

September 2015

# Mure Memorial Church



## The Link

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Dear Friends

It was in the month of September 1997 that Mother Theresa would die. She was an excellent example of service to the poorest of the poor in India in the last chapter of her life. As we start a new session in the church's life I thought there were a couple of quotes from her that were worth reflecting on.

“being unwanted is the most terrible disease a human being can suffer”

And on dying, “when you die, the Lord will not ask how much you have done with your life, but how much love you have put into the doing.”

Organisations and activities in church and community all start back after the summer break. It is an opportunity to welcome new people to them. There should be no-one in our family, church or community who should need to feel unwanted, and certainly no church activity should be closed to those who want to be part of it.

It doesn't matter how little anyone has to offer or how insignificant they may feel, because, like the proverbial cog in the machine, the cog can be the difference between whether it works or not. As the church we can never fully realise being the Body of Christ as long as there is a human being outside of our community, because what they have to offer, and indeed who they are, is missing, like a jigsaw piece from the picture that is Christ.

The challenge for those of us who are part of the church is not so much to get things done, but to ensure that it is done in the most loving of ways. That means giving less attention and priority to our own agendas, and ensuring that

the people who are not part of our regular activities are made to feel welcome, made to feel a part of what is going on and even given the opportunity to participate, making a contribution to our fellowship, worship and service.

It also means as Mother Theresa said that what we do is not done out of self-interest, and the keeping of status or power, but rather in loving service to others. This is not only at the individual level, but at all levels of the church community. People are now largely of the opinion that we, the church, are out for keeping the church going, looking for more money and more members. It is surely beyond the time when we show them the love of Christ irrespective of what they may offer the church. While Mother Theresa is a great example to all of us of loving service, she would have no qualms about highlighting the sacrifice of Jesus, in His loving service. For it was while we were still wicked/enemies/helpless that Christ died for us. (Romans 5 v 6 – 11).

Hope you're back to make your unique contribution to the church, feeling refreshed after the summer break.

Yours,  
Malcolm

“Love cures people: the ones who receive love, and the ones who give it too.”

Dr Karl A Menninger

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

- 27<sup>th</sup> May MARGARET KELLY: We remember son David and all the family in our prayers
- 1<sup>st</sup> June MARGARET SIME: We pray for husband Donald and all the family
- 5<sup>th</sup> June DONALD McINTYRE: We remember all the family in our prayers
- 17<sup>th</sup> June SHEILA HUNT: We pray for all the family
- 17<sup>th</sup> June JAMES HAYES: We remember wife Alice and all the family in our prayers
- 12<sup>th</sup> July MARGARET CURRIE: We remember Crawford, Helen, Gillian and the family in our prayers
- 24<sup>th</sup> July BETTY HAMPTON: We pray for sister Ina and the family
- 28<sup>th</sup> July WILMA PIRRIE: We pray for daughter Elaine and all the family
- 29<sup>th</sup> July MIMA COUTTS: We remember John, Linda and all the family in our prayers
- 7<sup>th</sup> August ALISTAIR THOMSON: We pray for wife Margaret, son Ian and all the family
- 14<sup>th</sup> August HELEN ALLAN: We remember husband Derek, sister Marion and 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”*

- 7<sup>th</sup> June PENELOPE KAREN ROBINSON: May God richly bless parents Gemma & Nicholas
- 28<sup>th</sup> June JAYMIE JENNIFER GOULD: We wish every blessing on parents Aimee & Sam
- 5<sup>th</sup> July MASON PARKER CORRIE: We wish every blessing on parents Michelle and Craig
- 19<sup>th</sup> July LUCY FIONA JAMES: May God richly bless parents Kirsty and Allan
- 16<sup>th</sup> August MELISSA KATIE BETH BARCLAY: Wishing the parents Kirsty and Chris every blessing.

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

- 30<sup>th</sup> May GREG RODGERS and EVELYN MCLEAN: May God richly bless them both.
- 25<sup>th</sup> July GRAEME SPIERS and NICKY ALLAN: Wishing every blessing on the couple
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August KYLE REID and JOANNE KNOX: May God richly bless them both

## 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**



Lord, I ask that you inspire me always to do my best - not comparing myself with others, but only with myself.

Lead me, Lord, to discover and use my own talents to the full.

May I live in such a way that I help others to experience success, as well as praising them for the good use of their abilities - looking not so much at the degree of achievement but at the effort put in.

Amen.



- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept Communion Sunday with services at 10.00 am and 2.00 pm 142<sup>nd</sup> Church Birthday Lunch
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Morning Worship 10.00 am
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct Service of Dedication for our organisations 10.00 am
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct Senior Citizens resumes 2.15 pm Men’s Fellowship resumes 7.45 pm
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct Guild recommences at 7.30 pm
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10.00 am

## Flower Calendar



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

<b>June 7th</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Getty</b>
<b>June 14th</b>	<b>Ellen Colquhoun</b>
<b>June 21st</b>	<b>Bill Russell</b>
<b>June 28th</b>	<b>Mrs M Mathieson</b>

<b>July 5th</b>	<b>Mamie Johnston</b>
<b>July 12th</b>	<b>Wilma Carrick</b>
<b>July 19th</b>	<b>Ella Tran</b>
<b>July 26th</b>	<b>Mrs Fyfe</b>

<b>August 2nd</b>	<b>Myra Brown</b>
<b>August 9th</b>	<b>Betty Graham</b>
<b>August 16th</b>	<b>Anne Stuart</b>
<b>August 23rd</b>	<b>Neil Sloan</b>
<b>August 30th</b>	<b>Margaret Hutchison</b>

### **DOOR DUTY SEPTEMBER**

**BEADLE: M Scott**

Door & Collection

<b>September 20th</b>	<b>September 27th</b>
Jack Hunt	A Telfer
E Clark	G McDonald
M Brown	Alex Wilson
Jeanette Hunt	M McMillan
S Brown	P McDonald
A Kenyon	A Forrester

### **DOOR DUTY OCTOBER**

**BEADLE: G Leiper**

Door & Collection

<b>October 4th</b>	<b>October 11th</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

### **From Douglas Robertson**

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome as I begin my journey as Children's, Young People and Family Worker here. It has been a total sea change from my previous job, where I was supporting adults with learning disabilities in the community. I live in Bishopbriggs where I usually worship at Springfield Cambridge Church. There I am a serving member of the Congregational Board and Kirk Session. I grew up in the church and have been heavily involved in the Sunday School, Bible Class and Boys' Brigade. Scripture Union Camps have also had a huge influence in my faith journey. In my spare time I enjoy sports, mainly playing and watching football and golf. I am also a bit of a petrol head & enjoy driving!

One of the main questions I have been asked since I started this job is, what is my vision for the youth work in the church. My dad's side of the family originates from Neilston, which is a large farming community and this perhaps has an influence on my vision. For I see all youth work in the church as seed planting. Whether a young person has contact with the church through school assemblies, a uniformed organisation, the Sunday School or any other form of youth work, then my aim is not to convert the young person, for that is not our job. No, I see the job as sowing the seed of the Grace of God through our actions and words. This

may take several years to come to fruition, and we may never see the results of seeds we plant here at Mure Memorial, but we serve a greater God that in our wee corner here in Garrowhill.

So how can people help with youth work? The biggest way people can help is through prayer! There is a big challenge in engaging with young people in any community, and this will not be done on our strength alone. But if you feel you can help serve young people, then please come speak to me! I'm always looking for volunteers! Be that from opening a tin of hot dogs to being fully responsible for a group or somewhere in-between, I'd be delighted to hear from you!



Thanks to everyone who sent me cards and the flowers from the church on my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. I spent a lovely holiday in Tenerife with my family  
Kathy Dent

### **Garrowhill Primary School**

I am currently compiling a commemorative Album of the earlier decades of Garrowhill Primary School from its establishment in 1938 till 1973 when the School was taken over by Glasgow District Council and the era of the 'old regime' of Headmaster, Mr William G.

Frame and Infants Mistress, Miss Agnes Inglis ended and Miss Bessie Ferrier, the elderly 78 year old, beloved Infants teacher was so tragically killed in a road accident.

I am especially looking for photographic records of all the early teachers and those serving in the School at any point up to 1973. I am also looking for any fond anecdotes about the teachers and general memories of schooldays in this period.

There seems to be little in the way of photographic records of the famous annual school concerts, produced by Mr Sandy Frame and if anyone has any such pictures I'd love to have a copy!

I should be most obliged if you could kindly publicise this effort to capture the School's history as I'm sure there are a good number of Mure Memorial members who will have useful memories and memorabilia to contribute and enhance our finished product to make it as comprehensive as possible!

Many thanks and Kind Regards,  
Ewan W. Wilson M.A. (Pupil 1964-71)  
Anyone wishing to contact me can do so either by e-mail or phone or even snail mail!

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### Trailwalker 2015



My Mum, Mary Mathieson, and I would like to thank you for allowing my son, Mark McKenny, to fundraise for his Oxfam Ghurkha Challenge.

A big 'THANK YOU' to the tea and coffee makers, the ladies who donated home baking, everyone who bought home baking and also made donations to the fund raising.

Mark and his team mate, Simon, were surprised and delighted by the amount raised.

Thank you also for donating the money from the Retiral Collection. Mark and his team, Simon, Gordon and Hazel now have £1,100 towards their total of £1,500 required to take part in the Challenge.

Many thanks to all the congregation.

Elizabeth McKenny

P.S. Mark and his team successfully completed their Trailwalker Challenge, though they were soaked through by the time they finished.



It seems hard to believe that summer such as it was is nearly over and The Guild will soon be starting again. Our Dedication Service this year is on **Sunday 4 October** and we hope as many members as possible will be there. The first night of the Guild is **Tuesday 6 October** starting at 7.30 p.m. Aileen has been very busy over the summer and has made up a really interesting and enjoyable programme with something to appeal to everyone. We are looking forward to meeting up with all our old members and hopefully some new members too. If you have a free evening on a Tuesday why don't you come along and join us, you can be assured of a very warm welcome and an enjoyable evening as well as a cup of tea and biscuit.

Our meetings at the start of October are:

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Irene Dick

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Project - Breaking the cycle of FGM

*"Wherever there are people, there is an opportunity for kindness"*

**J. John**





What a lovely surprise on my return from holiday to be presented with a long service certificate as your organist and choirmaster.

Forty-one years ago I told Rev John Gray that I was not really interested in the job, but I would help you out until you got someone-- and here I am, still here at Mure Memorial as your organist and choirmaster and enjoying every minute. The friendship you have shown to me and to visitors from West Calder (they remark what lovely people you are) has been wonderful.

It is a privilege and pleasure to play the Allen organ and the Broadwood piano, both first class instruments, and to lead such an enthusiastic choir. Thank you for all you have done to make my time here so special.

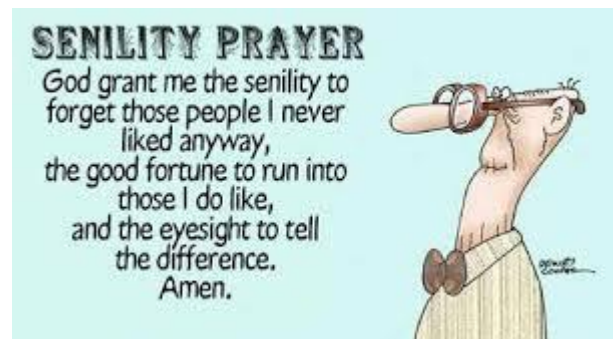
My one disappointment is that more of you do not join us in the choir: practices are held on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Bill Russell

### **Men's Fellowship**

Our new session will commence on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45 pm. We meet in the Guild Room and on our opening night we are pleased to welcome our Minister, the Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson, as our speaker.

Our secretary, Bob Colquhoun, has again produced an excellent and varied syllabus, which contains a variety of subject matter. We invite men from our congregation to consider joining us at our weekly meeting-- if however you are not available every week we are happy to welcome visitors. The new syllabus will be available from committee members in September.



## Holiday Club report



Everyone listening intently to Phil

I really enjoyed Polar Explorers. We had lots of fun and did many different things like crafts, drama, singing, dancing, bible stories and played games. My favourite activity was crafts. I really liked making my green and orange snowflake. I also had lots of fun with the games especially find the leader. I loved the community BBQ on Friday night with all my friends and family. The penguin treasure hunt was quite hard but great fun. The best bit of the night was when we gunged three leaders. I can't wait until next year.

Amy Keogh, aged 7.



The Toddlers' Room with our Noah theme

WOW! Whatever we expected from the Holiday Club, I don't think it was what happened! For the leaders, Holiday Club began on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August when we decorated the hall. Special mention must go to Lyndsay McMath and Natalie Reid who had spent 3 days of their summer holiday to make various bunting that adorned the hall so magnificently! The plan was also to finish off the igloo, but not quite in the manner we did! Sadly, the igloo was knocked by a table and it was far more fragile than it looked! Despite many valiant efforts, it could not be rebuilt, but we still have the photos to prove we got it completed!

Onto the Monday morning and the team gathered with no idea of what lay ahead of us. I thought if we managed to get 20 children in the hall, then I would be happy & count the week as a success! We quickly had 20 young people in the

hall, and a queue out the door and down the steps! Whilst this filled me with great delight at having so many young people, it did mean a lot of work for the people registering the kids in! But they did a brilliant job, so well done to Elizabeth, Janet and Janis, as we had over fifty children in the hall that morning! Over and above that, we had a further 20 toddlers with parents in the small hall! To get those kinds of numbers, and maintain them as we did over the week, shows the hard work and dedication everyone put in, getting the events publicised. With over 50 kids in the hall, we began our expedition, ably led by Phil and ML from Scripture Union. (For those not in the know, ML stands for Mary-Louise!) During the week we sang, we danced, we played games, we learnt about various Bible personalities and we did some excellent crafts. I'm still struggling to work out how we fitted all that into 2 &  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours! But somehow over the 5 days, we did manage it!

We didn't restrict ourselves to the Polar Explorers Holiday Club material, we dreamed big! On the Tuesday night we showed a Sing-A-Long of Frozen, and filled the hall. Now, we may have made a small mistake with this event. We told people to dress up as their favourite character, and folks did. For the majority of the girls, they dressed up as Elsa, so that made



Leaders are sure to get in a mess. It's all part of the fun judging a best dressed competition a little difficult! But for the boys, we perhaps hadn't been specific enough, as we had boys dressed up as Woody from Toy Story, Batman and Spiderman! Regardless of how people came dressed, a brilliant night was had by all who attended! It was a brilliant atmosphere to see the hall filled with so many people. We had put out 103 seats & had to put out extra at the last minute, so that was a brilliant problem to have! On Wednesday night we had a sports quiz; that was brilliantly organised by Phil and ML! And yes, I would say that, given that the winning team consisted of myself, Lyndsay McMath, Natalie Reid & Janis Smith! This event brought the least amount of people out, but it may have been a case of too many

events too soon, but a good night was had by all, especially when the winning team shared their prize with everyone!



Our actors : but Benedict Cumberbatch has nothing to fear

On Friday we had our Community Barbecue. The sun shone and the team worked tirelessly to organise everything for it. The cooking was ably led by Andy Stewart and everyone had plenty to eat. Again, there was a great atmosphere in and around the church. The barbecue ended with the results of our vote, where the three most popular leaders in the voting stakes were gunged! The unfortunate victims were Lyndsay McMath, Natalie Fulton and Nicole Hutchison, however they quickly gained revenge on me by ambushing me with left over gunge! A great night was had by all!



Barbecue night - More mess!! But great fun

The week ended on a real high on the Sunday morning when we had our church service. To have about 20-30 children from the Holiday Club and about 15 toddlers in church was fantastic! There was a great buzz in church that Sunday and it would be brilliant to see it replicated week in week out!

Douglas Robertson

## *Thanks*

I would like to thank everyone who gave me cards and flowers on the occasion of my birthday. They were very much appreciated.

Thank you  
Evelyn Fleming



### Senior Citizens



*Calling All Seniors!*

The Senior Citizens recommence on Monday 5th 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)

*Thank  
You!*

Just to say thank you for the lovely flowers I received from the church. They were very much appreciated as I have just lost my sister who lived in Australia.

I would also like to say thank you to Alison, my elder, who is always there to listen.

Janette Showell



### **45th Glasgow Girls' Brigade (Mure Memorial Parish Church, Garrowhill)**

The new session is now upon us and we are looking forward to a fun packed year ahead. We meet on Monday and Wednesday nights as follows:

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

JUNIORS      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, activities and much, much more.

John Coutts and the family greatly appreciated the expressions of sympathy, both written and verbal, received following the death of Mima, a much loved wife and mother. John especially wishes to thank members of the congregation for their concern and support to him during this difficult period.

## 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 7.15 pm – 9.00 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

## World Mission Committee



### From Kale Heywet Church

Grace and peace be with you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God for you all the time. Because of your support and prayers people are being empowered, learning to be self-sufficient, providing more nutritious food for their family and communities are being transformed.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES

It is a joy to see the transformation of Self Help Group members and their families in every aspect of their lives. Working through local churches enables us to serve the whole person. It is also much easier for us to mobilize thousands of people than non-church-based organisations. Because of the harmony and love among members of different faiths in the SHG, people are coming to Christ without any preaching. In a town where 32 groups were recently established, nine people have accepted Christ as their Saviour.

### “You must be joking”

Abebech Game’a lives in a noisy, shanty area on the outskirts of Hawassa, a large city 271 km south of Addis Ababa. She is married and has 8 children: 4 girls and 4 boys. Abebech used to move from one shanty house to another because she couldn’t afford to pay regular rent. Whilst pregnant with twins she prayed in desperation for God to provide a home. God heard and answered her prayer. Someone saw her situation and gave her space in his compound where she assembled a plastic house.

*‘That was one of the biggest miracles of my life. It was much better than being homeless and living on the streets which was where I was heading.’*

Her husband worked as a daily labourer and Abebech tried things such as roasting

and selling corn on the roadside to support their family. But their combined income was hardly enough to feed their children even just one proper meal a day.

Abebech still remembers the first time the facilitators from Kale Heywet Church came to talk to her about Self Help Groups. *'They asked me, "What do you have?" and I replied, "I have myself and my children." To be honest, I thought they were going to give me something. When they told me about Self Help Groups and how I could change my life by saving small amounts, I thought they must be joking.'* But eventually, she joined a Self Help Group called 'Andinet' which means 'Unity'.

During the first year, the group received training on saving and credit management, entrepreneurship and basic business skills. Later on they received training on other topics such as leadership, home and time management and communication skills.

Abebech's initial weekly saving was just 2p. But now she is saving a minimum of 33p a week. She was the first to borrow from her group and her first loan was £1.33. With this she bought 40 pieces of wood and new plastic and improved her house. She repaid her loan and with another one she bought a calf for £10.

When the cow gives birth to male calves she fattens and sells them for up to £90 each and she raises the female calves for milk. She upgraded her house to a mud house with tin roof and was able to buy some furnishings.

This is how she described the change...

*'There were times when I couldn't afford to give my children even the smallest daily meal. You can imagine how heart breaking that is for a mother. But now, not only do they eat nutritious food but they eat until they are full. I can't express the gratitude and joy I feel when I hear my children say, 'I am full'. My older children passed through the darkest times of their lives with us but I am so glad the younger ones are not experiencing that.'* Abebech's only regret is that she didn't know about Self Help Groups sooner and asks, *'Where would we be now if Self Help Groups were here long ago*

Crawford, Helen and Gillian, would like to sincerely thank all friends and neighbours for their cards and messages of condolence. They brought great comfort and support to us and the rest of the family. Margaret Currie passed away peacefully at Burlington Court Care Home on Wednesday 1st July after her long illness with Alzheimer's. We would like to say a special thank you to Rev. Alex Stuart for his lovely service at Daldowie Crematorium and for all those who came to the service to remember Margaret. In addition we would like to thank all those who made generous donations through the retiring offering to Alzheimer Scotland in memory of our mum, grandma and great-grandma.

The Currie Family.

### BADMINTON CLUB



The church badminton club begins its new session on Monday 5th 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.



I am normally typing thank you messages for the Link on behalf of others, but this month I am doing it for myself. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support, cards, phone calls and the church flowers following my recent hip replacement operation.

A special thanks to the Holiday Club Team who helped me achieve my goal of making it along to what was an amazing week and to my many willing taxi drivers who kept me mobile for the weeks when I was unable to drive.

Janet Park

A lot of kneeling  
will keep you in good standing.



### CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE LINK

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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

