

Tuesday youth drop-in evenings

From - Ann Dunsire

We continue with our Tuesday youth drop-in evenings while our young folks are going through their exam period. On 21st May we put the world to rights as we discussed everything from world politics to today's history exam to the differences between Beeslack and Penicuik High School.

Poor Eric was slightly outnumbered by the 5 others who all attend Peni High!

We celebrated Caleb's 16th and Anna's 18th birthdays with these two cakes, the remainder of which went home with them! We also welcomed Lucy and Holly tonight too, so was lovely to have them join us.

An absolute joy to spend time with these young people.'



heart of the matter Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter June 2024

05 June	Marion Mather; St. James the Less Church
9 June	Rev Ruth Kennedy; Minister of Sanctuary First and Digital Ministries Advisor .
16 June	Andrew White; Executive Director Watoto UK
23 June	Kirsty Forsyth; Deacon Church of Scotland
30 June	Rev Pamela Kennedy; Pioneer Minister Cardrona

Black Diamond FM 107.8: Sunday 9 am. and 7 am. (repeat)  
Crystal FM 107.4: Sunday at 11 am., 12 midnight, Sunday,  
Tuesday 11am. Alive FM: 107.3: Sunday 12 noon, Tuesday 1 am.

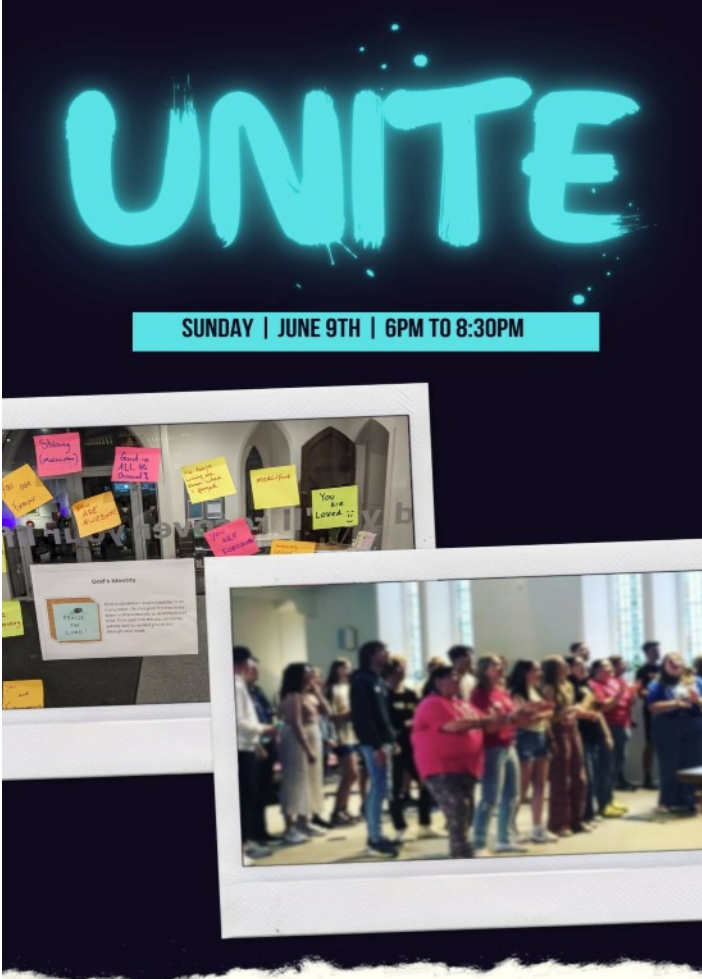
A Church Service on Black Diamond FM 107.8/100.7 FM every Sunday morning at 8 am.

Website: <https://www.heartofthematter.biz/>

Trinity Community Diary

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
3, 10, 17, 24 June 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Small Hall. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
3, 10, 17, 24 June 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
3, 10, 17, 24 June 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
3, 10, 17, 24 June 7.45pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird <a href="mailto:ruthaird@outlook.com">ruthaird@outlook.com</a>
4, 11, 18, 25 June 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Small Hall. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585
4, 11, 18, 25 June 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
5 June 10.45am	Friendship Hour - Small Hall. (For help with transport, call Margaret 672347
6, 13, 20, 27 June 10.00am to 12 noon	Thursday Coffee and Chat - Church Hall
12, 19, 26 June 10.00am	Wednesday Bible Study Group - Small Hall
14 June 1.00pm	Eileen Marchant funeral: St. James the Less church
15 June 2.00pm to 4.00pm	Strawberry Tea - Church Hall (organised by St. James the Less church)
30 June 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Messy Church - Church Hall

**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)



SUNDAY | JUNE 9TH | 6PM TO 8:30PM



ST. JOHN'S, DALKEITH (OPPOSITE MORRISONS)

Joint Lothian wide youth event being held at Kings Park Church, Dalkeith on 9th June, 6.00 to 8.30pm.

Andrew & Ann Dunsire will be going and would love to encourage as many young people in Penicuik as possible, to come along, and to invite any of their friends.

Friendship Hour 5 June 10.45am

'What a friend we have in Jesus' - encouraging faith through friendship with Jesus and each other. Includes a short period of worship. All welcome.

Meet Church Hall (small hall)

For help with Transport contact Margaret Webster 672347



TC News

JUNE 2024

Newsletter of Penicuik Trinity Community Church

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Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



As repairs to the church progress, we will continue our services in the church hall.

OPPORTUNITY (1): ARE WE READY?

As we seek to grow our congregation, one thing is very clear: we are not presently blessed with many young people.

But we need to be ready for whoever God brings along on Sundays. Towards this end, we are forming a group of volunteers willing to take a turn to look after any youngsters who may come along and who'd like to be doing something at their own level.

We now have a space for them (the upstairs session house in the church), materials will be made available:

all we need is you!

Speak to Joan or to Ruth Aird if you are interested.

OPPORTUNITY (2):



A new volunteer is needed to help SU leader Jacqueline Dow at Beeslack Community High School with a small interested group of S1/2 boys.

Thursday lunchtimes, 13.00 – 14.00 Once a month, or more often if you can.

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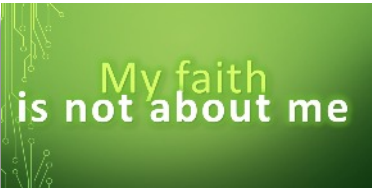
ACORN and Trinity Services

ACORN - 19 May

We invited Paul Haringman, ACORN National Director (Scotland), who has preached to us in the past, to join us on 19 May service to once again speak to us, this time using the theme 'My faith is not about me'. First we heard first from member Susan Wong who told us what ACORN is, (Ask, Call, Obey, Report, Notice) and how it works for her, first in a video conversation with Rev Peter Wood, followed by the Rev John Urquhart live in the church hall.



A – Ask, Pray 'God who beyond my church are you nudging me to engage with today'?  
C – Call, Be open to God's call when the answer comes.  
O – Obey, Ask 'How are you'?  
R – Report, Tell another Christian what happened.  
N – Notice, Be aware of what God has done in you and through you



Paul built on Susan's experience using scripture and examples to explain how ACORN works and reported that In the Church of Scotland 80% will never talk about their faith, their whole life. Some 53% of non-Christians know a practicing Christian, and 33% want to know more about Jesus, i.e. one in three. Finally 85 out of 100 non-Christians like the Christian they know.

You can watch this whole service on <https://youtu.be/B7ttYBlbzgo>

Trinity Service - 26 May

Fiona Devoy joined us to lead our Trinity Sunday service on 26 May. Trinity can be one of the most difficult services to preach, but Fiona chose a novel way to keep us from losing the place. Fiona introduced her All Age talk using a video Shamrocks and other heresies, which has



two Irish peasants asking St Patrick to explain in simple terms what the Trinity is. Our peasants were very astute and put St. Patrick on his mettle, before he could convince them what the Trinity means.

Whilst amusing it set the scene for Fiona's later Reflection, with the intriguing title 'Hold onto your underpants!' I'm sure you must be wondering what this title has to do with the Trinity.



Understanding appears quite simple until the 'Theologians' appear, who all have differing explanations, which no-one can understand! The Monty Python 'Nobody ever expects the Spanish Inquisition' sketch sums it up well.



To find out you can watch this service, where all will be revealed, including Shamrocks and other heresies, so you can work it out as Fiona's Reflection unfolds.

You can watch this whole service on <https://youtu.be/VyDvcS9Y4pE>



## MESSY CHURCH, May 26: Pentecost – the power of the Holy Spirit

Joan Cape

The Pentecost story followed on well from our last session on Peter, telling as it does of how he on that first Pentecost began to understand what Jesus had meant when he told him that he would become the rock on which “I will build my church”, spreading the



gospel far and wide – what had seemed impossible now became possible as the Holy Spirit’s power became manifest.

Most of four activities focused on either wind or fire or both – as we made old fashioned spinners with card and string, a different sort of spinner which let us make flames above a disciple’s head (using two little pictures) stuck to a drinking straw), and flying doves – carrying the Holy Spirit far and wide across the hall.

Wonderful fiery streamers (amazing what can be

done with cut down plastic cups and strips of florist’s ribbon) and wind socks which streamed long trails of “fire” behind them as they whizzed over our heads. And then there were the tongues of flames dangling from on high – made from paper plates cut in spirals and coloured in. We had windmills too, and paper whistles – a feast of sound and colour.

And perhaps the high point, when we all called out together our praises to God – each in a different foreign language, ably coached by Janis and David. The excitement of the youngsters (and their adults!) gave a flavour of what the atmosphere must have been like on that first Pentecost.



We acted out the story, we sang together, and we launched our prayers on paper planes, carried by the air – each taking home a plane made by someone else, to pray the prayer they found written there. Hot dogs and salad were appreciated by all – and then we had more to celebrate as we shared a birthday cake with one of our helpers to make her birthday a little more special...and it was of course decorated with flames for the occasion: made of strawberry slices! We had little food left over. as you can imagine!

## Penicuik in the Park, May 25th

After several days of torrential rain, it was a relief to find the rain stopped on the morning of May 25th.

A couple of tables were set up amid the many gazebos and other stalls, and a busy afternoon was enjoyed by a small team from the churches – handing out fliers and talking about who we are and what we do, as well as what we have to offer to anyone who is interested. We even had a game, testing some basic bible knowledge – that provided some interesting results, and a lot of fun.

Thanks to Caroline Toms, Joyce McLean, Neil Cape, Faye Clerk (St James) and Kath Hill (Sacred Heart).



St James the Less Church  
Penicuik  
invites you to our

**Strawberry Tea**  
in  
Trinity Community Church Hall  
4 Kirkhill Road, Penicuik, EH26 8HX

**Saturday 15 June 2024  
2-4pm**

sweet treats  
& bottomless  
tea/coffee pot



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entertainment  
by  
Margo Falconer

Tickets £5 from Marion Mather (07795033090)

In aid of St James the Less Funds  
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**LIFE AND WORK**  
THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Life and Work has published a **FREE**  
four page **General Assembly**  
**Special Supplement for 2024**

Summarises some of the key decisions, debates and speeches from the week that can be viewed at

<https://www.lifeandwork.org/resources/general-assembly-2024-special-supplement>.

In addition to the supplement, General Assembly reports will feature in the July issue of Life and Work magazine. Anyone that is not a subscriber and interested in this particular issue can purchase a single print or digital copy at

<http://www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe>.

The July issue is published on June 14 2024.

## Christian Aid Week: - Sunday Service 12 May

We dedicated our service on Sunday 12 to Christian Aid Week, with Joan Cape leading our praise, with Janis Hogg supporting. Joan provided an overview of the work Christian Aid carry out across the world, leading into the Christian Aid 2024 theme climbing out of poverty. Joan presented the short video ‘Aline’s story’, where poverty pushed Aline to the brink of survival. She was abused, homeless and hungry. But Aline pushed back harder.



Driven by hope, faith and the love of her children, Aline was able to fight against the inhumanity of poverty and build herself a new life. Joan brought the story closer to home relating the problems of some families in Penicuik finding it difficult to put food on the table, and how the churches can help.

Watch this service, complete with video clips, readings and images.

<https://youtu.be/FDFApSMO0x0>

## Christian Aid Week - Collection and Coffee Morning



Many many thanks to all who helped in any way to make our contribution to this year's Christian Aid appeal a huge success !

Thank you to all who were so wonderfully generous with their envelope donations and to those who took more than one envelope too .

Thank you to all who helped with our coffee morning - by baking, bringing ' lucky bags' , serving teas and coffees, serving at the baking stall then everyone for clearing up afterwards too. It was a very happy event-



and not least to all who prayed for a successful week!

## Church Revival - Something wonderful seems to be stirring...

Pete Greig 24/7 Prayer

Incredible testimonies of so many young people coming to faith recently, which are so inspirational, and it's no coincidence that the UNITE event to bring young people together across Lothian is now taking place. If you would please pray for this event, that would be brilliant.

Jesus tells us to be alert to the signs of the times. Young people are finding faith. So many young people give their lives to Christ. **Over Easter amazing things happened worldwide:-**

- many churches reported bumper attendances.
- 12000 were baptised in France one of the most secular nations on earth
- 419 were baptised by our friends at New Life Church in Colorado Springs.
- 469 gave their lives to Christ at Audacious church in Manchester
- 116 got saved at Soul Church in Norwich

- Influencers with millions of followers are professing faith - some even getting baptised.
- Columns in the Wall Street Journal and the London Times are reporting a return to religion amongst the young. The Spectator even using the (over-excited) headline 'Revival'. - More than 7000 school classrooms have now been turned into prayer rooms thanks to Prayer Spaces in Schools
- 25% of Australians are saying they'd accept an invitation to church and 70% that they talk to the God they're no longer supposed to believe in!

Now if you're reading this and thinking 'it doesn't feel like that where I live,' all we can say is this:

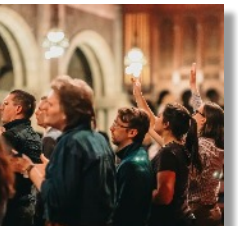
Firstly, let's pray! It doesn't matter how small the spark, if you pour petrol on it you can start a fire. Pray on your own. Pray with others.

Secondly, let's be confident in sharing our faith. There are clear signs of a growing spiritual hunger in the land - people are more open than they were to the Lord. These things always begin in certain hotspots before they spread out.

Thirdly, let's invest in young people. The turning is most marked amongst Gen Z. (People born between 1997 to 2012). Let's not miss this moment of opportunity.

Finally, if this stirs your heart, please pray, think, dream for the next great awakening in our lands.

**On this note, please pray for the joint youth event at Dalkeith on 9th June, that the Holy Spirit would work powerfully that evening amongst the young people.**



## Christian Aid Coffee Morning Saturday 18 May



**All your hard work resulted in this result for Christian Aid**

- Coffee Morning- £698.06.
- Envelopes - £924.80
- Total - an amazing £1622.86. !!

**Thank you Trinity Community Church !**

