

# Mure Memorial Church

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

First Sunday of Advent



*Please stand as the Bible enters the Church*

Welcome & Intimations

In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

**We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah who will change the world—and change us.**

We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

**We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts. We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.**

Come! Let us worship our God — the One who brings all things to fulfilment.

MP 1350 : Speak, O Lord, as we come to You

Dedication of Offering

All Ages Talk

Lighting of Advent First Candle

Prayer

God of Hope, our world has grown cold with despair, with hopelessness, with weariness and dread. Alight in us the fire of Your Spirit, a reminder that death never has the final word, so we might pursue justice and live into Your ways and become living hope in a world that desperately needs it. Amen.

475 : Christ is coming! Let creation (verse 1 only)

Prayer of Approach and Confession ending with the Lord's Prayer

Readings : Isaiah 64, verses 1-9

Mark 13, verses 24-37

273 : O come, O come, Emmanuel

Reflection

662 : Jesus thou joy of loving hearts

Apostles' Creed

Holy Communion

472 : Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Benediction

*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

### 137<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Boys, Brigade Junior Section - Volunteers

Currently, the 137th Glasgow Boys' Brigade Junior Section is in desperate need of additional leaders (male or female) to help on a Thursday night. To find out more about volunteering within the Boys'

Brigade, please view the national web page on volunteering. **boys-brigade.org.uk/volunteering/**

It is a fun and rewarding experience being a volunteer, and particularly in the BB, where you would be playing a part in the lives of our young people. The boys are aged 8-11 years.

Please give this opportunity serious consideration. You do not need to have been a member of either Boys' or Girl's Brigade, or need any particular experience. If there is an obstacle in your mind, I am sure that this may be overcome.

It is critical that we increase our staff numbers to enable us to continue. At this time, we will not be able to operate our section in the foreseeable future. Please don't wait till it is too late.

Please share this where you are able and give consideration to family and friends who would be suitable to help and may have an interest. In addition, Anchor Boys and Company Section would welcome some new staff as well.

If you wish to find out more, please email [johnmcm@hotmail.com](mailto:johnmcm@hotmail.com)

### **The Guild**

This week we are holding our Senior Citizens' Lunch. Please note the amended start time this week of **1pm**.

### **Gift Service**

Please bring your gifts (**unwrapped**) in a gift bag or you may make a monetary donation instead next **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

The gifts and donations will be going to support the work of Easterhouse Women's Aid. Gifts should be for children and young people aged between 3 years and 14 years.

### **Flower Calendar 2024**

The calendar for next year is now available at the front of the church. Please complete for any special dates for which you wish to provide flowers.

### **Thrift Shop**

The Thrift Shop will be unable to open this Tuesday 5th December. The next date that it will open will be Tuesday 6th February 2024.

### **Girls' Brigade Fundraiser**

The 45th Glasgow Girls' Brigade are holding a Festive Fundraising Evening this **Wednesday 6th December** in the church hall at **7pm**. All proceeds are going to the charity 'Glasgow the Caring City'. Anyone is welcome to come along.

Entry £2 for adults and £1 for children. Tea/Coffee and cake will be served during the evening and donations of home baking would be most welcome. Please see the Church facebook page for more information about this event.

### **Christmas Card Competition**

The names of the 3 winners and 5 runners up in this competition are listed on the church website and on the facebook page along with images of their designs. The 3 winning designs will be printed as cards and distributed to members and friends of the congregation. Thanks to all children who submitted designs this year.

### **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**.

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.

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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.