

Christian Aid Week Sunday 15th to Sunday 22nd



James Black
PCT Christian Aid Week 2022

Penicuik churches have a long history of working for Christian Aid because of our commitment to justice

No door to door collections this year, but there will be envelopes available in church for donations and the two coffee times after church on the 15th and 22nd will also be dedicated to Christian Aid.

As well as this donations can be made online to a site set up by Jim Black of PNK on behalf of the Penicuik Churches Together Christian Aid group.

The address is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/james-black21

About this event

We start with coffee/tea & a roll. Rachel will then lead us in our thinking about growing Forest Church. We will start off inside but we will go outdoors onto the beach and the local area so be prepared for whatever the weather holds! Sun cream or gaoool!

Please bring a picnic as we will finish by eating together. Do stay around so that we can chat further about how to take your Forest Church group forward.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forest-church-training-day-tickets-304223579917

Date for your Diary - Saturday 18 June



More information soon.
Contact - Agnes Ovenstone 672387

Friendship Group - Wednesday 4 May 10.45am



'What a friend we have in Jesus'-encouraging faith through friendship with Jesus and each other.

Meets in the Church Hall. Includes a short period of worship as well as coffee/chat: all welcome.

For help with transport contact Margaret Webster 672347

Trinity Community Diary

1 May 11.00 am	Sunday KIP Joint CofS service - Trinity Community.
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 May 7.15 pm	Sunday evening Prayer Meeting - Church Hall
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May 7.30 pm	Monday Bible Study Group
4 May 10.45 am	Friendship Group - Church Hall
7, 14, 21, 28 May 10 am to 12 noon	Coffee & Chat morning - Church Hall to 12 noon
8 May 3.30 pm	Messy Church - Church Hall
Cancelled for May & June, during Alpha	Wednesday Housegroup / Bible Study - Church Hall
14 May 9.30 am to 1.00 pm	Forest Church Musselburgh North Esk Church
14 May 2 pm - 4 pm	Trinity Community Guild Afternoon Tea - Church Hall
29 May 11.00 am	Trinity Community Monthly Communion Service

Alpha returns to Penicuik - 11 May

Starting on 11 May and running until 29 June, an eight-week series will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday mornings (10am - 12.30pm).

What is Alpha?
It's a practical exploration of the Christian faith. It's informal and friendly, and appeals just as much to people who have been around in the church for years as it does to new Christians, to people on the fringes of the church, or to folk who would describe themselves as agnostics or even atheists.

If you'd like to come along, you'll be very welcome. If you want 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).

Coffee & Chat Thursdays 10am -12noon



Over the past 12 weeks we have welcomed members from St Mungos and Penicuik South & Howgate (approx 18 weekly). It has been a wonderful opportunity for people from both congregations to get to know each other.

Friendships have been renewed and new friends made.

We are continuing a similar event until the end of June.

This will be an opportunity for members and friends to get together.

Pop in Thursday 10 -12 for 10 mins or 2 hours and enjoy coffee and a chat



Trinity Community Church
Guild
Afternoon Tea



Saturday 14th May

2pm - 4pm

Church Hall

Kirkhill Road

Ticket £5



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 10am-12 o'clock.

• Starts on 11 May and runs for 8 weeks
• For further information call 07955 234849

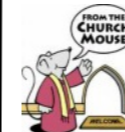
#Try Alpha



Our new website <https://www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church> has now launched. To sign up for an eCopy of this newsletter to be sent direct to your inbox, saving paper and other resources, just ask on an email to penicuiktrinitycommunitymedia@gmail.com

Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



Welcome to this first edition of TC News

The interim name may be strange, but we hope the content will reflect the new direction that the union of Penicuik South, Howgate and St. Mungo's 'The Trinity' as it reaches out to the 'Community' of Penicuik and beyond.

Our lead story covers the Presbytery blessing on this new venture, whilst reports on the Easter week services kept the new church leadership busy from the word GO.

We also cover the other activities like Messy Church returning to the church hall, Alpha, Guild, Forest Church, and the coming Christian aid Week.

For those wishing to go digital we have a new website, Youtube channel for our podcasts, and Facebook, as well as the paper monthly edition.

You can catch up on past services audio podcasts along with following the order of service.

Bookmark all these channels when you visit for the first time, so you can keep up to the minute on what your church is doing.

Have a better name than TC News? Let the editor know please. All ideas welcome.

Jim Paterson
Newsletter Editor

penicuiktrinitycommunitymedia@gmail.com

The new Penicuik Trinity Community Church is Blessed - 7 April

The service to mark the union of St. Mungo's with Penicuik South and Howgate to form Penicuik Trinity Community Church was led by Presbytery on Thursday 7 April. Members from Penicuik South and Howgate, St. Mungos, and the other churches in Penicuik joined to hear and take part in the formal union of our two churches.

The Rev Peter Wood, minister of Penicuik South and Howgate led us in prayer, asking for the blessing and support of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as we venture forward and readied ourselves for the new challenge.



Congregation member Mary Darling read the bible passage, taken from John 3: v1-21 (Nicodemus Visits Jesus) telling the story

of a Pharisee Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews, conversation with Jesus. The Rev Mark Nicholas returned to deliver his sermon based on the Nicodemus reading.

The Rev Mark Nicholas took over from Robin Hill who had unfortunately tested Covid positive. Mark welcomed the congregation, opening the service and leading us into our first praise 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation' (CH124).

Our second praise 'I the Lord of sea and sky' followed.

Presbytery Clerk John McCulloch Read the history behind this Union, before Rev John Urquhart delivered a Prayer of thanksgiving.

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)

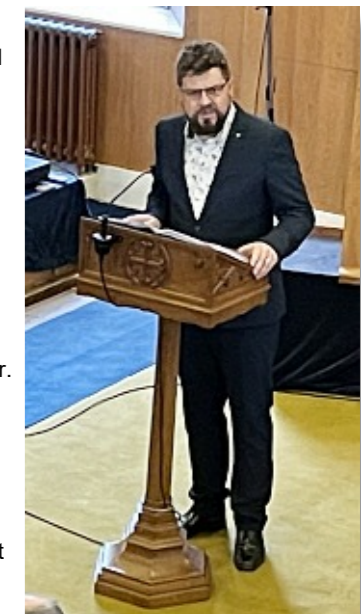
The Consecration of the Union was led by Rev Mark Nicholas who asked the congregation, who having come together agreeing to be one congregation in Christ Jesus, under the designation of "Penicuik Trinity Community Church", to pledge ourselves, in the presence of God and depending on his help, to be faithful to the covenant of unity, love and peace into which you are now entering, for the better service of Christ's kingdom and the glory of his Name. We assented by all standing to hear the consecration. The

Rev John Urquhart was formally installed and affirmed as minister of Penicuik Trinity Community church.

The Rev John Urquhart led prayers for the new church, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Our final praise was the popular and relevant hymn for this service 'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah'. Rev Mark Nicholas closed the service with the Blessing.

After the service we retired to the church hall for refreshments and the opportunity to chat with friends, other congregation members, and the members of presbytery. Watch the podcast



Easter at Penicuik Trinity Community Church

Sunday 3rd April: God's world – the rescue plan

Report by Joan Cape

Last month we learned that God made the world and everything in it, and everything was good (Genesis 1).



But very soon it all began to go wrong. People decided they could do things their own way, instead of listening to God. God gave the people lots of warnings, and reminded them many times that things could come right again, if they would just listen to him and follow his ways – but they weren't very good at doing that.

After a very long time, people had moved so far from God that he decided he needed to bring his rescue plan into action. And this is what we looked at in our April session. He came and lived among us to show us and teach us how to live. And he decided to come in a form we could recognise: he sent us his son, Jesus. The birth of the baby

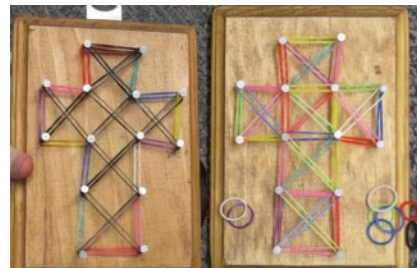
Jesus is what we celebrate at Christmas, remembering God's very special gift to us. We had great fun, using biscuits, icing and jelly babies to create a baby in a manger. A Bible Society film helped us with the next part of the plan: we saw that Jesus grew up pretty much like any other boy (though sometimes he gave his mum, Mary, a bit of a surprise when he did or said things that were a bit unusual).



But when he was around 30 years old, people began to see that he was different; he talked to them about God and about what God wanted them to do, and really got them thinking. And he did all sorts of amazing things (called miracles) which helped them understand how powerful God is, and that power isn't all about fighting, but about doing amazing things.

But the rulers of the time didn't understand Jesus at all, and decided he was an enemy. Making Easter Rocky Road was a fun way of telling this next part of the story: the Easter story. You can find the recipe here <https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com>

Next up was making and decorating a box, then following a treasure trail to find various things to collect in it, all connected to what we'd just heard – everything from green leaves in the garden to a silver coin and a chocolate egg.



Hammering nails into a board then turning them into a cross using loom bands made us think about Jesus' crucifixion; painting a stone gave us all a chance to think about which part of the story we most wanted to remember. After all this hard thinking, there was just time to go outside again and create some Easter gardens, with some pansies and some large stones – you can see something of this outside the church.

Three days after he died and was put in the tomb, Jesus came back to life!! He met with some of his friends (disciples) and he talked them through all the things that Moses and the prophets and the psalms said would happen to the Messiah, and all the things he had said to them when he was alive. He helped them to understand that God's special promised one was always supposed to die and be resurrected, and that he had come to turn people's hearts back to God and forgive them of all the wrong things they had done. And then he went back to take his place in heaven, leaving them to get on with the job of reminding others all about God's great plan for the world, the job that he wants each of us to carry on doing as best we can.

We meet next on May 8th (to avoid the holiday weekend), at 3.30pm., when we'll be looking at a couple of the times when Jesus reappeared to his friends after he had been crucified (the Emmaus Road and the breakfast on the beach). Information from Joan (674276 OR capefamily@talktalk.net)

Please pray for

- * the families who've come along to Messy Church (for some, this is their only connection with any sort of church) – that they would come to know you and understand the depth of your love for us all
- * our team of helpers from across the churches – that we would grow in number, and be sustained in energy and enthusiasm
- * ways that are attractive to local families to make known what Messy Church is about and draw them in

Like 'Messy Church Penicuik' on Facebook and be kept up to date with everything that's happening

Easter Day Services - 17 April

Greet the Dawn - 5.30am

The day started early, at 0530. A sizeable group of worshippers gathered in the darkness behind trinity community church next to the ruin of St. Kentigern church. After a welcome from the Rev Peter Wood we all proceeded on the walk along Penicuik high street, west street, and Broomhill road to reach St. James the less church where more people joined us.

Together, led by Peter we walked to the top of Broomhill, where we met the Rev Nick Bowry rector of St. James the less. He had brought an outdoor fire pit on legs filled with paper and kindling wood. Try as he might the wind would defeat attempts to turn sparking embers into a flame..



Peter led our service as we watched the sunrise. Tori Clark from Forest Church read from Luke's gospel chapter 24 v1-12, 'The Resurrection of Jesus', finding the tomb stone rolled away and empty.



The light cloud hid the yellow disc of the sun but under the brightening sky Peter led us in calling out 'Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia' pointing to the east, west, north and south.

Easter is a favourite time to be baptised, and Tori read us in words from the Liturgy of the Church of Scotland, often spoken at baptisms.

We returned to St. James for a hearty and much welcomed breakfast. Peter and Nick carried the fire pit back, and in the shelter of the garden outside the church managed to raise a roaring flame. A great way to celebrate the risen Christ and meet friends both new and old.



Easter Sunday - Resurrection



Worshippers gathered at the church for our Easter morning service. The 'Shout Out' theme from our dawn service opened our Sunday worship in the church at 11am with the Introit 'Jesus Christ is risen today', by Stuart Townsend. The Rev Peter Wood stood up and led us in the Opening Shouts 'Christ is risen!' to which we all responded 'He is risen indeed Alleluia!' Peter then presented our shout out 'Christ is risen, he is risen today' in a selection of different

languages, noting that Christians across the world were celebrating this day of Resurrection. Of special mention was the shout in Ukrainian, reminding us that in the depths of war and persecution, the people of Ukraine, fighting for their existence, would still be celebrating the risen

Opening Shout...

le Christ est ressuscité	French
Cristo ha resucitado	Spanish
Christ amefufuka	Swahili
Qeshi fuhuole	Chinese
khrystos voskres	Ukrainian

From the Manse Rev John Urquhart

We are to change the start time of Sunday worship to 10.30am from June 2022.

This is for a six-month period after which it will be subject to review. This is after we have tried the experiment in the summer light and in the dark of winter.



This change is about trying to grow as a church that appeals to all generations. It was argued at the Kirk session that the earlier time would encourage families with children to participate in worship and to have the rest of the day free for family, individual or organised activities.

We consulted bus times and ruled out a change to 10.45 because of the difficulty of aligning with timetables as they currently are. This is for the benefit of the small number who take the bus.

10.30 was recently a starting time in the South Kirk and Howgate and it was also the time used in summer in St Mungo's in past days, so we are not doing something radically different to what any one of us are used to. It ties in with the change of our weekly prayer meeting from before the Sunday service to 7.15pm on Sunday evenings.

This decision was taken by the kirk session with regard to two of the three objectives set us by Presbytery: aspiring to be a missional church that aims to reach all generations.

I hope that you will tell me or your elder if it causes you major inconvenience or if you welcome this change to a new time.

May we know God's blessing on us as a church, as we seek to reach more people in the community.

John



Christ, and we were together with them in that worship. Some members added to the languages, in German and Greek.

The sun, now high in the morning sky was shining into our church sanctuary as we sang our first song 'See, what a morning', another Stuart Townsend & Keith Getty song.

To capture the impact of what Christ's resurrection meant for us we watched the video 'Full', how we were made 'full' when the tomb was found empty. You can watch this unique story telling video here.



The Rev John Urquhart then set the scene for today, the trauma and despair leading up to, and the death of Jesus on the cross. Two songs brought us back to the resurrection, first Tim Hughes singing 'The greatest day in history', followed by Phil Wickham singing 'This is amazing grace'.

Peter led us in a thanksgiving prayer, showing a range of phrases that Jesus is known by, leading us into the bible reading read by Joyce Maclean.

Taken from Luke 24: v1-12, we heard the story of the women finding the tomb empty on the morning of the third day, the appearance of the angels reminding them of Jesus's words 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' The women rushed back to tell the others, and the apostles. Only Peter ventured to the tomb to see for himself, wondering what had happened. Experience this service, and more on our Podcast channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaSG-0nYG0opYzFhaDon2sw>



Prayers of Thanksgiving for Jesus

The Son of God The Son of Man
The Judge of all the World The wounded healer
The Saviour The Pioneer of our faith
The Wisdom of God The Prince of Peace
The Light of the World The Alpha & Omega