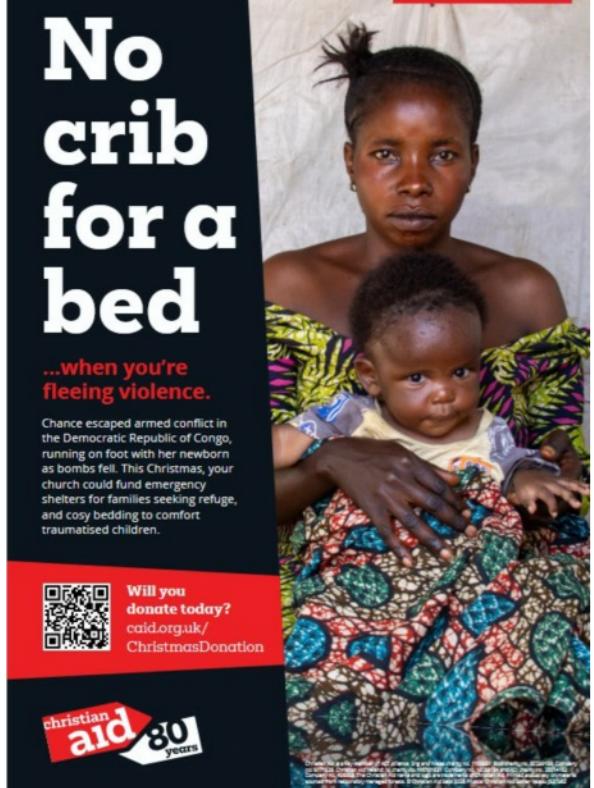




The new session of TYBG starts on Tuesday 13th January 7-9pm.

Anyone between the ages of 11-17 interested in attending is most welcome to come along. We are currently following Youth for Christ material. The group is very informal and always includes food/drinks and time for people to chat and get to know each other better.

Contact Ann or Andrew Dunsire for further details (07974 605590 / 07580 593504).



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## Trinity Community Diary

4, 11, 18, 25 January 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
6 January 2.00pm	Guild - Commodity Afternoon
5, 12, 19, 26 January 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Small Hall. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
5, 12, 19, 26 January 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
5, 12, 19, 26 January 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
5, 12, 19, 26 January 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird <a href="mailto:rutheaird@outlook.com">rutheaird@outlook.com</a>
6 13, 20, 27 January 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Small Hall. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
6 13, 20, 27 January 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
7 January 10.45am	Friendship Hour in the Church Hall (Meeting Room)
8, 15, 22, 29 Jan 10.00am to 12 noon	Thursday Coffee and Chat - Church Hall
14, 21, 28 January 10.00am	Wednesday Bible Study Group - (Meeting Room)
17 January 10.30am	Penicuik Alpha: Unpack the Christian faith together. - North Church. Details Rev John Urquhart
24 January 11.00am	Songs of Praise - Penicuik Town Hall (The Cowan Institute) Penicuik Churches Together

**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)

## Songs of Praise

Sat 24 Jan, 11am  
Penicuik Town Hall  
(The Cowan Institute)



A range of hymns and songs, introduced by those who chose them, telling us why they are special to them

PENICUIK CHURCHES TOGETHER

Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter January 2026

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



Date	Guest	
4 Jan	Heartbeats of 2025 Part 2	A selection of guests from the past year
11 Jan	Sing Global 2025 Part 1	Items from the Sing Global Conference
18 Jan	Katherine Crawford	CEO Age Scotland
25 Jan	Sandra Knox	Penicuik Trinity Community Church

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

## No crib for a bed

...when you're fleeing violence.

Chance escaped armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo, running on foot with her newborn as bombs fell. This Christmas, your church could fund emergency shelters for families seeking refuge, and cosy bedding to comfort traumatised children.

Will you donate today?  
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### Church mouse

From the mouse of  
Editor's PC



Christmas at Trinity Community church welcomed members and visitors to enjoy the advent, nativity and Christmas Eve and Day services.

Joan and Neil Cape created a different way to tell the nativity story, which was both entertaining and at the same time made you think.

Christmas Eve offered an All Age service in the afternoon, introducing the upside down Christmas tree, in addition to the Watchnight service that took us into Christmas day, celebrating the birth of Jesus.

A short Christmas morning celebration completed our Christmas season of services.

Lots of other news of recent activities, including two Christmas concerts, the Penicuik Community Choir and the Kevock Choir. Links to these concerts in this issue.

A full calendar of new year events, restarting after the Christmas break,

We hope to see you at some of the 2025 programme of events at your church.

Happy New Year to all our readers.

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### Christmas at Trinity Community Church

The period of Advent, 'waiting for the coming king', commenced with our service on [30th November](#), when we lit the candle of 'Hope'

Our eyes were drawn to the advent wreath of holly mounted at the front with the five candles, 4 in a circle and one in the centre, the 'Christ candle'.

Stanley volunteered to light the first candle. John spoke about a much earlier Joseph, and the shepherds story.

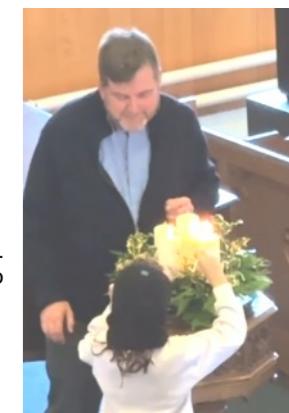
Watch this service <https://youtu.be/YWusUt-1LkU>

There are many interpretations of the Advent candles. We believe the candles stand for Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

The service on [7 December](#), the second Sunday of Advent, with the Bethlehem candle lit by Salva.

Our minister John went back in history to the time of Samuel, when there are wars with other nations, there's corruption in the priesthood, and quite shocking lawlessness among the people. We hear again of Hannah and the miraculous birth of Isaac to Sarah. We hear how Samuel at a young age becomes a prophet of God and in adulthood the last Governing Judge of Israel. We then jumped forward to the time of Isaiah, whose hope is in something that God is going to do. He looks forward to a king of David's line, the Messiah, who will bring that hope to fruition, and that through a child who's born to rule.

Watch this service <https://youtu.be/BOpGLOQYiV4>



The third Sunday of Advent on [14 December](#) Amira lit our third candle Joy, supported by Salva and Stanley.

John turned to Exodus to begin his reflection where the old shepherd climbs the mountain to hear the words of God commanding him to help His people who are crying and suffering under the Egyptians. Moses will be the prophet par excellence; the model for all Old Testament prophets to come.

Watch this service <https://youtu.be/Fq3LUlvKT9Q>

For the fourth Advent Sunday on [21 December](#) was 'Peace', where all the candles were lit by Aila (Isla in French), bar the Christ candle in the centre of the ring.

The service included our [Scratch Nativity](#), led by Joan Cape involving members of the congregation who arrived dressed as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, and some even as sheep! Ruth Aird involved the young children with 'nativity' activities, which continued at the back of the church in 'Messy Church' style.

John continued his reflection with Moses from last week, and Susan Wong led the Prayers for Others.

Watch this service <https://youtu.be/8Bksz-UpPc0>

