

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

**Concert with Bryn Haworth**  
**Gorebridge Church 13 May 7.30pm.**  
 Entry by donation.

Bryn has been to sing to us in the past and we will hear some favourites as well as new compositions. Click on image to listen to his introduction to this visit

These other links present Bryn in action:  
<https://youtu.be/CDJZKlWUKqM> <https://youtu.be/VQ7hIOeqvMc>  
<https://youtu.be/j8XDfD49XE> <https://youtu.be/mFLZLdlaeOc>

### Audio Visual improvements

Audio Visual (AV) covers the technology that provides projected images, song videos, song words, the ministers sermon illustration slides, sound system for both songs, videos, and presenters microphones. Your team has introduced several improvements in the main church that you may have spotted.

The introduction of songs from iSing Worship has brought a new look and sound to our praise.



Vicky Nicolson brought the technology from Penicuik South Church to Trinity Community and we have integrated the system into the existing AV system.

iSing brings a wide selection of songs which can be played with or without musical backing or vocals. Songs can be adjusted for number of verses, and a range of backgrounds make the large text easier to see.

A new large widescreen monitor screen on the gallery facing the communion table displays what is being projected to the congregation, enabling the presenter to see what is being projected behind them, without the need to constantly keep turning round to see what you see as a congregation.



We have also added a slide changer remote control for the presenter so they can advance, or retard, the projected slide to align with their talk.

### Summer Holiday Club 1 – 3 August.



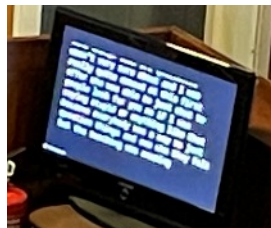
We are excited to tell you that plans for the Summer Holiday Club in tandem with Scripture Union are continuing to progress. We can now confirm the dates as **Tues 1 – Thurs 3 August**. Derek Harley Scripture Union Area Worker and his wife Claire will be Team Leaders.

Thank you to all who have expressed an interest and support. We now need you to confirm your availability. We need a team of volunteers to make it work, both with the young folk and behind the scenes. There will be opportunities to volunteer for either the whole day or part of it.

**Please confirm you availability to Sheila Anderson, Agnes Haggart or Marion Mather by Friday 5 May**

Thank you  
 Agnes Haggart

For those hard of hearing members that have difficulty following the presenters talk and the prayers we have recently introduced a caption service, think of subtitles on your home TV. The TV monitor on your right as you walk into the sanctuary displays what the presenter is saying by converting speech to text in real time. Neil Cape has done the work on this piece of wizardry.



It takes a small team to make all this happen, with Vicky Nicolson, Neil and Joan Cape and myself Jim Paterson trying to keep this all seamless and hidden from view. We don't always get it right but try our best.

**We are always on the lookout for helping hands, to assist when our existing team cannot be in church or take a holiday. If you find any of this type of work interesting then let Vicky Neil, Joan or myself know. You do not need to know how it all works.**

Working the sound desk alone, ensuring the right microphone is on for the right presenter and adjusting the volume is a good start, and an important part of our services. Full training is provided and there is always someone experienced there to guide and lean on for help. Driving the computer for slides and videos, the iSing Worship, or the captioning service are other features you may feel more at home with.

It costs nothing to come and see how it's done, and you may find it enjoyable, making our Sunday morning services easier to follow for the whole congregation

**Interested? Speak to Jim, Vicky, or Neil.**

### Trinity Community Diary

7, 14 May 7.15pm	Sunday evening Prayer Meeting - Church Hall
1, 15, 29 May 2.30pm	Housegroup/Bible Study in Church Hall (Committee Room)
3 May & 7 June 2.00pm	Friendship Hour - Church Hall. (For help with transport call Margaret 672347)
1, 5, 29 May 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Capes 674276
4, 11, 18, 25 May 10.00am to 12 noon	Coffee and Chat (Warm Spaces) - Church Hall
13 May 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Guild Afternoon Tea - Church Hall. Ticket £5.00
13 May 7.30pm	Bryn Haworth Concert - Gorebridge Parish Church. See poster this issue
14 May 2.00 - 4.00pm	Gather on the Green : Foster Road
21 May 12.30pm	Christian Aid Soup Lunch Sunday - Church Hall (After the morning service)
21 May 7.15pm	Acorn Evening with Paul Haringman (TCC Hall)
28 May 2.30pm	Forest Church - Full details to follow. See Facebook / website.
28 May 7.00pm	Pentecost service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. - Trinity Community Church
28 May 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Messy Church - Church Hall



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](mailto:penicuiktrinitycommunitymedia@gmail.com)

### Church mouse

From the mouse of  
 Editor's PC



Easter was a busy time for Penicuik Churches Together and Trinity Community played a big part. You can catch up on most of them on the links in our report.

Trinity Community Church Guild  
 Afternoon Tea



Saturday 13th May  
 2pm – 4pm  
 Church Hall  
 Kirkhill Road  
 Ticket £5



**Sun 14th May - introductory service.**

**Sat 20th May- Coffee morning at PNK.**

**Sun 21st May - Christian Aid lunch at Trinity Community Church after morning worship.**

AND! Watch out for information about a duck race on June 10th for Christian Aid !!

Jim Paterson  
 Newsletter Editor

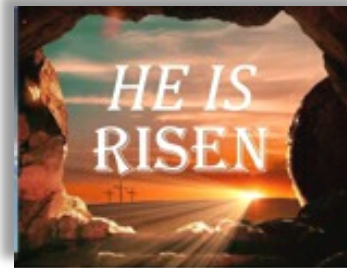
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### Easter at Trinity Community Report by Jim Paterson

Easter Holy Week commenced with **Palm Sunday**, which was a joint service with Penicuik north Kirk in our church. Rev Graham Astles preached for us, including the Growing Young theme in his address.



Christ's punishing day on the cross,



re trekking up the hill in the dark. A short service was led by Rev Nick Bowry, with prayer, songs, and bible readings.

We witnessed the sun rise, yes the clouds did break for us to see the sun appear over the horizon. You can count the number of times we actually see the sun on one hand. It is more usually heavy cloud cover over Penicuik at dawn on resurrection Sunday. A hearty breakfast was provided at St. James which was much welcomed to warm our chilly hands.

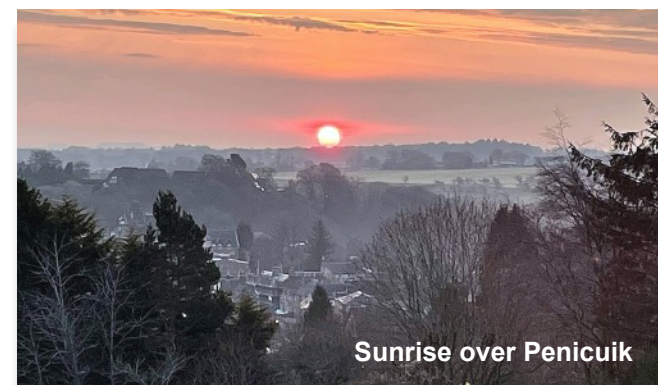
Each church in the Penicuik Churches together took a day of the Holy week, and ours was Monday. We welcomed members from the other churches in Penicuik with Jordan Hope preaching. You can watch our service video at <https://youtu.be/-htEpsn8zHU>



Our next service was **Good Friday**, always a harrowing day in the Christian calendar, relating the story of dying for our sins. Each church in Penicuik held its own service that evening, and you can watch our service at <https://youtu.be/6LU34LFgyRo>



Resurrection Sunday is a day of rejoicing, celebrating the risen Christ. We started at 6.00am in the morning with our annual sunrise service at Broomhill. Over a dozen souls gathered at a chilly but dry St. James



Sunrise over Penicuik



Praises to the Risen Lord

The 11am service at our church continued the resurrection theme and you can watch that service at <https://youtu.be/Zbruy6x2shk>

**See the PCT Easter videos**

<https://www.youtube.com/@penicuikchurchestgether4362>

### 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)



## Beyond Easter Report by Jim Paterson

The theme for the **Sunday after Easter**, was 'Put back together' from John 21.



This related the story of Jesus appearing before the disciples fishing but catching nothing, and Peter realising it was the Lord on the shore.



Having told them how to catch their fish Jesus cooked breakfast and spoke to Peter, asking him three times if Peter loved Him. For this service our minister John took the role of Peter, speaking in the first person, a monologue. This brought a different perspective to the story, telling it through the eyes of Peter.

You can watch this experience at <https://youtu.be/jADW7eHgHe8>

Our service on Sunday 23rd theme was **The Emmaus Incident** (Luke 24: 13-35), relating the story of Jesus meeting with two travellers to Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem.



John Urquhart once again addressed us in the first person, taking the role of Cleopas, one of the travellers. Cleopas eventually realises who the new person joining them is as they break bread at their evening meal together, only for Jesus to disappear.

Again you can watch this monologue at [https://youtu.be/W9oYf\\_oYmOQ](https://youtu.be/W9oYf_oYmOQ)

Sermons are more usually delivered in the third person, and it takes considerable effort to relate a bible story in first person, but the impact is more personal, as if you were there taking part. I hope that John will use this technique on occasion for some future sermons.

Forest Church used the Emmaus theme for their walk that Sunday afternoon.

## Guild end of season lunch – 17 April

Report - Agnes Ovenstone



Navaar Hotel

The guild is now finished for the summer break and our last meeting was a lunch held in the Navaar hotel.



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## From the Kirk Session

Not much to report this month – except for those of you who give by Gift Aid, so that the church can reclaim the income tax you've paid on your giving. This scheme effectively increases your giving by 25%. As we are now Trinity Community church, Gift Aid declarations made in favour of St Mungo's or Penicuik South and Howgate need to be updated. If you have not already done so, please get a new form from Joyce MacLean and return it to her promptly, so that we can continue to claim Gift Aid.

We also discussed what to do with the surplus furniture in church. At present, the three chairs behind the Communion table are from St Mungo's, while the Communion table itself came from Penicuik South; we now have two lecterns, one from each congregation, and may use both occasionally, but we don't need two Communion tables, so are investigating if and how we might be able to pass on the former St Mungo's Communion table to another congregation.

Any questions, please ask me (674276, [tccsessionclerk@gmail.com](mailto:tccsessionclerk@gmail.com)).

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## Soup Sunday: April 16th

Soup Sunday continued on April 16th, being the third Sunday of the month.



Enjoying a good plate of soup



This event is an excellent way for members of the congregation to meet others and enjoy discussion on usually any topic under the sun! All while enjoying a plate of soup, usually a choice of flavours, all home made, and bread. Plus there is coffee or tea and cake to follow.

## Next Soup Sunday May 21st



helping to fill her collection bucket.

A special Soup Lunch celebrating the end of Christian Aid Week Janis Hogg as our Christian Aid coordinator will be there and please be generous in your giving by



This year the Christian Aid funds will help fight soaring costs that affecting people around the world, as well as here. Families in Malawi are paying the price of this global crisis.

Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. And hard-working farmers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather.



## 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.

**You can still join us on 3 May 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](http://www.alpha.org.uk) - or contact

**Bill or Margaret Webster (01968 672347; [billandmags@talktalk.net](mailto:billandmags@talktalk.net))**



Got questions about life?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the core Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Interested? Why not come along? Part of Alpha will be in Trinity Community Church Hall at the bottom of Princes Road on Wednesday evenings 10.30-12.30.

• Starts on 19 April (and runs till 28 June)  
• No further intervention, call 01968 672347

