

Prayer Breakfast - 28 March 9.00am

All who have a heart to pray for Penicuik young peoples' and children's work are most welcome to come along to this informal gathering to pray and to share breakfast together.

This event will also be advertised by SU Scotland as one of the local Prayer Ministry Hubs and Gemma Morton, our SU Regional Worker for East & Midlothian will be speaking at the start.

All welcome to join. More information from

Ann Dunsire 07974 605590





 Focused on praying specifically for all our Penicuik children's and youth ministries

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 28th March, 9.00-10.30am
 Venue: Penicuik Trinity Community Church hall, bottom of Kirkhill Road, Penicuik.



BEETLE DRIVE

 7:30PM

FRIDAY MARCH 20TH
TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH HALL - KIRK HILL ROAD
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Scottish Charity No. SC005838

PENICUIK CHURCHES TOGETHER

The animated film telling the story of Jesus Christ
 Trinity Community Church Hall, Penicuik
 Sunday 19th April 2.30 - 4.30 Suitable for children 5-11 years
 Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
 This event is free*
 *Donations towards the Summer Holiday Club welcome
 Snacks available on arrival
 For further information please contact
 Ruth Aird - ruthaird@outlook.com
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 Watch it on all Digital Platforms NOW



Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter March 2026

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

Date	Guest	
1 March	Ishbel Murray	Fort William
8 March	Paul Holbrook	CEO/Coach/Mentor
15 March	Bee Roy	Head Of Tear Fund Scotland
22 March	Fiona Holbrook	Retired nurse involved in community/church life
29 March	Edinburgh Easter Play	Cast Members

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 (See front page for Penicuik churches Easter week services)

8, 15, 22, 29 March 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
9, 16, 23, 30 March 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Small Hall. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
9, 16, 23, 30 March 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
9, 16, 23, 30 March 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
9, 16, 23, 30 March 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird ruthaird@outlook.com
10, 17, 24, 31 March 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Small Hall. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
10, 17, 24, 31 March 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
10, 17, 24, 31 March 7.00 to 9.00pm	Tuesday Youth Bible Group. Details Ann or Andrew Dunsire 07974 605590, 07580 593504
12, 19, 26 March 10.00am to 12 noon	Thursday Coffee and Chat - Church Hall
11, 18, 25 March 10.00am	Wednesday Bible Study Group - (Meeting Room church hall)
16 March 2.00pm	Guild - AGM and Bring and Buy
20 March 7.30pm	Beetle Drive - Church Hall
28 March 9.00 - 10.30am	Prayer Breakfast - Church Hall. Details Ann Dunsire 07974 605590
1 April 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, 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)

TC News

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 Newsletter of Penicuik Trinity Community Church

Easter at Penicuik Churches Together: March 29 - April 5

Date	Time	Place	Service
Palm Sunday 29th March 	10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.30am	St James the Less Trinity Community Church Penicuik North Kirk Sacred Heart	Palm Sunday service with Holy Communion Palm Sunday service with Holy Communion Palm Sunday service led by Young Kirk Palm Sunday Mass
Monday 30th March	7.30pm	North Kirk	Joint evening service (PCT)
Tuesday 31st March	7.30pm	Trinity Community Church	Joint evening service (PCT)
Wednesday 1st April	7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Joint evening service (PCT)
Maundy Thursday 2nd April	7.30pm	St James the Less	Holy Communion with foot washing And Vigil of the Watch (PCT)
Good Friday 3rd April 	10am onwards 12pm onwards 3.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Penicuik Town Centre St James the Less Sacred Heart North Kirk Trinity Community Church	PCT Hot cross buns giveaway and Easter Trail round the churches 12pm: Koder's Stations of the cross; 1pm: Emotions of Jesus 2pm: Good Friday Communion service The Passion of our Lord Evening service Evening service
Easter Day 5th April 	6.10am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Gather at St. James the Less, walking up to Broomhill for 6.25am service, 6.33am sunrise St. James the Less North Kirk Trinity Community Church Sacred Heart	Sunrise service at Broomhill followed by breakfast at St James the Less (PCT) Family Communion Easter Communion Morning Worship Holy Mass

PENICUIK HIGH SCHOOL SU GROUP - Wednesday lunchtimes



We are seeking volunteers to help on a rota basis (fortnightly or monthly) along with myself, Ann Dunsire.

The group meets on Wednesdays between 1pm-1.45pm. If you are willing to commit to a rota, please could you let me know as soon as possible, as it's important to get the PVG process started in good time

Ann Dunsire - ann1010@btinternet.com or tel: 0797 460 5590



Lent encounter - Journey through the Psalms



Explore how these ancient songs speak to topics of creation, grief, justice, forgiveness and worship - and how they point us to Jesus.

Free daily emails featuring Bible readings, reflections and thought-provoking prompts.

Reflections from Bible Society writers, plus special guests: Dr Andrew Orlerton, Sarah Coppin, Andy Flannagan, Jesse Fellingham and more

Holy week devotionals from Dai Woolridge, finding Jesus in the Psalms <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter>

Exclusive access to our audio podcast, so you can listen on the go.





Bible Teaching Day for Women

Saturday 18 April 2026
10:00am - 5:00pm
Grange Manor Hotel
Glensburgh, Grangemouth FK3 8XJ
£40.00 day rate plus £22.00 for dinner

Speakers: Rhona Black, Helensburgh
Wendy Bathgate & Daisy Belton, SU Scotland
For more information please contact
riseupscotland@yahoo.com
or call 01324 410046 (answer machine)



TYBG (Tuesday Youth Bible Group) meets every Tuesday 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)

Defibrillator Training

As reported previously in TC News we now have a defibrillator in the church. On completion of the church rewiring the unit will be mounted in a box outside the church allowing use by members of the public.



Though the unit is designed to be operated without training how to use it we are proposing to run a 'see how its done' and have a try session for those interested in knowing how to use it. A form in the hall is available to add your name to. A date for the training will then be announced.

Rotary Club of Penicuik Primary School Quiz - 5 February

TCC church hall hosted this year's event on Thursday 5 February. Schools taking part this year were Cornbank, Strathesk, Cuiiken, Sacred Heart, and Roslin. The hall was filled with parents off the team members, along with families and friends and school pupils supporting their school teams.

The quiz is a bit of fun testing the team's knowledge with rounds covering; Language and Literacy, Health and Wellbeing, Expressive Arts, Science and Technology, Observation Round, Scotland and It's People, Maths and Numeracy, finishing with Pot Luck!

This year's winners were Strathesk on 27.5 points, with runners up Roslin on 26.5 points, and in third place Cornbank with 25 points.

The quiz was sponsored by Andrew Turner Blacksmiths, Penicuik.

Penicuik Rotary President Gordon Mann congratulates the Strathesk Primary School quiz team on winning the Penicuik Rotary Primary School Quiz,



Community Arts Penicuik Jazz Concert - 21 February



Sue Owen of the new Community Arts Penicuik (CAP), formerly PCAA welcomed a full house to Trinity Community Church Hall on Saturday 21 February for an evening of swing and jazz music.



The players featured Pentland School of Music Jazz Band (formerly Beeslack Jazz Band), led by Graham McDonald and the Carlops Jazz Band, featuring the Carlopettes.

Opening the first hour of the concert, Graham led the Pentland Jazz band with Ain't Misbehavin, Summertime, My Favourite Things, and Fever. The Carlops Jazz Band then took to the stage with It Had Better Be Tonight, Is you Is or Is You Ain't, Come By Me, Son of a Preacher Man, with the Carlopettes, Come by Me, and That's Life.

A short refreshment break and Graham returned to lead the Pentland Jazz band with Girl from Ipanema, Just the Way you Look Tonight, The Summer Knows, and Dream A Little dream of Me. The Carlops Jazz Band took us through to the finale with the instrumental Birdland, Heatwave, with the Carlopettes, Proud Mary, Blue Skies, finishing with Sing Sing Sing, which also featured in the encore after wide applause from the audience.

A great night with audience members out on the floor jiving and dancing to the sound of the bands.



Jiving on the floor

towards the cost of the tea, coffee and biscuits; on the 2nd Sunday the donations go to the Welfare fund, and on the remaining Sundays they go to the Good Causes Fund.

The Welfare Fund is administered by the minister, and is used to help people faced with an unexpected bill or a repair that needs to be dealt with urgently. If you know of anyone in urgent need of financial help, please contact the minister directly. The **Good Causes Fund** accumulates money through the year, and is used (for example) if there is an urgent appeal to alleviate famine or other emergencies, or it may be used to support ongoing work by an organisation that has come to our attention. These donations to other charities are decided by the Kirk Session during the year (if there's an urgent appeal) or at the end of a year if there is money left in the fund.

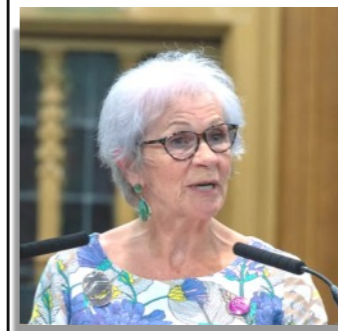
Feel free to suggest suitable recipients of the 'Good Causes' fund to any elder, to bring your suggestion to the Kirk Session.

To contact me, you can phone 674276, or email me at tccsessionclerk@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to my (usually weekly) email list, for a reminder of where and when our services are happening, please let me know. **Neil Cape** Session Clerk.

Guild February Meetings Jenny Ramage

Bear Necessities - 2 February

The speaker today was Christina Paterson who had come to tell us about Bear Necessities for Bulgaria and its Guild supported project Build My Church. This is a small charity run by Christina Ross and Cathy Reece based in Alness and began in 2010 following a visit with Blythwood Trust delivering Christmas shoeboxes when they witnessed the desperate needs of the people.



They began with a soup kitchen in the Romany village Orizari near the city of Sliven. They now also provide a medical clinic and support children to go to school. Most religion was Eastern Orthodox and Protestantism was banned during the Communist era until 1989. However they have now been working together with a local pastor Rumen Ganushev to build a church and community centre in Sliven.

With the help of funding from the Guild a building was bought and renovated and is now in use and slowly building up offering worship, prayer and teaching and in time hopes to provide free health care and food for those in need together with possible accommodation for the homeless next to the church. Christina had visited the project last year and showed us slides of Orizari, Sliven and the team of people involved in the work.

Butterfly Trust - 16 February



Our speaker today was Miles Tew from the Butterfly Trust which is a charity founded in 2002 to support those with Cystic Fibrosis in Scotland.

Miles began by explaining that Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic condition and that 1 in 25 people are carriers of the faulty gene. He described the effects of this life limiting condition which causes a build up of thick mucous in the lungs reducing lung function and also in the pancreas and digestion system.

There is no cure for the condition but there are treatments to alleviate symptoms. These include regular physiotherapy to help clear secretions, antibiotics for chest infections and enzyme supplements to help digestion. Patients can have a persistent cough and suffer fatigue and pain. Specialist CF multidisciplinary teams including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and dieticians will help to plan individual treatment.

The condition can have an impact on families in many ways such as the need for a warm and healthy environment, financial issues, employment and stress so the Butterfly Trust offers practical help and advocacy together with emotional support and counselling to help people to enjoy the best possible quality of life in the community.

Over 100 volunteers work with the Trust in several capacities and fundraising is also done through different promotions, donations and events including firewalking and skydiving!

Edinburgh Passion Play 2026: Unbroken - 19th April 2025 at 2 pm in Princes Street Gardens West

Join the Passion Play in Edinburgh on Easter Saturday, 4 April in West Princes Street Gardens.

The 2026 play is titled "Unbroken" and will take place on Saturday April 4th, 2026 in West Princes Street Gardens at 2pm.

This year's production is a NEW play exploring Jesus and disability – how did he respond to disabled people then and what can we learn from him today?

We are delighted to welcome some of Cutting Edge Theatre's INSPIRE participants into the cast this year. INSPIRE is our programme specifically designed for disabled people to enjoy equal access to theatre as participants, audience members and professionals.

Being part of the play is a way that they can perform in a very supportive and inclusive environment.



Full details <https://easterplay.org/>



From the Session Clerk

We're back in the hall this month, because the church building needs to be rewired and the electricians are already rewiring all the lights, and putting in some additional sockets.

The lighting should be much improved by the time they have finished, but some of the floorboards have to be lifted, and scaffolding will be involved. **Please don't go into the church building (even if you have a key)** until the work is finished, unless you need to use the copier in the vestry...the only equipment apart from the heating boiler that still has power connected – but with no lighting in the vestry or lobby!

Donations

On a totally different topic, you may have seen the sign in the hall about how your donations for tea and coffee after the service are used. On the first Sunday of each month your donations go