

APRIL FOREST CHURCH
SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 2.30 p.m.

Walk to Emmaus Walk to Roslin approximately 4 miles on the disused railway path and Roslin Glen. (good path and 70 steps down and up and then take bus 37 back to Penicuik)
 Please bring a picnic to finish with a simple agape meal

Penicuik Forest Church We meet at Valleyfield Pond
 @penicuikforestchurch - Religious organisation

Please join us as we reflect and look for signs of new life in this season of resurrection. Please come suitably dressed with appropriate footwear..

RESURRECTION
 celebrate the greatest event in history

Celebrate the greatest event in history with the Origin Scotland band, singers and orchestra in an evening of music and worship in the Usher Hall. Free tickets: <https://www.originministry.org/bookings/>

Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries course in Penicuik starting 19 April

THE SANCTUARY COURSE*
 An ecumenical 8 session course designed to equip the church to support mental health and wellbeing

St James the Less Church Hall, Broomhill Road, Penicuik EH26 9EE

Wednesday mornings 9.30- 11.30am starts 19 April 2023

LEARN MORE AT SANCTUARYMENTALHEALTH.ORG

Sign up for Face to Face or zoom attendance puppetladysheila@gmail.com

How can a church become a sanctuary—a place where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and a sense of belonging?

The Sanctuary Course was created to inspire and equip communities of faith that are asking this important question.

This eight-session study guide explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote wellbeing.

Sign up for Face to Face or Zoom email Sheila Anderson puppetladysheila@gmail.com



Interchurch Quiz Night – 17 March

Report by Agnes Ovenstone
 Great turnout for the Churches together Quiz Night. Around forty people attended to enjoy a fun filled evening on Friday 17 March. Brain cells were given a good shake up as Agnes Ovenstone got us started and kept the scores.

Gordon MacDonald once again had the difficult job of reading the

questions, often more than once, especially for those whose brain cells and ears needed a little help!

We formed up into six teams, the first task being to choose a name for ourselves. The final list - Spring Chickens, The Four Musketeers, Scouse and Scotch, The Jimmies, The Infamous Five and Bright Sparks. The quiz was made up of six categories - The Bible, Scotland, History, Geography, General Knowledge and Food. A welcome break for refreshment was held halfway through.

An example of one of the questions from each category:

What is the last book in the Bible? - Malachi
 Where in Scotland was the last witch executed in 1727? - Dornoch
 Which country ruled the Isle of Man before 1266? - Norway
 Which motorway in the UK is the longest? - M6
 What colour is most toilet paper in France? - Pink
 What is Allium Sativum? - Garlic

Agnes Ovenstone presents David Hogg with 'Smart Alec' trophy



Agnes assists question master Gordon MacDonald

Trinity Community Diary

For Penicuik Churches together (PCT) Easter services see calendar in centre page of this issue

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 7.15 pm	Sunday evening Prayer Meeting - Church Hall
3 April 2.00pm	Guild : Annual General Meeting - Church Hall
10, 17, 24 April 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Capes 674276
12 April 10.00am. then 1 May 2.30pm	Wednesday / Monday Bible Study & Housegroup - Church Hall (committee room)
6, 13, 20, 27 April 10.00am to 12 noon	Coffee and Chat (Warm Spaces) - Church Hall
9 April 2.00 - 4.00pm	Gather on the Green : Foster Road
9 April 7.30pm	Resurrection : Origin Scotland in the Usher Hall (See notice above)
16 April 12.30pm	Soup Lunch Sunday - Church Hall (After the morning service)
17 April (time TBA)	Guild : Lunch - Navaar House Hotel
19 April 2.30pm (Free Reserve your place)	Growing Young Webinar - The influence of a Christian Grandparent
23 April 2.30pm	Forest Church: Emmaus Walk - Meeting point: Valleyfield Pond at 2.30pm.
23 April 7.00pm	Ecumenical Prayer Meeting: St. James the Less
30 April 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Messy Church - Church Hall
3 May 2.00pm	Friendship Hour - Church Hall. (For help with transport call Margaret 672347)

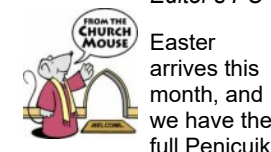
TC News

APRIL 2023 Newsletter of Penicuik Trinity Community Church

You can read this newsletter at Penicuik Trinity Community Church website <https://www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church>. To sign up for an eCopy of this newsletter to be sent direct to your inbox each month, saving paper and other resources, just send a request email to penicuiktrinitycommunitymedia@gmail.com

Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



Easter arrives this month, and we have the full Penicuik Churches Together calendar of events.

Plus, additional activities starting later in April, and a preview into May as well.

The Messy Church series on the women in Jesus' lineage completed with Mary, his mother. I see there is a 'Coronation' theme to the April event on the 30th.

The social get together for the Quiz Night is covered this time, with a few of the questions. Did you know the answers?



Looking even farther ahead, the SU Holiday Club 1st to 3rd August for Primary 2-7 (at 1st June 2023). So if your children enjoy a bit of interesting fun then save these dates.

Looking forward to our second Soup Lunch on the 16th April. The March one was a great success. Join us if you missed it

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Easter at Penicuik Churches



This month we bring you the full Penicuik Churches Together Easter events calendar, see our inside pages.

Something for everyone during Holy Week, including our annual 'Sunrise Service' at Broomhill where we welcome the Resurrection as the sun rises (hopefully) over Penicuik.

Plus lot's more events to celebrate Easter, and beyond



Easter Family Fun Day
Saturday 8 April 10am to 2pm
 Penicuik Trinity Community Church Hall
 Kirkhill Road

Activities include

- kids' games/activities
- tombola
- ring the bottle
- home baking
- Easter egg hunt
- Jewellery stall
- Face painting
- Nail bar

Lots more

Prize for home made Easter Bonnet-make it at home and bring with you.
 Prize for children and adults

We rely on fundraising to restock our food cupboards.
 Every penny spent on our stalls will go towards buying food to help those in need in Penicuik and Midlothian.

Thank you for your support.





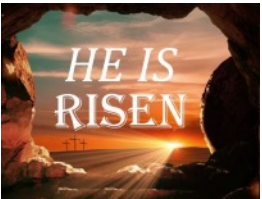
It's Easter!

Come along and get eggcited with the great **EASTER EGG HUNT** and then have a go at decorating your own egg!

Sunday 9th April 2pm - 4pm
 Foster Road (beside the playpark)
 Free tea/coffee/soft drinks will be available
 Look forward to seeing you there

Pastoral Care Please remember that we are always here for church members and for anyone in the community, and you are welcome to phone (in confidence) at any time for a chat, prayer, or to source other help or to request a visit: Either: John Urquhart (01968 382116; Margaret Webster (01968 672347 or 07761 096 472) or Wilma Wilson (07719 665505)

Penicuik Churches Together (PCT) Easter Services

Date	Time	Place	Service
Palm Sunday 2 nd April 	10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	St James the Less Joint service TCC/PNK Sacred Heart St James the Less	Procession of the Palms and Holy Communion Palm Sunday joint service Mass at Sacred Heart with blessing of palms and reading of the Passion Service in the style of Taizé (PCT)
Monday 3 rd April	7.30pm	Trinity Community Church	Joint evening service (PCT) Speaker: Jordan Hope
Tuesday 4 th April	7.30pm	North Kirk	Joint evening service (PCT)
Maundy Thursday 6 th April	7.00pm 7.30pm	Sacred Heart Church St James the Less	Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Communion with foot washing And Vigil of the Watch (PCT)
Good Friday 7 th April 	9.30am for 10am 9.30am 12.00 noon 3.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Meet at 9.30am in TCC hall to spread the hot cross buns with people from Penicuik Churches Together Sacred Heart St James the Less Sacred Heart Sacred Heart North Kirk & Trinity Community Church	Hot cross buns giveaway around Penicuik from 10am onwards Morning Prayer The Three Hours: 12pm Stations of the cross; 1pm Reflection on death; 2pm Holy Communion Passion of our Lord Stations of the Cross Evening services
Holy Saturday 8 th April		Sacred Heart St James the Less	Please see church websites For times and details
Easter Day 9 th April 	6.00am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	(Start from the Labyrinth St James the Less church garden) Then walk up to Broomhill in time for a service at sunrise 6.24am St. James North Kirk Sacred Heart Trinity Community Church	Sunrise service at Broomhill followed by breakfast at St James the Less (PCT) Holy Communion Easter Communion Holy Mass Morning Worship

Gorebridge Parish Church
an evening with
BRYN HAWORTH
legendary guitarist shares songs & stories from the road
Saturday 13th May, 2023
Starting time 7.30pm
Doors open 7pm
Entry to Concert & Café by Donation
Gorebridge Parish Church
96 Hunterfield Road,
Gorebridge EH23 4TT

Ecumenical Prayer Service
Sunday 23 April

7.00pm in St James the Less

Messy Church: March 26th - Report by Joan Cape



We finished our series on the women in Jesus' lineage by looking at his mother, Mary. The Bible doesn't tell us much about her. And yet, she was so important, chosen by God to be the mother of his son.

We started at the beginning – folding paper to make models of Mary and baby Jesus. The results were varied: one of these crafts that looks easier than it actually is! But a good opportunity to talk about how we deal with unexpected (and unwanted) surprises.

Next up was the time when Mary and Joseph "lost" Jesus in the temple in Jerusalem: Mary saw clearly that this son of hers was really not any ordinary boy! Our "can you find Jesus?" bottles were a good way of talking about who Jesus is and what he means to us, as we hid

and then searched for in among the barley grains a jelly baby Jesus, a little silver cross, gold sequins representing the gifts he gives us, hearts to signify his love....and more besides.



Then came the first miracle: when the wine ran out at the wedding and Mary told Jesus to sort things out, we have no idea what she really expected...the miraculous turning of the water into wine was probably quite a shock!"

Mary's life was in many ways like anybody else's: a scrappy mix of ups and downs. Making things from scraps of foam,, we thought about the funny mix our own lives are.



She had a lot of sad times – we made a mobile to help us think of our sad times, and our worries: a kind of reminder to take these things to God in prayer. The end of the story came all too soon: Jesus died on the cross and was laid to rest in the tomb. But was it the end?? Our edible creation of the tomb with the stone rolled away from the mouth let us talk about what happened that first Easter – and how Mary might have felt.

And finally we had fun decorating some large crosses. The cross is often seen as a symbol of something sad – but in fact the empty cross is rather a symbol of joy, of hope for the future, and the children had great fun giving life and colour to our plain crosses. Jesus died for us, he rose again – and that is **GOOD NEWS**.

Happy Easter to you all , when it comes, from all of us at Messy Church.

Next time, Sunday April 30th: come along and celebrate the coronation with us. (complete with party tea).

Alpha 23

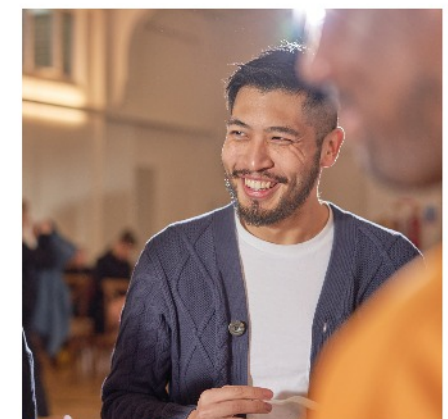
What is Alpha? It's a practical exploration of the Christian faith, dealing with questions most of us ask, like 'What's life all about?' or 'Does my life have a purpose?' Informal and friendly, it appeals just as much to folk who would describe themselves as agnostics or atheists as it does to people who have been around church for a while.

Following a break during the covid pandemic, Alpha made a successful return to Penicuik last year.

Now, starting on 19 April and running until 28 June, a new series will be run (at Trinity Community Church Hall) on Wednesday mornings (10.30-12.30).

If you'd like to come along, you'll be very welcome. If you'd like to know bit more about Alpha before deciding, you'll find lots of info on the Alpha UK website: www.alpha.org.uk - or contact

Bill or Margaret Webster (01968 672347;
billandmags@talktalk.net)



Got questions about life?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Interested? - Why not come along?
Penicuik Alpha will be in Trinity Community Church Hall at the bottom of Kirkhill Road on Wednesdays from 10.30am-12.30pm.

Starts on 19 April and runs till 28 June
For further information, call 07955 234 849

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