

Final Farewell to Isabel Donachie

On Tuesday 14 April we said our final farewell to Isabella Donachie, or as many in our church knew as Isabel.

Isabella was born in Edinburgh and lived in the Dalry district of town. Living where she did, she became a Hearts supporter from an early age and always retained an interest in the club. Her father was an upholsterer to trade, and her mother used to work in service. Isabel inherited her mother's flair for cooking, and passed on the knack to her son, Niall.

Isabel was one of three. Her sister, Janey, and brother, Pearson, who died some time ago.

She went to Boroughmuir High School. Although she gained enough Highers to go to university, she chose to go into the Civil Service. She was working in London for a time, before she met her future husband Duncan at a dance.

Major Duncan Sinclair Donachie, of the Royal Army Medical Corps. His photograph in uniform was a feature of her room and a talking point in later years. They were married, and, in an example of cooperation between the services, had their wedding reception at RAF Turnhouse, just opposite Edinburgh Airport.

Duncan liked the orderly nature of the army and found it hard to adjust to the different values of civilian employment. So he found a path back into military service, by way of the Territorials, and worked his way up through the ranks until he got a commission.

They had three children in quick succession: the eldest was Bruce, then Marion and finally, Niall.

Isabel was very interested in keep fit. She used to go out to exercise classes at the YMCA, when it was up at Kirkhill, and used



to collect flowers and liked to create pressed flowers. At her request, there were flowers at the service. She sang in the church choir and always watched Songs of Praise on TV. She chose the opening and the closing hymns for today's service.

She was an active member of the Church of Scotland Guild in Penicuik and took her turn at being Guild President.

Isabel belonged to the first house group in St Mungo's. This was set up in the mid-1980s and had a moving base in several people's homes. When they met in Isabel's house, Duncan always joined them for a cup of tea and a chat at the end of the evening.

She was baptised as an adult at St Mungo's in the 1990's, having been earlier dedicated as a child in the Baptist Church.

Isabel and Duncan kept a caravan at Newcastleton, where they liked to spend a week's holiday in the Borders and use that as base to travel around the country. (They also enjoyed holidays in Germany and other European countries.)

Isabel was quite a private person, but she was a character as well, often feisty, spirited and strong-willed, always ready with a joke or a wry comment, but caring in her own way.

Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter May 2026

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

Date	Guest
3 May	Gordon McBirnie Mission Development and Youth Work Craiglockhart Parish Church
10 May	Ruby Davidson Session Clerk Trinity Church Strathaven
17 May	Kirsty Holt Centrepoint Church Bathgate
24 May	Heart of the Matter from Gracefields Church near Cape Town
31 May	Gold 54 A special from the archives

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

Save the Date



Lots of Stalls, Home Baking & Refreshments

Trinity Community Diary

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 May 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
4, 11, 18, 25 May 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Small Hall. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
4, 11, 18, 25 May 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
4, 11, 18, 25 May 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
4, 11, 18, 25 May 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird ruthaird@outlook.com
5, 12, 19, 26 May 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Small Hall. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
5, 12, 19, 26 May 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
5, 12, 19, 26 May 7.00pm to 9.00pm	Tuesday Youth Bible Group. Details Ann or Andrew Dunsire 07974 605590, 07580 593504
6 May 10.45am	Friendship Hour in the Church Hall (Meeting Room)
9 May 10am to 12 noon	Christian Aid Coffee morning - Church Hall.
13, 20, 27 May 10.00am	Wednesday Bible Study Group - (Meeting Room)
27 June 10.00am to 12 noon	Trinity Community Summer Fair. [Date for your diary]

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)



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TC News
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Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



We concluded our Easter services celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. We start this issue of TC News with our early morning sunrise service, at the top of Broomhill. We arrived to see the moon setting in the west, as the sun broke the horizon in the east. As we worshipped we were joined by the Edinburgh inbound flight from Philadelphia passing a few thousand feet above our heads. Truly surreal, so low we felt we could touch it.

We now look forward to Pentecost, birth of the Christian church.

Our King of Kings film show and the Women's conference were both a success this past month, with reports in this issue.

We held a final farewell for Isabel Donachie, hearing of her time as a faithful member of our church for many years.

The Messy Church team are looking for interested people to join and help bring the Christ message to primary school kids. Fresh ideas are needed to revive this important activity if it is to make an impact on our youngsters. Full details speak Joan Cape 674276

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You can see all our Easter services on our youtube channel, from Palm Sunday, Tuesday, Good Friday and the Easter Sunday All Age services <https://www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church/Services/>

Bible Society Pentecost Reflections

Pentecost is a major Christian festival celebrated 50 days after Easter, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. It symbolizes the "birthday" of the Church, empowering followers to spread the Gospel. Originating from the Jewish harvest festival (Shavuot/Feast of Weeks), it signifies the start of the Church's mission.

Study the Spirit through the Scriptures this Pentecost: from Genesis to Matthew's Gospel and from Ezekiel to Romans, take a closer look at the symbols of the dove, fire, wind and clouds that the biblical writers used to describe the indescribable Spirit of God.

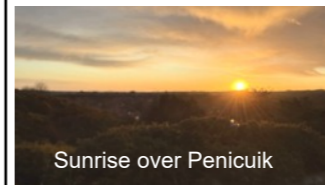
Eight daily Bible readings and reflections from 24-31 May: be inspired by missional leaders with reflections from our partners in the UK, China, Mozambique, North Macedonia, the Gulf, Burkina Faso, Guatemala and Sweden Daily stories of the Holy Spirit at work and prayer prompts to help you pray for the global Church this Pentecost. Free downloadable pdf prayer map

More information and sign up at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/pentecost>



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Resurrection Sunday - Christ has Risen



Sunrise over Penicuik

The bitterly cold but dry morning on 5 April, Easter Sunday, attracted a hardy group of worshippers keen to celebrate the new day, announcing the resurrection of Jesus. The weather omens were not good with high winds overnight threatening our walk to the top of Broomhill. As we gathered at St. James the Less the Rev Nick Bowry had prepared a contingency to hold the dawn service within the confines of the church.

The omens had passed, allowing our group to walk to the summit and experience the sunrise at 6.33am, heralding the risen Christ. We sang praises, prayed and heard passages from the Bible, before returning to the warmth of St. James the Less church hall, where hot drinks and hot filled rolls restored heat back into many chilly worshippers.

Our minister the Rev John Urquhart, who joined the party on the mount, also joined the All Age 11am service, led by Joan Cape, along with those who could not make our earlier service.



Worship at Broomhill B-

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Christian Aid coffee Morning - Saturday 9 May



Saturday 9th May, 10am till noon, in the church hall.

Christian Aid week starts on the 10th May this year.

Please remember our coffee morning on Saturday May 9th

If you'd like to contribute some home baking - the hall will be open from 5pm till 6pm on Friday 8th May for you to hand this in - or from 9 am on Sat 10th.

Please come along and support this worthwhile cause and enjoy a cuppa and a blether at the same time. Entry by donation

Volunteers Defibrillator Training - 20 April



In a previous issue we reported the arrival of a new defibrillator which is currently held in the vestry. Eventually this will be mounted outside the front of the church, making this life saving device available to members of the public as well.

Designed to be used by anyone without training, on Saturday 20 April a number of volunteers attended a familiarisation training event where our local First Responder explained how to use the device and had a manikin to allow the 'students' to practise.

Though we hope never to need to use this instrument it is another tool that may in an emergency help to save a life in our church and community.



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)

Rise Up day Women's conference - 18 April *Report by Ruth Aird*



The Rise Up day Women's conference on Saturday 18th April, held at the Grange Manor hotel in Grangemouth, was packed full of inspiration, with a real sense of excitement about the work God is doing in Scotland.



The morning session focused on the Bride of Christ, and we learnt that she is the Church, all of us who believe in Jesus as the Son of God and in his work on the cross for us. We asked the question about what the Bible says about the Bride and how that affects us in our every day living as Christians.

To help us understand it we looked at a Jewish wedding and discovered that it is a picture of what will happen to the Bride now and in eternity.

We heard from Daisy Belton, the full time Scripture Union worker in West Lothian and Falkirk, who told us the story of how she came into Scripture Union and the amazing work that is being carried out across Scotland amongst children.

Scripture Union has an international presence which allows young people from the UK to volunteer elsewhere as well as grow into young leaders in this country.

Charmaine finished the day by telling her story of living with The Railway Man, who was her father and the challenges of being the daughter of a prisoner of war. Her journey of reconciliation and forgiveness touched all of our hearts as she brought us the ultimate story of the forgiveness we receive from Jesus Christ.



Six ladies from Penicuik made the journey across to Falkirk, maybe next year we can double that!

Penicuik Churches Together at Penicuik in the Park Saturday 30 May



Penicuik Churches Together (PCT) will once again feature a stall in the annual Penicuik in the Park extravaganza on Saturday May 30.

The Penicuik Hunter and Lass, together with the junior Hunter and Lass will return from their Rideout across the Pentland Hills.

If you could spare an hour or two to help at the PCT stall, please contact Joan Cape 01968 674276

King of Kings Film Show - Sunday 19 April

The afternoon of Sunday 19 April saw the church hall host a wide range of 'All Ages' for the showing of King of Kings animated movie.

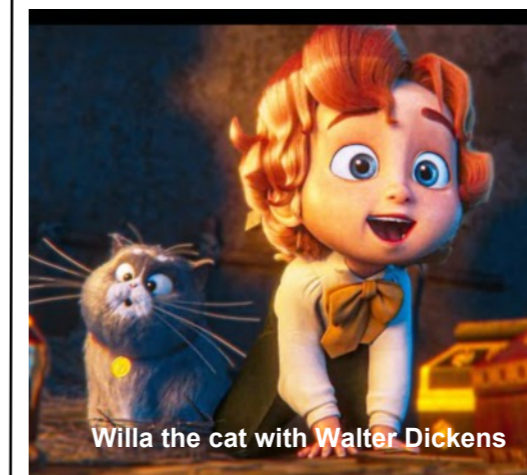
The children sat near the front for the best view, whilst the 'older' and adult 'kids' sat farther back.

Ruth Aird had secured a DVD copy of the movie which is loosely inspired by the children's book 'The Life of Our Lord' by Charles Dickens.

Charles Dickens attempts to recite his story A Christmas Carol to a London theatre audience, but is interrupted by his overly excited son Walter, who enacts the exploits of King Arthur backstage along with his cat, Willa.



Dickens considers punishing the boy for ruining the recital, but instead his wife Catherine suggests he tell his son about a king even greater than Arthur: the "King of Kings", Jesus Christ. Initially hesitant, Walter agrees to listen to his father's story, but on condition that he can stop if he finds it boring.



Walter begins to imagine himself and Willa within the story; travelling along with Jesus and the disciples, they witness all the events in Christ's life: the **Nativity**, the **Ministry**, the **Miracles** and the **Passion**. His father also explains him the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice by telling him the story of Adam and Eve and the original sin, but Walter has great difficulty accepting and understanding such an atrocious and unjust death.

Deeply saddened by Jesus' death, Walter suddenly finds himself sinking to the bottom of the sea, like the apostle Peter when he

attempted to follow Jesus as he walked on water. Walter calls out for help and is rescued by Jesus, who disappears underwater and replaced with an empty cross. Returning to dry land, Walter contemplates the cross and begins to feel redemption and salvation through Jesus' sacrifice and is overwhelmed with admiration and gratitude as he begins to understand Jesus' love for him.

Finally, Walter finds the empty tomb of Jesus, where the resurrected Jesus bids him a silent goodbye before walking towards the horizon. Overjoyed to realize that Jesus still lives, Walter runs to tell his siblings the story, inspiring Dickens to write down the life of Jesus for his children. The film closes with words from the Gospel of John: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

With refreshments available before the show, made for an enjoyable walk through the Bible New Testament, suitable for All Ages.

You can watch the official trailer, which includes links to stream the movie ;
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDhet3EVRac>



Save the Date - spread the word
Holiday Club
4-7 August 10am - 1.30pm
Trinity Community Church Hall

For more information
Contact - Agnes Haggart
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