



September 2016



Mure Memorial Church



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Dear Friends

Brexit, bombings, political uncertainty, pictures of children dead or traumatised, shootings of an MP, police officers and too many young black men – and you could probably add your own troubles to the list - what is the world coming to? What a mess we seem to be in as human beings?

I'm presently at a conference in my old university of Aberdeen as a group of ministers seek to understand what is happening in the world, and where in the world is God. It may not help for you to know that we are actually studying the book of Jeremiah in the Old Testament, known as the messenger of doom and gloom to the people of Israel before they were taken away in exile to the city of Babylon.

Here so far are some of my findings. 1. Hold on to your seat – things could get a lot worse, and probably will. There would appear to be no end in sight as calamity upon calamity hits us, both personally, as a church, and as a world. There appears to be not enough peacemakers around, still too many warmongers, still too much political uncertainty. What's going to happen after Brexit? What's going to happen to the Labour Party? Who's going to be President of the USA? For ourselves, how can we deal with the pain and illness and death, not to mention the brokenness of our families and the hurting children at home or on TV that seems to envelope us in a dark depressing shroud?

2. Hold on to your faith. The God of the Christian faith is quite unique among the gods – Our God suffers with us. Our God is not a distant or malevolent God whipping up the storms around us. He is in the middle with us. Our God goes to the cross as Jesus Christ to experience and negate the power of the pain we are feeling. Our God raises Jesus from the dead to turn the darkest of days into glorious light. Our God is as close as our breathing. I remember a man who was celebrating his 100th birthday being interviewed on TV and asked what was the secret of long life. The old man thought for a moment, leaned forward to the microphone and whispered, "Keep breathing, just keep breathing." Make each laboured

breath a prayer, each quiet moment an appreciation of the presence of God.

3. Keep doing the good that you are doing. It may seem that you are running on empty. It may seem you're not making much difference. It may seem that all you're getting is grief from those around you. No matter, servants of God including Jeremiah and even Jesus Himself have been through it and come through it. Your labour will not be in vain and when the day of salvation comes with a new heaven and new earth you will surely hear God's blessing for you. "Well done my good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of the Lord." Matthew 25 v 21, 23.

May the promise of the joy of the Lord be a strength and a healing hope for your journey.

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.



Rev Malcolm
Cuthbertson

Our Assistant Minister, Rev Alex Stuart's
phone number is **07901802967**

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

19th June Poppy Elizabeth Lee McBride:
We wish every blessing on parents
Georgia and Jonathan

24th July Ellie McKissock: May God richly

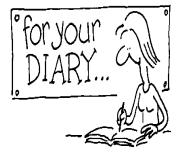
bless parents Christine and Martin



Let's pause to express thanks for the good things in our lives:

- for people who have given us love and friendship, encouragement and support...
- for our talents and health, and for the opportunities that come to us...
- for the beauty that we see, and the inspiration we receive...

Amen.



- Sunday 11th Sept Communion Sunday
with services at
10.00 am and 2.00 pm
- Sunday 18th Sept Morning Worship
10.00 am
- Sunday 25th Sept Morning Worship
10.00 am
- Sunday 2nd Oct Guild Dedication
Service 10.00 am
- Monday 3rd Oct Senior Citizens
resumes 2.15 pm
Men's Fellowship
resumes 7.45 pm
- Tuesday 6th Oct Guild recommences at
7.30 pm
- Saturday 8th Oct Cabaret Night with
'Twilight' in Garrowhill
Bowling Club
- Sunday 9th Oct BB & GB Dedication
Service 10.00 am

Flower Calendar



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

June 5th	Ellen Colquhoun
June 12th	Mr & Mrs Getty
June 19th	Wedding
June 26th	Mrs M Mathieson

July 3rd	Mamie Johnston
July 10th	Wilma Carrick
July 17th	Ella Tran
July 24th	Jean Fyfe
July 31st	Mr & Mrs Davidson

August 7th	Myra Brown
August 14th	Betty Pollock
August 21st	Joyce Gentles
August 28th	Margaret Hutchison

DOOR DUTY SEPTEMBER

BEADLE: M Scott

Door & Collection

September 18th	September 25th
E Boyd	A Hunter
C Rodgers	E Clark
A Stuart	M Brown
D Rodgers	Jeanette Hunt
B Graham	S Brown
A Graham	A Kenyon

DOOR DUTY OCTOBER

BEADLE: R Getty

Door & Collection

October 2nd	October 9th
A Telfer	R Colquhoun
G McDonald	I Malcolm
Alex Wilson	S Blackwood
M McMillan	M McEwan
P McDonald	E Colquhoun
A Forrester	J McLaren



Thanks you very much for the beautiful flowers and kind thoughts, they were very much appreciated.

Jean Mackenzie

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU



Once again, Mure Memorial has surpassed itself. During a week which could have rivalled itself with a Brazilian rainforest, Garrowhill has raised an amazing £1838.55.

Our wonderful dedicated team, who never hesitate when I give them the call, have once again been an inspiration. Hope you have all dried out now and can safely put the wellies away again until next year. Thank you all so so much.

Helen Stewart



Our Dedication Service this year is Sunday 2nd October (before the start of the Guild session) we hope as many of our members as possible will be able to attend.

The new session of the Guild starts on Tuesday 4th October and our joint secretaries June and Carol have been working hard over the summer preparing a very interesting and enjoyable programme for the year.

Our programme for October is –

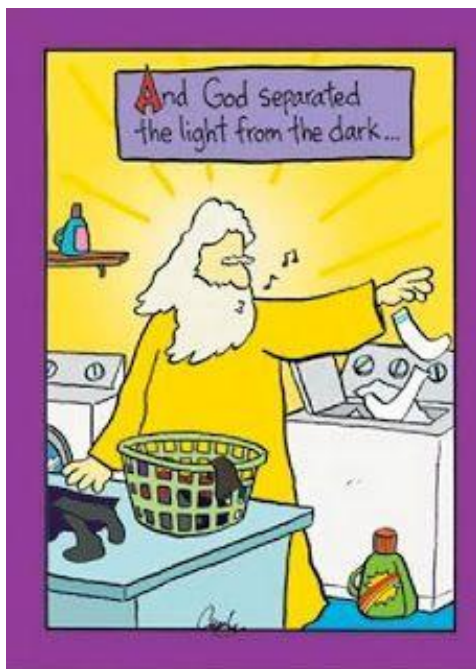
- Oct 4th Sandra West
- 11th Project – All Friends Together
- 18th Canine Partners
- 25th Halloween Party

Our meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and we look forward to meeting up with all our old friends and welcoming new ones and hearing everyone’s news and summer stories. We can promise you will have some entertaining evenings and some informative evenings, but always enjoyable, plus a cup of tea and a biscuit (and sometimes homebaking). Come along on 4th October and see.

A Message from Anne Scott – Guild Treasurer

As agreed at our AGM the summer collection this year will be donated to the Church MAP and General Fund. As members may be aware, if donations are gift aided, the church can get a further 25% of their donation.

If any member would like their summer collection to be gift aided and have already completed the necessary form, at commencement of session please put



collection in an envelope and either add WFO number or name.

If you are a taxpayer and have not completed a gift aid form and would like to have your collection gift aided the necessary forms can be obtained from Peter Malcolm.

Senior Citizens



Calling All Seniors!

The Senior Citizens recommence on Monday 3rd 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)

Thanks

I would like to thank you for the flowers, cards, visits and phone calls made during my recent illness.

All very much appreciated.

Neil Sloan



Thank you so much for all your kind thoughts and prayers for our daughter after her accident while on holiday, also for the lovely flowers we have received over the last few weeks. At the time of this letter, she is home and, although she has a long way yet to recover, she is improving daily.

Margaret and Russell Forrester

Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship



Our new session commences on Monday 3rd October, when we meet in the Guild Room at 7.45pm. Our opening speaker this year will be our minister, the Rev Malcolm Cuthbertson.

Our Secretary, Bob Colquhoun, has again produced an interesting syllabus and the details for October are as follows;

10th Oct – John Phillips: Slovakia

17th Oct – Heather Willimott; Spain and Portugal

24th Oct – Bobby Keys; Windsor Castle

31st Oct – Rev Peter Davidge

We will be pleased to welcome men from the congregation and our community at any of our meetings.



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



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 (Primary 1 – 3)	Mondays 6.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.
JUNIORS (Primary 4 – 7)	Wednesdays 6.15 p.m. – 7.45 p.m.
BRIGADERS (S1 – S6)	Wednesdays 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.

Please check us out on Facebook - GirlsBrigade45th @ GB45th

From Douglas

Welcome back for the new session, and I hope everyone had a restful summer. I was busy with two main events. The first was an SU Camp at King's Cross on Arran. It was a great week, both weather wise and in terms of how the week went. I think I have just about got over my midge bites!

Highlights of the week ranged from car pool



karaoke, seeing a zorse, jumping off a high tower, abseiling, gorge walking and crazy golf, as well as much praising God!

My personal highlight was the thunder storm of the Tuesday night when I was leading adventure camping with a group of kids in a forest in Lamlash. The entire tent was lit up by



the lightning and really showed the power of God! With three young people from Baillieston attending, it was good to have support in "bigging" up how great Baillieston is to the "outsiders" from other parts such as Paisley & Edinburgh

The summer was also busy with our Holiday Club, "Guardians of Ancora"! I think it's fair to say the week was a great success, with a minimum of 71 children in the hall each morning. Not



to be outdone, there was always at least 25 toddlers at toddler time, meaning we had over 100 children in the church each morning! It was quite an effort, and my thanks to everyone who made it a success. From leading the toddlers, to leading groups, games, crafts, making snacks, clearing up spillages, leading singing and praying, my thanks to everyone.

So, what about the future? Now Holiday Club is over, does my workload ease off? Aye, that'll be right! The organisations all start back, with the Girls' Brigade having already started back and Boys' Brigade soon to follow. Youth Fellowship begins on Sunday 4th September, running 7-9pm. At the end of the session we had 6 young people and it would be brilliant to try to break double figures this session! This group is open to anyone in secondary school. There is also the schools' work, which by the time you read this will have started.

Bannerman's SU Group is on a Wednesday lunchtime, and they meet in the nurture room. One reason to come early is to find out about the secondary school SU weekend away, which is from 7th-9th October at Lendrick Muir. So, if you wish to come along then please do so. At Garrowhill Primary the SU Group meets on a Thursday lunchtime and is open to pupils P6-P7. So, with that alone it promises to be busy, but watch this space to see if there are other ideas in the pipeline

Cameron's week at Holiday Club

At the start of each day we would do some drawings, and after that we would sing and dance. Then we would take part in an activity, we would watch a video and have a task explained to us and then we would go back to our groups and do the task related to the daily Bible story. My favourite activity was making the boats of the disciples with plastercine.



We would have a snack whilst doing our tasks and then we would play a game and do a craft. We had a different game and craft each day.

At the end of the day, Gregor, Natalie, Nicole and Gillian would act out an episode of the drama called "Adventures of Ancora". (Ancora means anchor!) It was lots of fun and exciting.

My favourite part of Holiday Club was our Pokemon Hunt game we played. The leaders pretended to be Pokemon and hid. I found Mewtwo, Pickachu, Squirtle, Charmander and Moewth!

(These are the names of some of the Pokemon!)

Cameron Arthur aged 8 years

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As the new session begins, I would like, on behalf of the Committee, to express our deep appreciation and thanks to all leaders and helpers who teach our faith in Jesus week by week in our Youth Organisations, Sunday School, Bible Class and Youth Fellowship. We wish them all well in this new session.

In particular, the hard work and enthusiasm of Douglas Robertson, our Children's, Youth and Family Worker, and his great team of helpers and young leaders deserve our thanks for making the Holiday Club such a tremendous success.

Our adult organisations too would not enjoy such success if it were not for the willing and loyal members who take office in their committees. So we send them our thanks and wish them continued success in the new session.

Of course we also learn about and grow our faith Sunday by Sunday and our grateful thanks are due to our Ministry Team, our Choir and Janet Park, our Organist and Choir leader, who has so willingly led our worship with grace and talent during our vacancy.

There are many others who work behind the scene to make our Services run smoothly, who demonstrate their God given gifts, which give a welcoming expression of their faith in our Lord and his church here in Mure Memorial.

We are indeed a fortunate church to have so many people who demonstrate their faith in His service and His church.

We thank them ALL and wish God's blessing upon them.

Cathy Wallace

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Hi folks

I'm running the Glasgow Half Marathon (13 miles) on 2nd October in memory of Margaret Abbott, my best mate's mum, who sadly passed away earlier this year. As many of you will remember, Margaret suffered from multiple sclerosis and lived with the condition for over 30 years. She attended Leuchie House on a regular basis and benefited from their expert care and support. All donations will go towards Margaret's memorial fund at Leuchie to help finance a special room being made in her memory. Donating through 'JustGiving' is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity. You can help raise money for this great cause by donating directly to their fundraising page - <https://www.justgiving.com/JonnyScott2016> However, if you would prefer not to do it online, you will find Sponsor forms at the back and front doors of the church, or speak to my Mum, Moira, for more information.



Thank you.  
Jonny Scott



## 'On the Road' – Listening, Sharing, Planning



From Rev Dr Martin Scott, Council Secretary, Council of Assembly

Kirk leaders are going 'On the Road' this autumn running a series of day and evening events across the country to hear from you. We want both to listen to your ideas and to share thinking about the future direction of the ministry and mission of the Church of Scotland.

### Listening

A main feature of 'On the Road' events will be space to hear what you have to say about helping the Church of Scotland to be a *thriving* Church. We will look at key parts of our Christian life, such as Worship; Nurturing Faith; engaging in our communities. What do you have to say about the way we do these things and how we might do them in future?

### Sharing

There will be an opportunity for us to share with you some of the key new ideas which Councils of the Church have been developing and to hear your response to them. Do these things 'scratch where we are itching'? How might we shape them to meet the needs you see in Church and community?

### Planning

The Council of Assembly is coordinating 'On the Road', principally working with the Ministries Council, Mission & Discipleship and the Panel on Review and Reform. Others such as the General Trustees, who play a key role in the care



of buildings, will also be present. All of these bodies are working together to help the Church plan for the future – and we need your help in doing that.

This is not just an event for others – it is for you! Only by hearing from you, can we be informed to plan more effectively for the future mission and ministry of the Church.

The Glasgow event is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September in Renfield St Stephen’s Church from 11.00 am-3.00 pm.

We very much hope you can join us – and look forward to seeing you at the event of your choice.



### **A date for your diary**



Following the success of our last Cabaret night at the bowling club, the MAP committee are delighted that ‘Twilite’ will be performing on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets, priced £5.00, will be available soon from committee members. We, of course, know her better as Denise and she is kindly giving of their services free. Once again donations for Raffle prizes will be much appreciated.



### **CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE LINK**

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**Deadline for the next issue is  
Wednesday 21st September**

