

SEPTEMBER 2014

Mure Memorial Church



The Link

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Dear Friends,

Our feelings are so much part of our make-up today after decades of pressure to “get in touch” with them, or to learn “to express” them. Even the grooms at the weddings I take are as likely, if not more so, to cry over their vows, as the brides are. There is of course a whole range of feelings that we have, but one of the most powerful and most common, yet probably least expressed is that of *powerlessness*.

We have it as a parent or grandparent of a young child when our child screams as a result of teething or colic, and we just want to take the pain away, giving the child all the available medicines, and the tightest of hugs to no avail it seems. We know powerlessness at the other end of life’s spectrum when sitting with a parent or grandparent who is dying, often not quickly enough, as you watch while the loved one’s breathing is faltering. We feel powerless when unjustly accused of doing or saying something, or being tarred with the same brush as others who have done it or said it.

We know powerlessness when we turn on the news, inevitably bad or sad, and feel helpless as the wave of dead and dying innocents from countless battles across the world leave in their wake unacceptable numbers of destitute refugees, many elderly, women and children. Powerlessness has become their very life.

For some this experience is a good reason for being an atheist, or at least an agnostic, not quite sure where the God who is love is in this experience, and if there was one, He has certainly abandoned us. For some who believe in God, they become even more strident in their calls to trust in the all-powerful God, berating others and themselves for “not

praying/working/believing enough “. In this way they do nothing but add hopelessness to powerlessness.

In Jesus Christ God shows us a different way of being. In Jesus Christ he weeps for the dead and dying. In Jesus Christ he suffers as an innocent, a Son crucified. In Jesus Christ he calls out with much of humanity, “My God, my God, why did you abandon me?” In Jesus Christ He becomes one with the powerless, and through that experience brings a new hope, a new faith, and a new life. “This is our God, the Servant King!”

God has not abandoned us in our experiences of powerlessness, on the contrary, He is experiencing these times with us. He weeps, He suffers, He hopes like us with each and every breath we take. For those wanting an immediate and earth shattering divine entrance to change our experience - remember Elijah. “The Lord sent a furious wind ...but God was not in the wind... Then there was an earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire, but God was not in the fire. And after the fire, there was the soft whisper of a voice” (1 Kings 19). God has spoken, God is speaking, God is present with us, and we continue to pray and to live, “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Yours in Christ,

Malcolm



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.

Please note that Malcolm will be on holiday for the month of September and there will be no vestry hours during his absence. Alex Stuart, our OLM, can be contacted on 07901 802967 or by email at alexpstuart@btopenworld.com

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

14th June May Mackay: We remember husband Ewing and all the family in our prayers.

17th June David Lee Cattermole (baby): We continue our prayers for parents Lee and Sarahjane and all the family.

4th July Elizabeth Wright: We remember son Graeme and all the family in our prayers.

15th July Peggy McKenzie: We pray for sons Fraser and Alistair and daughter Lizanne and all the family.

22nd July Angela Burns Munro: We remember son Barry, brother Joe and the rest of the family in our prayers.

28th July Brian Coutts: We pray for wife Norah, parents John & Mima and sister Linda and all the family.

2nd August Eddie White: We remember wife Mattie, sons Stewart and Graham in our prayers.

8th August John Maxwell: We remember daughter Christine and son Stewart in our prayers.

20th August Jim Meek: We pray for wife Margaret, daughter Arlene and son Lyndsay and the wider family.

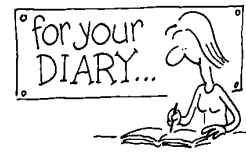
28th August David Beveridge: We remember wife Mary, and all the family in our prayers.

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

- 3rd August Mollie Dee Harrison: We ask God’s blessing on parents Laurie & Andy & Brother Maxwell.
- 10th August Freya Helen Elaine McPike: May God bless parents Gemma and Allan
- 17th August Lewis Morrison: We ask God’s blessing for mum Sarah.

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

- 12th July Christine McMillan & Martin McKissock: May God richly bless them both.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY SERVICES:

- Sunday 7th Sept Morning Worship 10.00am
- Sunday 14th Sept. Communion Sunday with Services at 10.00am, 2.00pm and 7.00pm
- Sunday 21st Sept. Morning Worship 10.00am
- Saturday 27th Sept. Macmillan Coffee morning 10.00am
- Sunday 28th Sept. Morning Worship 10.00am
- Sunday 5th Oct. Sunday at Seven Dedication Service at 10.00am for all our organisations
- Sunday 12th Oct. Harvest Service at 10.00am

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

The best vitamin for making friends is ...B1



Hold my hand in my weakness Lord, you are my strength.

Hold my hand in my weakness Lord, and teach my heart to fly.

With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about.

Hold me tight in your embrace, so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life.

Amen.

Peggy MacKenzie

Lisbeth Ann, Alistair and Fraser were deeply touched by the presence and participation of so many of their Mum's friends from Mure Memorial in the Service of Thanksgiving for her Life on Tuesday 15th July. The service, the singing, the words of condolence and the feeling of love for our Mum were a great comfort and support. We are certain that Mum would have appreciated it. Thank you all.

Thank you also for cards and messages of condolence and for the magnificent donation made to Alzheimer Scotland in memory of Mum and Dad.

The MacKenzie Family

The following is an extract from a letter which Malcolm received from Roland Hunt.

"Your introduction of me to the congregations right at the beginning meant that I got to know them quickly, and their friendship throughout my stay has been a delight. The opportunity to write and perform sacramental liturgies and chair Kirk Sessions has given me confidence with them and I left feeling that I had been fully trained in these areas. Although there were some challenges, I never felt under great stress, and enjoyed, in particular, participation in the services and school experience. You took me by surprise on the final Sunday with the gift of a Waterman pen and book token, which was very touching.

My prayer is that God's blessing will rest on Mure Memorial and St Andrew's as you and Alex minister in Christ's name. I will always look on my time at Baillieston with pleasure.

Every blessing in Christ

Roland"

Flower Calendar

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



June	
June 1st	Jacqueline McLaren
June 8th	The Brewster Family
June 15th	Mr & Mrs Colquhoun
June 22nd	Wilma Carrick
June 29th	Mrs Mathieson

July	
July 6th	
July 13th	McMillan/McKissock Wedding
July 20th	Mr & Mrs McKendrick
July 27th	Ella Tran

August	
August 3rd	Mrs M Brown
August 10th	Mrs Betty Pollock
August 17th	Mrs Caroline Robertson
August 24th	The Meek Family
August 31st	Margaret Hutchison

45th Glasgow Girls' Brigade



Our new session has now started and we are looking forward to a very exciting session this year our meetings times are as follows:

EXPLORERS Mondays (Primary 1-3)
6.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

JUNIOR Wednesdays (Primary 4-7)
6.15 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.

BRIGADERS Wednesdays (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.

Many thanks for the lovely flowers I received.

Mary Sherry



“A Thoughtful Surprise”
 Many thanks for the lovely bouquet of flowers which I received following my recent mishap. I was delighted and it cheered me up. Thanks too to the delivery lady.



Helen Marshall

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

DOOR DUTY September

BEADLE: R Getty

Door & Collection

September 7th	September 14th
W Millar	
I Main	
J McVittie	Kirk Session
C McChesney	
A Nicol	
S McKibbin	

September 21st	September 28th
J Hunt	A Telfer
E Clark	Alex Wilson
M Brown	M McMillan
Mrs Hunt	A Forrester
S Brown	G McDonald
A Kenyon	P McDonald

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



Mima & John Coutts, wish to express their thanks for the very many expressions of sympathy, both verbal & written which they received, following the sudden death of their son, Brian. Thanks also to Malcolm for his prayers and conducting a most appropriate service, also to Bill Russell for his organ playing. We also appreciate the help of the Elders who quietly and efficiently acted as stewards.

Our faith in the family of 'Mure Memorial' was totally reassured.



Boys' Brigade

All of our sections have now started and boys will be made very welcome to join any section.

Junior Section –	P4, 5, 6 Thursdays 7.00 pm – 9.15 pm
Anchor Boys –	P1, 2, 3 Fridays 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm
Company Section –	P7 S1 – 6 Fridays 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

GUILD NEWS



The new session of the Guild starts on 7th October and an interesting and entertaining programme has been planned. Our meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. and we look forward to meeting up with all our old friends and welcoming new members. Sadly we have lost four of our members over the break, Anne Walker, Anne Carrick, May McKay and Peggy McKenzie all of whom contributed a lot to our Guild and will be very much missed.

Our Dedication Service this year is on **Sunday 5th October** at 10.00 a.m. and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Our Meetings for October are

5 th October	Dedication Service
7 th October	Opening and Guild Conference DVD
14 th October	Julius Project – Guild Project
21 st October	Angels with Beards
28 th October	Halloween Party



Just a little note to say thank you for all the good wishes, cards and gifts that have been given to us to celebrate our beautiful Freya's birth and Christening. She is a wonderful daughter and we are enjoying every minute of parenthood.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.
Gemma, Allan and Freya McPike

From the Community Development Committee



Our Monday afternoon teas have sadly now come to an end. 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.

A big thank you to my friends at Mure Memorial and the Line Dancers for the cards and flowers I received on the occasion of my 'special birthday'.

Joyce Stevenson

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)

If doubts overtake you,
stop for a faith lift

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

The Christian Road Safety Association have come up with the following Ten Commandments for motoring ;

1. Begin with a prayer
2. If you start late, arrive late
3. Alcohol is for the radiator, not the operator
4. If entry into the flow of traffic is facilitated by the courtesy of another driver, wave in appreciation
5. If you have inadvertently endangered the safe passage of another vehicle, wave as an apology
6. Make it easy for aggressive opportunity snatchers to get ahead of you – far ahead
7. So drive that the sudden appearance of a police patrol car is a pleasant sight
8. Give plenty of space to cars marked with dents
9. Never accelerate, and decelerate if advisable, when another car wishes to enter your lane
10. End every trip with a prayer of thanksgiving

From *A Box of Delights*, J John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books

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



Choir Practices have now resumed and new members will be made very welcome. If you want to find out more about the work which the choir undertakes, please speak to Bill Russell or simply come along and join us any Tuesday evening at 7.30pm.



**Deadline for the next issue is
Wednesday 24th September 2014**

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