

Audio and Visuals in Church: Operation & Support - Jim Paterson

For many years we have used on screen visuals, slides and videos to display notices of what is available and coming soon in our church. Song videos form a major part of our praise with lyrics overlaid in many cases to help us. John uses slides a lot to illustrate his sermons, helping to get his message across.

The audio system is also key to successful services and presentations, using fixed and wireless microphones, controlled through a sounddesk up in the gallery

Like other activities much of the preparation for each service falls on one or two individuals, and the need for continuity should any one person be lost for any period of time is a major concern.



We are looking for people who would be interested in running either or both aspects of the audio and visual (AV) services used in our Sunday services.



Anyone with video and slide making (powerpoint) skills may wish to help in the playlist creation, i.e. each item displayed during the service. This includes creating the slides from the scripts you see in the Order of Service, e.g. call to worship, bible readings etc, downloading song videos for display, adding lyrics if not on the original.

If you fancy being a budding filmmaker like Ridley Scott or Steven Spielberg, or a video blogger, into video editing there is the creation of our



service videos which appear on our YouTube channel early the following week. Here we bring the in service video and audio recordings together, edited to make a programme similar to iPlayer for those unable to get to our church, or wish to watch again.

To explore how you could help and join the team speak to Jim Paterson who is usually upstairs running the AV systems or on penicuiktrinitycommunitymedia@gmail.com or 07858 392254. It is a busy but satisfying role that helps bring our services, and the word of God to those in church and far beyond.

Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter
August 2026

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

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Date	Guest	
2 August	Sing Global	Matt Papa brings music to celebrate the U.S. 250 th Birthday
9 August	London 2026	The U.K National Prayer Breakfast
16 August	Pastor David Campbell	Bellevue Chapel Edinburgh
23 August	Onboard Team Members	Logos Hope Part 1
30 August	Dan Gunn OBE	Former Director of Operations Scottish Prisons Service

- 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

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Small Hall. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird rutheaird@outlook.com
4, 11, 18, 25 August 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Small Hall. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
4, 11, 18, 25 August 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
5 August 10.45am	Friendship Hour in the Church Hall (Meeting Room)
28 August 7.30pm	Quiz Night - in the Church Hall
1 September 7.00 to 9.00pm	Tuesday Youth Bible Group. Details Ann or Andrew Dunsire 07974 605590, 07580 593504
2 September 10.45am	Friendship Hour in the Church Hall (Meeting Room)

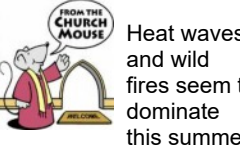
Pastoral Care - Please remember that we are always here for church members and for anyone in the community, and you are welcome to phone (in confidence) at any time for a chat, prayer, source other help or to request a visit;
Either: John Urquhart (01968 382116; Margaret Webster (01968 672347 or 07761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

HOLIDAY ISSUE
TC News
AUGUST 2026
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



Heat waves and wild fires seem to dominate this summer

We complain when it is too wet and cold, then again when too hot. We Scots tend to like it somewhere in the middle, so hopefully that will return soon.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill Webster for a speedy recovery. His presence in church is sadly missed. Please include Bill's family in your prayers too.

FFF, who we support as a church are facing a major challenge, despite the accolades from a Scottish government MSP. Think how you could help them through this difficult time, to continue their essential work in our community.

On a lighter note, the holiday club is ready to go, thanks to all who have helped in any way. We will hear how the venture played out in next months issue.

Look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming Quiz night at the end of August.

Meantime enjoy the good weather while it lasts and this holiday period.

Jim Paterson
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HOLIDAY CLUB READY TO WELCOME ALL THE CHILDREN

To join, scan the QR Code or click <https://form.jotform.com/260972653786371>
Or just turn up on the day

The Tale of Two Kings' aim is to help children come to understand how the events and promises of the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New. Join them on a medieval adventure to see how King David points us to God's greatest King – King Jesus – the only King we can give our lives to!

For ALL children P1 - P7 Cost £3 per day or £10 for all 4 days

From 4-7 August 10am - 1.30pm at Trinity Community Church Hall, 4 Kirkhill Road, Penicuik.

THE QUIZ RETURNS

Interchurch Quiz Night – 28 August

QUIZ NIGHT
7.30pm in the Trinity Community church hall on Kirkhill Road.
For more information contact Margaret Black 673399.

make teams up on the night.

There will be light refreshments and **entry is free**. Come along and enjoy the fun.

Further information from Margaret Black 673399.

Enjoy a 'holiday break' and come along on 28th August at 7.30pm in the church hall on Kirkhill Road to enjoy some light hearted fun. Our friendly 'Smart Alec' will be there to encourage you all.

We hope the other churches will send a team (or two) and from our own church here at Trinity Community we hope to see two or three teams. If you don't have a team don't worry just come along and we will



From the Session Clerk - Neil Cape



As it's summer time we haven't been meeting as a Kirk Session, but that doesn't mean that things aren't happening.

Several groups have been/will be meeting over the next few weeks to prepare our '5-year Action Plan' for the congregation.

Hopefully we'll be able to discuss that at a congregational level sometime in September or October.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Venezuela Emergency Appeal, which raised over £500.

Neil Cape (tccsessionclerk@gmail.com, 674276)



Date for your diary

The Tuesday youth Bible Group returns, refreshed after their summer break on

Tuesday 1 September.

Lookout for more details toward end of August



Bill Webster

Many of you will have noticed that Bill has not been seen in church this past month, and the cancellation of the Wednesday Bible Group in the church hall.

Unfortunately Bill is unwell and being treated in hospital in Edinburgh.

The many roles he carried out are being reviewed to see how they can be restarted and run until Bill recovers and returns to our church.

We would ask you to please remember Bill and his family in your prayers, that he is given the strength to recover and rejoin us once again.

The August Wednesday Bible Group will also be cancelled, until further notice.



Scottish Government Praise Food Fact Friends - 17 July

Mark Wells CEO of Food Facts Friends, member of and supported by Trinity Community Church, welcomed Shirley-Ann Somerville, Scotland's Social Justice Secretary on Friday 17 of July to see and hear of the good work the community hub and the food Pantry offer.

She praised Food Facts Friends in Penicuik for supporting more than 10,000 people a year, saying similar community hubs should be encouraged across Scotland. The MSP toured the facility and met representatives from local community groups and organisations such as VOCAL and Midlothian Community Action, where discussions were focused on how the Scottish Government can provide further support. Accompanying the MSP were Midlothian Councillor Willie McEwan, Midlothian Council Leader Kelly Parry and Food Facts Friends CEO Mark Wells.

Food Facts Friend is a community hub and food pantry on Penicuik's high street that provides affordable meals and essential services which has become a lifeline for many Midlothian residents. Keeping community support at the heart of everything they do, alongside the food pantry the hub also provides food packages alongside other forms of community support such as youth groups and a subsidised cafe/diner.

The pantry has around 40 volunteers, including some members of our church, and paid staff, with a large team supporting the over 10,000 people who pass through the doors each year.

Full article at <https://midlothianview.com/news/penicuik-pantry>



Councillor Willie McEwan, MSP Shirley-Ann Somerville, FFF CEO Mark Wells, & Council Leader Kelly



Food Fact Friends - Help Them Keep Their Home to keep Supporting Our Community!!!



FFF secured the use of the old RBS building in 2017 and has paid a peppercorn lease, which will expire next year and they cannot realistically afford to pay the new lease rates as well as the ongoing running costs of the service. They are now looking to purchase the building, fundraising to reach the **Target price of £500,000.**

They need urgent support from the community. Every pound will make a difference.

Like so many of our readers, FFF are seeing huge rises in the cost of living and everyday essentials right across the UK. Everything is costing a fortune at the moment, and running our hub and pantry has become much more expensive than ever before.

On top of that, donations have slowed down significantly – this is something we're seeing right across the country, as more people need support and less are able to give as they once could. Because of this, FFF now have to buy in almost all stock for our pantry, rather than relying on gifts, which adds even more pressure to their costs.

To keep Food Facts Friends running as smoothly as possible, and to make sure they can keep supporting our community long-term, they have had to make some serious decisions and introduce cost-saving changes. These have not been easy, but they are necessary to keep their doors open.

We don't want to lose the space we've built together – and we don't want to turn anyone away.

Please, if you can, donate whatever you can afford to our GoFundMe. No amount is too small, and every single gift brings us closer to keeping our home and our service going.

You can make a donation on this page <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/food-facts-friends-project-sc047203>

Christian Aid – Venezuela Earthquake Appeal



Donations collection raised a total of £509.61
Many thanks to all who contributed to the appeal



Any stamps are welcome.
Please leave a border of at least ¼ inch possible.
Please hand them to Ruth Aird.

Used Postage Stamps

Although the Church of Scotland is no longer accepting postage stamps there is another charity that is collecting them.

The Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures collects postage stamps for Old and New Testaments which are then given out to Jewish people around the country.



WANTED Empty Tissue Boxes

Holiday Club
4-7 August 10am – 1.30pm
Trinity Community Church Hall
For more information
Contact – Agnes Haggart

As the start of our Holiday Club has arrived we still would welcome any empty tissue boxes you may have.

Give them to Agnes Haggart or Drop them into the church hall any morning 4-7 August .