

Penicuik Christian Aid group raise £4038

The Penicuik Christian Aid group (PTCC, PNK, St James's and the Sacred Heart) sent off **£4,038.52** to Christian Aid in early July.

Our own Church contribution to this was **£1,458.03**.



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to achieve this. The bulk of our contribution came from the Church collection - and the coffee morning and sale realised over £500 too!

And thanks to Jim Black and his wife Chris from PNK, who always work hard organising The Count, where we put the money all together - and then they bank it - as well as organising the duck race !



Thanks too to all the people who donate online.

There are some items left from the sale, which we will put out during post church coffee sometime in the Autumn. Anything still left after that will go to charity shops.

Thanks again, PTCC! Your generosity is amazing and much appreciated!

48TH EDINBURGH (PENICUIK) COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE Every Friday at PNK

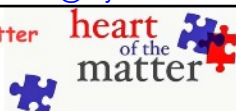


A warm welcome awaits any boys who would like to give Boys Brigade a try.

For more information contact: Richard Charleson 01968 672754; richardcharleson@sky.com

Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter September 2025

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



Date	Guest	
31 Aug	Rich Swingle	Film Actor and Screenwriter based in New York
7 Sep	Rev Howard Drysdale	Former Aberdeen Port Chaplain
14 Sep	Rev Howard Drysdale	Part 2
21 Sep	Dereck Grant	Railway Chaplain to The East of Scotland
28 Sep	Chris Hoskins	Photographer based in Edinburgh

Weekly Broadcasting Schedule
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.
All above on FM and online

Trinity Community Diary

7 September 11.00am	Compassion Sunday - with Glenda Douglas from Compassion UK & Ireland
7, 14, 21, 28 September 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
8, 15, 22, 29 September 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
8, 15, 22, 29 September 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
8, 15, 22, 29 September 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird rutheaird@outlook.com
8, 15, 22, 29 September 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
9, 16, 23, 30 September 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
9, 16, 23, 30 September 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
10, 17, 24 September 10.00am	Wednesday Bible Study Group - Church Hall
10, 17, 24 September 7.00 to 9.00pm	Tuesday Youth Bible Group (TYBG) - Contact Ann 07974 605590 or Andrew 07580 593504
11, 18, 25 September 10am - 12noon	Thursday Coffee and Chat - Church Hall
27 September 7.30pm	Try Praying / Jazz Concert - Penicuik North Kirk
1 October 10.45am	Friendship Group - Church Hall
5 October 11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Church open Saturday 4th 10am-12noon to receive your donations
October - Date TBA	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)

PENICUIK CHURCHES TOGETHER

Penicuik Churches Together present an evening with the Pentland School of Music Jazz Band with a short talk by David Hill from

trypraying

www.trypraying.org

... an invitation to experience the kindness of God

Saturday 27 September

Penicuik North Kirk

7.30pm

* Light refreshments will be available

Entry is free but donations towards costs will be gratefully received Please book your ticket at

penicuikprayers@gmail.com T: 07955 234849



Your invitation to enjoy an evening in the company of the Pentland School of Music Jazz Band, together with a short talk by David Hill from Try Praying.

Saturday 27 September PNK @ 7.30pm.

You are encouraged to invite your (non-Christian) family and friends to this evening experience.



David Hill



TC News

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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

Compassion Sunday - 7 September

The Sunday service on 7 September features Glenda Douglas speaking about the work of Compassion UK & Ireland

For more than 70 years, Compassion UK have been working to amplify the work local churches are already doing to transform the lives of children in poverty. The impact is undeniable. More than 2.3 million children are part of life-changing Compassion programmes, run by 8,900 local church partners in 29 countries.

As children receive practical support and learn about Jesus' love, lives are changed, families are strengthened and communities are transformed. And it all starts when we follow Jesus' lead and move with compassion.

Join us on Sunday 7th for this enlightening look at the work of the team and how we at Trinity Community Church can help.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Arma Sallau who has been appointed by both Church of Scotland Churches in Penicuik to be a Community Researcher from 1 September until 30 November.

He is to map provision for children and families in Penicuik.

He is to develop a record of what is being done for them and what gaps there are in provision (and when they occur) with the results presented in a report.

Please pray for Arma and for the joint team supporting him as he embarks on this vital groundwork.

Thanks are also owed to Presbytery for supporting this financially with a grant.



Harvest Service - 5 October

On Sunday 5th October we are delighted to have the opportunity to hear more about Comfort International's mission trip to Rwanda and DR Congo from Comfort International Founder and Director, Callum Henderson, who will share about the challenges of life in those countries and the remarkable way in which God is redeeming and transforming lives through His love.



It will be our Harvest Thanksgiving service and there will be an opportunity to pass on the goodness of God through his provision for us to those who are faced with poverty and hunger. After the service there will be Rwanda crafts from one of the genocide survivors' groups for sale.

If you have friends or family who might be interested in this exciting opportunity to see how people in our church can be used by God on the other side of the world, do invite them.



Hats Gloves and Scarves - 26 October



This year we are once again collecting knitted hats, gloves and scarves for the Blythswood Care Christmas appeal. We welcome bought hats, scarves, gloves etc for adults and children from non-knitters. **Items can be handed in any Sunday morning**

Last year your unwavering support enabled Blythswood to send over 85,000 shoeboxes to eight different countries – Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. From those we deliver these gifts to, thank you so very much.

Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, the individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities. **Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine**

Margaret Barry and Christine Jackson will be in the church on **Saturday 25 October from 10.00am till mid-day** if anyone wants to hand anything in. **Or drop them off at church any Sunday until then.**

Please help those this winter who are suffering often in extreme situations



Knitting wool available.

Ask Christine or Margaret if you need some

Messy Church

Update from Joan Cape

Some of you will be wondering what's happening with Messy Church – normally by this time we'd have had at least one session after the school holidays and be advertising the next one.

The last couple of years have not been entirely straightforward: after Covid, it was a real struggle to get things going again. Some families just did not want to engage with anything involving lots of people they didn't know very well, some had found different activities for their youngsters, and of course family circumstances had changed in the course of the long break in being able to hold "live" sessions.

One or two had moved away, and all were a good bit older, with changed interests and friendship groups. And the sense of commitment seemed to have become much less.

The number on our register was on the surface quite healthy – however the reality has been that very few families ever got back into a rhythm of coming every (or almost every) month. This last year saw us with three families coming almost every time, augmented in a fairly random way by whoever wasn't doing anything else! Indeed since Christmas we have rarely got to double figures.

Our team of helpers have been very faithful over the years, and throughout this rather lean time.

We're all getting older – several of us have been involved in one way or another since 2010, when we first rather tentatively started Penicuik's Messy Church – initially meeting every two months or so in the then South Church Hall in West Street, under the leadership of Katrina McDonald and Lynne Turnbull, assisted by Sheila Anderson, Joan Cape and a number of others. After a couple of years we moved to what was then St Mungo's Hall, where we continue to meet. In those early days we often had numbers around 80, on one notable occasion feeding over 100 with a full Christmas dinner!

Looking to the Future

Times have changed and we need to have a rethink. The rough plan (yet to be fleshed out) is that we will for this year not have a monthly session but instead meet perhaps 4 times in the school year: **probably around harvest or Halloween, then Christmas, Easter, and something towards the start of the summer holidays.**



encouraged us by showing an interest...that's probably most of the congregation!

We ask you to keep us in your prayers, as we seek to find how and if God wants us to continue. And if the message becomes clear that we should stop at the end of this next school year, we will be looking for His guidance (and your ideas) as to what we should do instead to reach out to local families in a way which can build a sense of community through times of fun built on God's word.

Finally: watch this space for news of the next session, sometime in October!

Joan Cape, on behalf of the Messy Church team



From inception 2010 to pandemic; 80-100 per month
Post pandemic rarely double figures

Inter church Quiz Night - 29 August

Our annual Quiz Night brought out the usual suspects from the Penicuik churches, so ensuring a wide range of answers to the questions, ranging from plausible to pure nonsense, but always amusing.

We formed up into six teams, in no particular order;

- The Macs Plus Two
- The Brain Drain
- The Untouchables
- The Wise Guys
- Paddingtons Friends
- Confused.Com



Categories of questions included:

General knowledge, Scottish literature, Geography, The Bible more General knowledge, and History.



The questions were created by question master Gordon MacDonald, who provided the six questions for each category, with Margaret Black keeping the scores.

Teasers such as Which capital cities does the River Danube flow through? We first needed to know which countries it flows through. As the second longest river in Europe at 1770 miles, it covers a lot of places. Mutual head scratching got us to Germany, Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria,

Moldova and Ukraine. However it passes through only 4 capital cities, namely Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, and Belgrade! No Google searching so that was tough.

Closer to home we had, which UK city is farthest west, Edinburgh, Bristol or Liverpool? The obvious answer is either Liverpool or Bristol.

Believe it or not it is in fact Edinburgh! Tallest mountain? Easy, Everest. Nope. At 8848 metres it is dwarfed by Mauna Kea in Hawaii at 10210 metres, as it starts from the sea bed.



With our TCC minister John Urquhart having an 'insider' knowledge of 'the Bible' stories, decided to stay quiet in his team for that category. The longest book in the Bible? Psalms.

At 'half time' we stopped for a coffee break, complete with a selection of home baking.



The eventual winners were The Macs Plus Two, with team member Debbi McCall proudly presented with 'Smart Alec' our Trophy Teddy Bear by quizmaster Gordon MacDonald. I'm sure he will be well looked after for the next 12 months when once again our churches will come together for the quiz once again.

Ruth heads East on Medical Mission - 18 September

Ruth Aird, well known as a leader of the Kidspace on Sunday mornings, her All Age talks and prayer leader is travelling to Romania on the 18 September for 11 days to attend the medical mission and a Ladies conference there.

She will be taking with her Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, and Aspirin 75mgs Dispersible tablets, as well as reading glasses, all of which are in short supply across the country. If you are able to donate any of the above please speak to Ruth.

Ruth would also welcome prayer before and while she is there, as it is quite a busy schedule.



Guild Programme Autumn 2025 / Winter 2026

All meetings held in the church hall starting at 2.00pm, unless otherwise stated

Date	Subject	Speaker
September	2025	
1	Minister John Urquhart	
14	Leprosy Mission	Steven McLeish
October		
6	Project Crossreach Finding the Light in Every Child	
20	Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project	Rod Lugg
November		
3	Street Pastors	Gerard McIver
17	Colinton Tunnels	Mike Scott/ Eddie Banks
December		
8	Lunch at Giovannis 1.00 p.m	

Date	Subject	Speaker
January	2026	
5	A Voyage Through the Scriptures	David Hogg
19	Scottish Afternoon	Penicuik Silver Band
February		
2	Project Bear Necessities - Build My Church Bulgaria	Cathy Reece/ Christina Ross
16	Butterfly Trust – Cystic Fibrosis	Anne Shanks
March		
2	Dalkeith Palace	Charlotte Rostek
6	World day of Prayer	
16	AGM and Bring & Buy	

Joyce Hunter Receives Award



Joyce Hunter was presented a Guild Long Service Award

With gratitude for 53 years
service to the Church of
Scotland Guild



Presented by Guild Convenor Agnes
Haggart at Trinity Community Church