

Youth Alpha Reunion - 30 June



Youth Alpha team 2023

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On 30th June we're having a Youth Alpha Reunion as Charis & Jamie are coming back to visit from Australia.

We are hoping to get all the young people who attended Youth Alpha back in 2023 to come along then.

5 Year Action Plan for Penicuik Trinity Community Church Saturday 30th May

As part of the new ways of evaluating congregations throughout the Church of Scotland we are obliged to prepare a 5-year Action Plan for Presbytery before the end of 2026.

Our progress towards these aims will be evaluated annually against the proposed Actions in the Plan. The Plan covers 8 areas of congregational life, which have been stipulated as:

- Worship and Teaching
- Pastoral Care & Fellowship
- Young Adults & Children
- Local Mission and Outreach
- Presbytery Planning
- Wider Mission
- Property Sustainability
- Finance

For each of these 8 'topics' we need to decide on at least one, and no more than 3 'Actions' that we could achieve over the next 5 years.

The purpose of the meeting on 30th May was to make a start on this process. We'll be sharing the outcome and inviting everyone's input at a later date, so watch out for further information as we make plans for the next 5 years - it may seem a long time, but we're now in the 5th year of our Union as Trinity Community Church!

Neil Cape (Session Clerk)

Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter June 2026

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

Date	Guest	Details
7 June	Janin Pohl	Edinburgh Easter Play Performer
14 June	Bernhard Langer Part 1	Professional Golfer
21 June	Bernhard Langer Part 2	Professional Golfer
28 June	Keith Getty	Introduces some remarkable hymns

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



SUMMER FAYRE
 SATURDAY 27TH JUNE
 10AM - 12PM
 £4
 Trinity community church hall
 Scottish Charity No. SC005838

Lots of Stalls, Home Baking & Refreshments

Trinity Community Diary

3 June 10.45am	Friendship Hour in the Church Hall (Meeting Room)
7, 14, 21, 28 June 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
8, 15, 22, 29 June 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Small Hall. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
8, 15, 22, 29 June 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
8, 15, 22, 29 June 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
8, 15, 22, 29 June 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird rutheaird@outlook.com
9, 16, 23, 30 June 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Small Hall. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
9, 16, 23, 30 June 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
9, 16, 23, June 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Tuesday Youth Bible Group. Details Ann or Andrew Dunsire 07974 605590, 07580 593504
10, 17, 24 June, & 1 July 10.00am	Wednesday Bible Study Group in the Church Hall (Meeting Room)
27 June 10.00am to 12 noon	Trinity Community Summer Fayre. In the Church Hall
30 June 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Youth Alpha Reunion. Details Ann or Andrew Dunsire 07974 605590, 07580 593504
8 July 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)



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Newsletter of Penicuik Trinity Community Church

TC News

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



Christian Aid Week formed the main theme for May.

Trinity Community Church sent off £1703.15 to Christian Aid this week!

A huge thank you to all bakers, servers, and supporters of the coffee morning - and to all who donated so generously to "The Bucket" ! Also to all who donated online!

Thank you also to Joan for the Christian Aid service she took on May 17th - full of imaginative fun.

FFF bleed kit is another potential lifesaver and we report that they are the first in Midlothian to hold a kit.

We are all looking forward to the annual Summer Fayre toward the end of



June, Tickets available now, so I hope this spell of brilliant weather that is pouring through the window as I write this column returns to make it feel like summer has truly arrived!

Enjoy this issue.
 Jim Paterson
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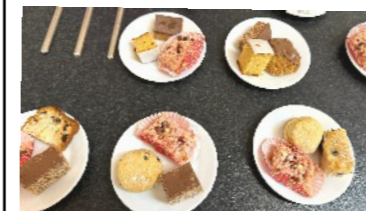
Christian Aid Week; 10-17 May



Trinity Community members and visitors once again rose to the call during Christian Aid Week this year supporting women like Fridah and Belinda in the overcrowded township of Dagoretti Nairobi grow food, earn an income and care for their families through difficult times. We started the week with a fund raising coffee morning on Saturday 9 May where visitors enjoyed a coffee break with lots of home baking to choose from, and also available to purchase. A total of £527 was raised from this event.

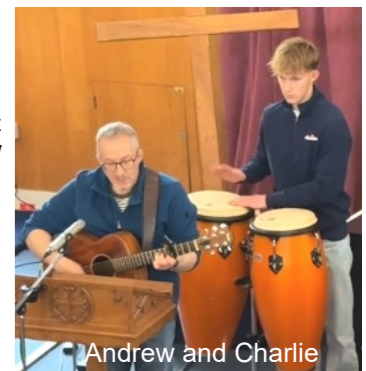
Our Sunday services on the 10th and 17th also saw Janis Hogg, our Christian Aid leader bring the trusty collection bucket to accept donations after church and over in the hall. Some £900 was collected during the weeks campaign.

Finally some members and visitors donated directly via the Christian Aid website, which like the donation envelopes enables tax payers to make a Gift Aid declaration, increasing their donation by 25%. Though we don't know exactly how much was donated online we estimate that all together the grand total raised for Christian Aid from the coffee morning, the weeks activities, the 'bucket' collection, and the online donations to be in the region of **£1900**.



Many thanks and well done to all who supported this amazing amount raised to help women in Kenya grow food, earn an income and care for their children in the face of hunger and rising living costs.

To conclude the weeks activities we held an All Age service on 17 May, led by Joan Cape, with several of our praise songs led by praise musicians Andrew Dunsire and his grandson Charlie. Joan also involved the young members of our congregation as well as other adult members helping to illustrate the work being carried out by 'Beacon of Hope' in Nairobi.



You can watch this service at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxxOvN2F4yY> or via our website, <https://www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church/> where all our services are available to watch again.

Comfort International Rwanda / DRC project update

Last August we reported the trip by Ann Dunsire to Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, to join outreach projects led by a team from Comfort International charity.

Later, we hosted Calum and Izzy Henderson from Comfort International to lead the Harvest Thanksgiving service in the 5th October, with Izzy taking the All Age spot and Calum the Reflections.

The charity's mission is to help rebuild lives devastated by poverty, genocide and conflict in the nations of the world.

Many of you donated to the charity who continue the good work in Africa, although unsure at this point what the Ebola outbreak means for this year's trip.

Ann Dunsire recently received this thank you for all your donations from comfort International;

Thank you so much for your generous donation towards the Rubaya Landslides Appeal. Please click link to a further report from Comfort Congo on the situation in Rubaya, North, the Democratic Republic of Congo, where the community have been affected by a series of landslides.



Comfort Congo have been sharing with us how these funds have been vital in providing emergency shelter, feeding, and starting to plan ahead for soil stabilisation work.



We would like to thank you once again for your generous contribution to the emergency appeals and share with you the encouraging work that is still going on by our incredible partners. We hope you are as inspired by them as we are.

You can download the full report at :

https://mcusercontent.com/c8197dd85af00e89a1f92eb17/files/b4f2ef15-1106-2cb9-a828-f237122adbfb/Rubaya_Landslides_Update_May_26_1.pdf



TYBG will meet each Tuesday up to 23rd June and on 30th June we're having a Youth Alpha Reunion as Charis & Jamie are coming back to visit from Australia. See announcement on back page

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A LIFE-SAVING ADDITION TO FOOD FACTS FRIENDS

Report by Mark Wells

We reported last month the training and installation of a Defibrillator to assist First Aider's in the initial few minutes following heart failure of anyone in our church.

This month we report how our community is addressing the increasing knife crime across Midlothian, with Food Facts Friends now holding a bleed control kit, which provide immediate, life-saving first aid to individuals suffering from catastrophic blood loss. Designed for use by untrained bystanders, these kits enable rapid treatment of severe injuries (e.g., deep wounds or severed arteries) to preserve life until professional medical help arrives.

Church member Mark Wells, the CEO of Food Facts Friends, met Lisa McNab, whose son was on a night out at Leith, Great Junction Street, when a boy came along and stabbed him. It was a devastating, senseless act.

Lisa runs a campaign, set up in loving memory of her son, firstly, to try and ban the sale of knives in shops and get them off our streets entirely, and secondly, to place these bleed control kits in communities everywhere. Mark is so proud and pleased to say this is the very first kit to be launched in Midlothian!

Having this kit here means FFF are better prepared to help in an emergency, and it will be available for anyone who may need it in our community.

These emergency kits empower everyday people to take action in the critical minutes before emergency services are on the scene. They contain specialised medical supplies to physically stem heavy blood flow:

- **Tourniquets:** Used to completely stop blood flow to a severely injured limb.
- **Haemostatic Dressings:** Special gauze treated with agents that actively promote clotting to rapidly stop heavy bleeding from deep wounds.
- **Trauma Dressings & Gauze:**
- **Highly absorbent pads** used to pack wounds and maintain firm, direct pressure.
- **Chest Seals:** Occlusive dressings designed to manage penetrating chest injuries.

Accessories: Includes safety shears to quickly remove clothing, foil blankets for shock and warmth, and basic step-by-step instructions.

They are frequently installed in public locations, nightlife districts, schools, and transport hubs—often housed right next to public-access.

You can find this life-saving kit right here at Food Facts Friends, 42 John Street, Penicuik EH26 8AB.



Defibrillator now mounted outside the Church

Following the recent rewiring of the church building we are happy to report that the external housing for the defibrillator unit has now been fixed outside the church entrance door and connected to a power supply. The unit is lit so visible on the darkest of nights.

A defibrillator is a medical device used to deliver a high-energy electric shock to the heart during a sudden cardiac arrest. This shock momentarily stops the heart's chaotic electrical activity, allowing it to "reset" and restore a normal, life-saving heartbeat.

Defibrillators are used when a person collapses, stops breathing normally, and becomes unresponsive due to a cardiac arrest. This usually happens when the heart enters a life-threatening, irregular rhythm known as ventricular fibrillation (VF) or ventricular tachycardia (VT)



The unit is locked to deter vandal attack. To open follow the visual instructions on the door, **namely call 999 to report**. They will provide the combination for the keylock.

Full use instructions, designed for first time users, are provided with the unit.

The keycode is also on the noticeboard immediately inside the church entrance **BUT FIRST DIAL 999**



Save the Date - spread the word

Holiday Club
4-7 August 10am – 1.30pm
Trinity Community Church Hall

For more information
Contact – Agnes Haggart
CLICK IMAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

SU Scotland's exciting new holiday club material is packed full of ideas you will love.

The Tale of Two Kings Holiday Club looks at how the Bible tells God's story revealing who He is. It tells key stories from the life of King David, who points us towards King Jesus. As children journey to the castle, meeting knights, princesses and bards, they will also be introduced to the story of these two Kings.

The Tale of Two Kings has been written to be used indoors; however, it is easily adaptable to be used outdoors.

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 us 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!

As children explore the biblical overview, our prayer is that they will find themselves in the story, understanding God's love for them through the significance of what Jesus has done, and personally respond to him.

What is The Tale of Two Kings?

- A five day outdoors Bible-based holiday club resource that can also be used indoors
- A programme for 5-11 year old children
- Five 2.5 hour sessions



Using a medieval theme that's sure to capture the imagination of the children in our community, this Holiday Club engages children with the exciting events of 1 and 2 Samuel, ultimately showing how the stories of King David find their fulfilment in the person of Jesus Christ.

PAT Testing (for this year)

PAT testing (Portable Appliance Testing) evaluates the electrical safety of appliances through a rigorous visual inspection and a series of electronic tests. It identifies hidden internal faults and external wear-and-tear that could cause electric shocks, severe burns, or fires. All mains connected portable equipment MUST be tested before use in TC church or hall. Battery only equipment is not required to be tested.



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