birthday fund. We are looking for someone to take over the running of the group as well, so if you feel you want to help out, please come along and speak to someone and you can see what would be involved. Everyone does muck in and help out so it's not too much work!!!

We look forward to meeting you

Angela Patrick  
07881652035

From the Community Development Committee



*Our Monday afternoon teas have sadly now come to an end and will recommence next June when we hope to see you all back.*

*Many thanks to all who came every week and to all those who helped making and serving teas, also to those who did "taxi" service for those unable to walk to the church.*



*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

**Deadline for the next issue is  
Wednesday 25th September 2013**

