

September 2010

Mure Memorial Church



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Dear Friends

The last time I wrote to you I was looking forward to the long lazy days of summer and hoping that we might all find some time of rest and relaxation.

Like most of you I have now had my summer holidays, but, when I returned, it was to the good news that the Nominating Committee have invited Rev. Malcolm Cuthbertson to preach as sole nominee on 26th September.

As a congregation, Mure Memorial, has been vacant for quite some time (many would say too long); so it will be good to see a new ministry start among you.

But a time of vacancy can also be a time of developing, as people, apart from the minister, take on more responsibility for various aspects of the congregations life and work. I pray that those of you who have discovered new strengths during this vacancy will continue to exercise your new found abilities alongside your new minister.

I must, however, not get too far ahead of the situation. There are still due processes to be followed through; not least of all Sunday 26th Sept when you will all have the opportunity to be involved in the selection process. And, even though this is a holiday weekend, I do hope that you will all make a special effort to be in Church that Sunday.

My time with you, while now coming to an end, is not yet over so I will reserve any comments on my time with you for the next Link magazine. Instead, let me share with you something I brought back from my recent holiday in Shetland.

On both Sundays I was in Shetland I attended St. Columba's Church in Lerwick (where my brother is an Elder)

On the second Sunday we were led in the singing of the 23rd Psalm in the Shetland dialect, (a language which owes as much to Danish and Norwegian as it does to Scots and English), and I really felt that, as the people expressed this familiar Psalm in their 'every day' language, it seemed to mean so much more.

*Da Lord's my hird I sanna want;
He finns me böls athin
Green mödoo girse an ledds me whaar
Da burns sae saftly rin.*

*He lukks my wilt an wanless sowl
Stravaigin far fae hame
Back ta da nairoo, windin gaet,
Fir sake o His ain name.*

*Toh I sood geng doon Daeth's dark gyill
Nae ill sall come my wye,
Fir He will gaird me wi His staff
An comfort me firbye.*

*My table He haes coosed wi maet
Whin faantin Göd da fremmed:
My cup wi hansels lippers ower
My head wi oil is sained.*

*Noo shörly aa my livin days
Göd's love sall hap me ower,
Until I win ta His ain hoose
Ta bide fir evermore.*

I firmly believe that the Lord wants us to sing and pray to Him in words, and in ways, with which we are comfortable, and in ways we can truly express our emotions.

This is why I now invite the congregation to say the Lord's prayer in the way they feel most comfortable; because it is important that we pray, not only with words, but in ways that allow us truly to express how we feel.

*May the Lord know and hear the prayers of
your heart and may Göd's love hap ye ower
noo an fir evermore.*

Leslie Grieve (Locum)
Tel. 0141 576 1376

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From the Nominating Committee

The Committee were delighted to intimate on Sunday 22nd August that they have invited the Revd Malcolm Cuthbertson BA BD, of Easterhouse St George's and St Peter's, to be their nominee and that he has accepted. He will preach on Sunday 26th September and, following immediately after the service, electors will be invited to vote for or against his appointment as our Minister.

Members will then be given the opportunity to sign the Call, which will be available over the following eight days.

The Call can be signed on behalf of members unable to be present in person, provided a mandate has been signed. These mandates will be available from the Session Clerk following the service on the 26th September.

Alastair Borthwick – Convener
Janet Park – Clerk

Flower Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has donated flowers for our Sunday services during July & August



<u>JULY</u>	
July 4th	Mrs E Colguhoun
July 11th	Mr & Mrs McKendrick
July 18th	Mrs E Tran
July 25th	Miss E Cunningham

<u>AUGUST</u>	
August 1st	Mr & Mrs R Clark
August 8th	Mrs M Brown
August 15th	Mrs C Robertson
August 22nd	Mrs J Crawford
August 29th	Mrs I Begg

As you may be aware starting this session we have a new editorial team. Thanks to Hilary for all her hard work and in guiding us as we edit our first issue of the Link. We aim to do our best to accommodate everyone's requests, however if we should fail to print your entry, please contact us and we will do our best to include it in the next edition of the Link.

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SMALL GROUP UPDATE

Prayer for Those Who Toil

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

If you would like a prayer to be said for yourself/a personal situation please complete one of the prayer slips available at each church door. Alternatively email prayer@mure.org or telephone Eileen on 573 8142

Prayer Group

The prayer group meets on Thursday evenings at 6:45pm in the Vestry. Please come along and join our group – you will be made most welcome

Eileen Mitchell



Would you like to discuss and learn more about your faith and its meaning for today in an enjoyable, relaxed and trusting atmosphere and, at the same time build a closer relationship with God and with others? Joining a small group, where you will be made most welcome, will give you this opportunity. I know you would find it interesting and life enriching. I know this because I've been told so by group members.

Please consider coming along and trying us out. We would love to see you.

The meetings take place on Alternate Monday nights at 7.15pm in the vestry. Please contact Cathy Wallace Tel 771 5549 or speak to me in church for further details

Jane Gould hopes to resume a small group soon in her home on alternate Wednesday nights and she would be delighted to hear from you and give you more information.

Contact Jane on Tel 778 0655 or speak to her in church.

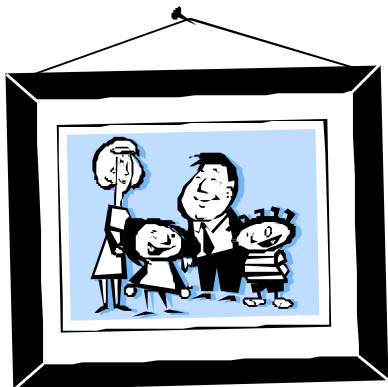
Cathy Wallace

Garrowhill Garden Estate Community Group

The above voluntary group has already carried out various projects to enhance the neighbourhood. Examples of the work can be seen at Barrachnie Cross and Garrowhill Station. They have kindly offered to do some work in the Church grounds as part of their projects for 2011. If you would like to find out more about this group or offer your support please contact Barry Linning 0141 771 8885.

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Meet the Tates



You may have heard of the Tates. They are in every organisation. There is Dic Tate, who wants to run everything. Ro Tate always tries to change things. Agi Tate, who stirs up trouble whenever possible, with a helping hand from Irri Tate. Devas Tate who loves to interrupt Poten Tate who wants to be a big shot. Every time new ideas are suggested it's Hesi Tate and Vegi Tate who are there to say it can't possibly work and Imi Tate who would rather copy other organisations than try something new. Thank goodness for Facilli Tate and Medi Tate, they get everyone pulling together.

A date for your diary



Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir will be making a welcome return visit and giving a concert in the Church on Tuesday 21st September starting at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, price £5 including tea, can be bought from any member of the Social Committee

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

Did you know there is a Scottish Country Dance Club in Garrowhill. At one time there were over 40 members but over the years our numbers have fallen. It is said country dancing exercises both the brain and the body so why not come and join us. We meet on Thursday evenings at the Community Centre at 7.00 p.m.

Situation Vacant !

Do you have a few hours to spare?
Do you have basic computer skills?
Could you help out in the Church Office?
Please give this some thought and if you want to find out more of what is involved, please speak to me.

Janet Park

THRIFT SHOP

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning and organ recital on Tuesday 24th August at which we raised £243.00

Mure Memorial Men's Fellowship *Fellowship of the Highest Order*



Our new session starts on Monday 4th October, when we hope to welcome back former members as well as any men who are new to our fellowship. Our speaker on the opening evening is our locum, Leslie Grieve and on the 11th October we will have a speaker from the Drug Abuse Council

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Dear Friends,

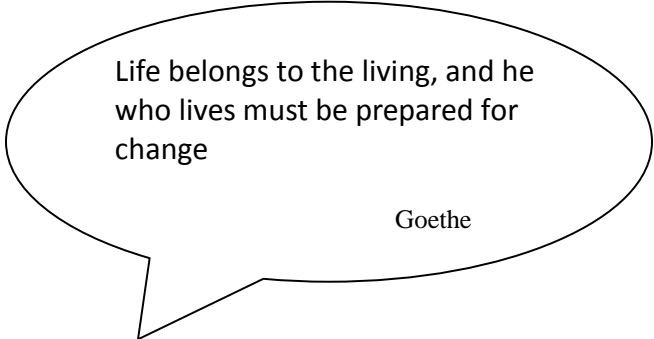
I have been your Interim Moderator since March. The ensuing six months have been busy but I'm glad to say, productive. I have conducted worship with you at Mure Memorial and have shared in the BB Displays, but most of my time has been taken up by meetings with the Session and Nominating Committee. The Session have hosted a Quinquennial Visit in this time and have tackled the Assembly's special consultation on same-sex relationships and the Ministry, each challenging tasks in their own way, as well as going about their normal work. The Nominating Committee redoubled its efforts to find a suitable applicant for the vacancy after two years of searching. The happy result has been the nomination of the Rev. Malcolm Cuthbertson, as announced recently in church.

If the congregation decides to call Mr. Cuthbertson and the Presbytery of Glasgow sustains that call, my work among you will be over. The congregation's right to call is fundamental to our Presbyterian system and I will not prejudge the outcome, however I do hope that my presence won't be required among you for much longer, even though I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It is time you had your own minister once again. You, the members of Mure Memorial, must now confirm whether Mr. Cuthbertson is indeed the person God has called to fulfill that task.

I plan to be with you on two Sundays yet, however. The 26th September, to conduct the ballot following Mr. Cuthbertson's conduct of worship, and the 3rd October to perform two Baptisms which have been planned for some time. The occasion after that might possibly be an Induction – but that is in your hands! All I would encourage you to do is to turn out in force on September 26th so that there is a representative congregation for this most important occasion in the life of Mure Memorial Church.

Wishing you every blessing,

Melvyn Wood
Interim Moderator



Life belongs to the living, and he who lives must be prepared for change

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TREASURERS REPORT ON FINANCES TO END OF JULY 2010

Now that for most of us the holiday season is over we have to get our thoughts back into what is in store for the remaining months of this year. As at the end of July our offerings has not improved since my last report up to the end of May. In fact our offerings for June were £1000 lower than June last year. July income was almost the same as last year but overall this year we are down on last year by £3418. This year we require an income of £89,260, on our General Fund, and as at the end of July we have received £45213, which includes £2200 from our Organisations. As you can see with only 5 months left we have only reached 50% of our income target, which will make it difficult to reach our income expectation. Our expenditure is as normal and we have paid all our commitments however as I notified you in my last report we did have unexpected expenditure in having to repair the Church roof after some of the lead had been stolen. We were fortunate that with donations from our organisations and a very generous donation from a member of our congregation we were able to meet this expenditure fully. However, more bad news, in that the thieves have returned and stripped more lead, and this time also causing some damage to the roof. We must get this repaired, before we are also faced with water damage, and the estimate for this is £1200.

This time however we are also applying anti-vandal paint as a deterrent in the hope of preventing further damages.

I wish I could report in a more positive vein but I want to keep you informed of our present financial situation. Our general fund account stands at £28513, which is £2000 down from our opening balance at the beginning of January.

I keep plugging for additional gift aid contributors, without you we would not have the additional income of £11000 - £12000 per year. If you require a form, or further information, then these can be obtained from any member of our Finance Committee. There are also details on our web site at www.mure.org.

Peter Malcolm

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45th Glasgow Girls' Brigade

As we start our new session, unfortunately, a few of our helpers and officers will not be able to join us this year. This allows us the opportunity to ask if there are any ladies who would be interested in coming along to help at the Girls' Brigade.

We cover many subjects with the girls and I am sure there are many ladies with talents which they could pass on to the girls.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping or would like more information, please speak to any member of GB staff or contact Jeanette on 778 4662 or email leiper_j@yahoo.co.uk.

However, we are looking forward to our new session and would invite all school aged girls (primary or secondary) to come along and join us on a Monday or Wednesday night.

Our new session starts as follows:

Explorers - Monday 6th September
(Primary 1 - 3) 6.15 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Juniors - Wednesday 1st September
(Primary 4 - 7) 6.15 p.m. - 7.45 p.m.

Brigaders - Wednesday 1st September
(S1 - S6) 7.30 p.m. - 9.30.p.m.

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN

Thanks Jeanette

DOOR DUTY – September

BEADLE: ROBERT GETTY

Door & Collection

September 5th	September 12th
L Bell	A Pollock
I Malcolm	J McVittie
A Kenyon	J Crawford
J Davidson	A Borthwick
H Colquhoun	A Nicol
S Blackwood	A Stewart

September 19th	September 26th
W Millar	E Boyd
C Scotland	A Stuart
Car. Stewart	C Rodgers
C McChesney	B Graham
C Turnbull	W B Bowie
Mrs Walker	M Martin

DOOR DUTY – October

BEADLE: GRAEME LEIPER

Door & Collection

October 3rd	October 10th
L Strachan	J Hunt
L Bell	Mrs Hunt
A Frew	J Hannah
A Smith	Mrs Hannah
A Kenyon	A Kavannah
M Brown	

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Bible Class

The young people have agreed to use the RITE! programme produced by the Church of Scotland. They decided to have their launch party before returning to school, so on the evening of Saturday, August 14th, a party was held in the Church Hall. Parents, Elders and Mentors were invited and participated fully. The purpose of the evening was for Mentors to get to know the young people better; parents and Elders to learn more about the programme and their involvement in it, but most importantly, it was about the young people of our Church committing themselves to this 30-week journey to learn about their Church and community. They will need the energy to see it through and the support of all us adults to complete it. If you are approached by a group of noisy, giggly (or quiet and grumpy) teenagers it will be for a reason – probably a request for help – or money! Please support them as best you can.

On behalf of the Bible Class I would like to thank all the adults who helped to make the launch a success.

Beverley Bisset – Leader.

THE GUILD

Now that the holidays are over and the days are already getting shorter it is time to look forward to the new session of the Guild. Our first night is on Tuesday 5 October starting at 7.30 p.m. We look forward to meeting up with all our members and hearing about their summer. New members are always welcome and they can be sure of both interesting and entertaining evenings.

Our programme for October is -

Oct 5 Projects - Helen Graham
12 Songs & Laughter - Rhona Hughes
19 Terrify No More
26 Falkirk Bohemians

From the first Sunday in September our service will be held 10.30am

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 the folder outside the Vestry

Deadline for the next issue is 22nd September

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Some examples of what can go wrong in a church magazine. We hope nothing like this appears in the Link, but please remember we are on a learning curve and forgive any errors.

The Editing Team.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

We hope you have enjoyed reading our first publication of the Link.

Please remember that this is your magazine and we are relying on you to help us fill the pages. Please pass on to us any items of interest both within the Church and local community.

A true believer is:

Strong enough to be weak
Successful enough to fail
Wise enough to say "I don't know"
Serious enough to laugh
Rich enough to be poor
Right enough to say "I'm wrong"
Mature enough to be childlike
Planned enough to be spontaneous
Controlled enough to be flexible
Free enough to endure captivity
Knowledgeable enough to ask questions
Loving enough to be angry
Great enough to be anonymous
Responsible enough to play
Assured enough to be rejected
Stable enough to cry
Victorious enough to lose