

# Mure Memorial Church

Sunday 14th December 2025

*Please stand as the Bible enters the Church*



Welcome & Intimations

Lighting of the Advent Candles

301 : Hark! the herald angels sing

Prayer of Approach

All age talk

321 : Come and join the celebration

304 : O little town of Bethlehem

Readings : Luke 1, verses 26-38 & 46-49

Short reflection

Video : Mary did you know (*reflection - remain seated*)

316 : Love came down at Christmas

Short reflection

300 : The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

Offering brought forward

Prayer of Intercession

Video : Christmas Hallelujah (*reflective video - remain seated*)

Short reflection

324 : Angels from the realms of Glory

Blessing

*Please remain standing as the Bible leaves the Church*

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who is visiting with us this week and hope that you enjoy worshipping at Mure Memorial. Please join us for tea and coffee in the hall after the service.

## **INTIMATIONS**

### **FARE Christmas Appeal**

Many thanks to all who supported the FARE Christmas Appeal on Gift Sunday.

70 gift bags with many gift bags containing multiple presents were handed over to FARE. That is a lot of presents! There were also a few cash donations. The FARE staff and volunteers who collected the gifts were pleased and very grateful.

My personal thanks to all who helped move the gifts on Sunday to the vestry and particularly to Sheila who helped me hand them over on Monday.

Once again thank you for your very generous response particularly at this time when there are many other equally deserving causes seeking support.

## **The Guild**

There is no meeting this week as we take a break over the festive season. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

## **Flower Calendar 2026**

The Flower Calendar for 2026 will be at the front of the Church from today. Anyone who wishes to mark a special date can add their name to the dates that they want,

Can I thank you all for your generous donations to the Flower Fund and remind you that Agnes Nicol is still looking for help in delivery and displaying of the flowers in her absence. Anyone who can assist should get in touch with Agnes.

Finally, Agnes would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Guid New Year.

### **Christmas Services**

This year we will have 2 of the joint services at Mure Memorial and one at St Andrew's. All will be welcome at any of the services. Please see the details below :

**Christmas Eve Family Service : Mure Memorial at 6.30pm**

**Watchnight Service : St Andrew's -Christmas Eve at 11.30pm.**

(Tea/coffee available from 11pm)

**Christmas Day Service : Mure Memorial at 11am.**

### **Church Christmas Cards**

Any elder who has not yet uplifted the Christmas Cards for their district from the Session Room, is asked to do so and tick the sheet accordingly. Our thanks go to Margaret Meek for designing our card this year.

Extra copies have been printed this year so members of the congregation are welcome to take some to extend Christmas Greeting from Mure Memorial to friends or neighbours.

### **Chocolate Tubs Recycling**

Tub2Pub is a recycling campaign by the UK pub chain Greene King to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and to recycle plastics. The 2025 campaign raised £10,916 from over 240,000 tubs.

If you have any Confectionery, biscuit or cracker tubs – e.g. Heroes, Celebrations, Jacob's Crackers, etc. - these will be collected to support the campaign. Please bring your clean and empty tubs and lids and leave them at the collection point at the front of the church. They will be delivered to a Greene King pub in early February 2026 – so no need to rush eating all those chocolates, biscuits and crackers!

The tubs will then be collected and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre, shredded and sold on to plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics, so as well as raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, you will also be doing your bit to save the planet.

### **Boys' Brigade - Empty Cans**

The Boys' Brigade are fundraising by collecting empty drinks cans. Please bring along any empty washed cans.

### **Praise Gathering 2026**

Registration for the Praise Gathering choir is now open. Last year there was a waiting list for singers wishing to join this choir so anyone wishing to register to sing should do so early.

All dates and details can be found at [www.praisegathering.org.uk](http://www.praisegathering.org.uk)

### **Future Intimations**

Intimations can be submitted for inclusion in the Order of Service and on [www.mure.org](http://www.mure.org) by emailing **[intimations@mure.org](mailto:intimations@mure.org)**.

Just to make everyone aware, that when you request an intimation via [intimations@mure.org](mailto:intimations@mure.org), to be put in Order of Service, this also goes to the website and Facebook. Please let us know if you do not want the information on all platforms. It may also be that you wish to adjust intimation for each platform.

If your intimation is not electronic, please supply a copy to **Christine Imrie or John McMillan**.

It would be appreciated if any intimations for the following Sunday could be submitted by Wednesday evening.

### **Church Website**

For more information about what is going on at the church, please visit our website **[www.mure.org](http://www.mure.org)**