

New Church Name Board with QR code fast access



The new noticeboard at the front corner at the front of the church proudly announces our church, replacing the banner on the railings, which was beginning to fade, looking somewhat weather beaten.

Included on the new notice is a QR code that everyone has heard of but not always sure what they are or do.

QR stands for Quick Response and are two-dimensional barcodes that store information in a digital format. They were first developed in Japan in 1994 by a company called Denso Wave, a subsidiary of Toyota, as a way to track vehicles during the manufacturing process.

QR codes consist of black squares arranged on a white background, and they can store a variety of data types such as text, URLs (web address), contact information, and even multimedia files. Unlike traditional barcodes, QR codes can hold significantly more information, allowing for more complex uses.



Our QR code points to the church web address www.penicuikcommunity.church. Simply point your phones camera on the QR square and press

the button that appears below the image on screen. That will take you to the church website. The church QR code also appears on the noticeboard on the outside wall too.



Harvest Thanksgiving Penicuik Trinity Community Church Sunday 11th October

Held in the church

SU SCOTLAND FUNDRAISING



WHERE? - HOLYROOD CHURCH, EDINBURGH
WHEN? - 7TH OF NOVEMBER 2026, 7.30PM-10.00PM
WHY? - FUNDRAISING IN SUPPORT OF THE AMAZING WORK SU SCOTLAND ARE DOING, TRANSFORMING YOUNG PEOPLES LIVES IN THE NAME OF JESUS.



Isla from our youth group is raising a fundraising ceilidh for SU, along with some of her friends from SU Basecamp training, on 7 Nov.

**Your donations will help her challenge.
Spread the word to the young ones**

Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter October 2026

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



Date	Guest	
4 October	Elizabeth McDowall	Scripture Union Scotland
11 October	Rev. Professor Will Storrar	Part 1 Theologian/Craiglockhart Parish Church
18 October	Rev. Professor Will Storrar	Part 2 Theologian/Craiglockhart Parish Church
25 October	Tim Farron	MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale

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

4, 11, 18, 25 October 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
5 October 2.00pm	Guild meeting - in the Church Hall. Poppy Scotland with Jessica Clark
5, 12, 19, 26, October 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Hall Meeting Room. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
5, 12, 19, 26, October 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
5, 12, 19, 26, October 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
5, 12, 19, 26, October 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird rutheaird@outlook.com
6, 13, 20, 27 October 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Church Hall Meeting Room. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
6 & 27 October 7.00 to 9.00pm	Tuesday Youth Bible Group. Details Ann or Andrew Dunsire 07974 605590, 07580 593504
6, 13, 20, 27 October 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
7 October 10.45am	Friendship Hour in the Church Hall (Meeting Room)
7 October 1.00 - 3.00pm	Grief Support Group ; Find healing in togetherness - FFF Community Hub 42 High Street
11 October 11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the church. Donations can be handed in 10am to 12 noon Saturday 10 October, or any previous Sunday.
14, 21, 28 October 10.45am	Wednesday Bible Group in Church Hall Meeting Room - Details Agnes Haggart 07790 766417
25 October 11.00am	Blythwood Care Christmas Appeal Service- Hats, Gloves, Scarves display. Church Hall open Saturday 24 Oct 1pm to 3pm to receive your donations.
31 October	Church of Scotland Day of Prayer - Light into Darkness (Full details on website)
11 November 11.00am	Remembrance Sunday - with members of the Royal British Legion & Penicuik Organisations



TC News

OCTOBER 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



The activities after our summer recess are starting up as you can see from our diary on the back page.

In addition we will be hosting an event on Church of Scotland Day of Prayer 'Light in the Darkness' on Saturday 31st October



Full details will appear on our web and Facebook pages.

Before that we celebrate Harvest with our service on 11 October. Details of how to donate are in this issue.



Then we have our annual Blythwood Christmas Appeal on the 25th October.

Lots more happening, so enjoy the read and hope you can join us in some or all of your church activities.

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Guild Afternoon Tea - Saturday 26 September Report by Jim Paterson



The chat around the tables meant plenty of tea and coffee was needed to keep the vocal cords well oiled. Around 60 folks turned out to be treated with cake stands heaving with home baking, thankfully in bite size to keep those calories in check. But plates of sandwiches including Tuna and sweet corn, ham and chicken, all cut in neat triangles without crusts, were ready to tempt those like me who had skipped lunch.

Margaret Black had pulled together a team including Helen McCall, Jenny Ramage, Lorna Ward, Agnes Haggart, Maureen Hazel, Sandra Knox and Ray Hunter to keep the tables well stocked and making sure the guests cups, and these were the Guild best china cups saucers and plates, did not run dry. Many others of the Guild members helped tidy up the tables and wash up at the end.



The event raised a total of £635 for Guild funds. Well done to everyone and all those who supported and enjoyed a great afternoon of refreshments and chat.

Hats Gloves and Scarves - 25 October service display donations



This year we are once again collecting knitted hats, gloves and scarves for the Blythwood Care Christmas appeal. We welcome bought hats, scarves, gloves etc for adults and children from non-knitters. **Items can be handed in any Sunday morning**

Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, the individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities.

Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine



Knitting wool available.

Ask Christine or Margaret if you need some

Margaret Barry and Christine Jackson will be in the church on **Saturday 24 October from 2.00 to 4.00pm** if anyone wants to hand anything in. **Or drop them off at church any Sunday until then.**
Please help those this winter who are suffering often in extreme situations

Prayer Breakfast - Saturday 26 September

Report by Ann Dunsire



Around 25 people gathered on the morning of Saturday 26th September to pray for our local schools and youth & children's work happening in the Penicuik churches and share breakfast together.



This gathering is part of an SU Local Ministry Hub. Gemma, our Regional SU worker, shared some of the highlights from missions, camps and holiday clubs over the summer before the prayer time around different tables highlighting each area of ministry.

Many thanks to Gill & Alastair Mackintosh for preparing breakfast and to Ross & Mary Hadwen for the lovely fruit display.



Next prayer breakfast will be on 20th March 2027, again at St James' Church Hall.'



Four of our young people from TYBG (Isla, Adam, Holly and Benjamin) got together recently and have made up an Instagram page [@penicuiktrinityyouth](https://www.instagram.com/penicuiktrinityyouth)

Please follow along if you're on Instagram and encourage any young people you know to follow along too.'



The Scottish Women of the Word organization holds its annual events at the Castlecary Hotel in Cumbernauld (G68 0HD). Their next upcoming event is the Weekend Conference scheduled for November 13-15, 2026, featuring speaker Ruth Aird who will focus on The Bridegroom is Coming!

Question - Who is the Bridegroom?

Booking: Information and Registration details can be found at <https://scottishwomenoftheword.org/weekend-conference/>

Guild Meetings - September Reports by Jenny Ramage

Beyond the Walls - 7 September

Our speaker today was Joan Cape with the topic of the Guild's Theme for this year Beyond the Walls. She began with the Guild's 3 year Strategy being Let us Build a House and the three Themes being Sure Foundations, Living Stones and Beyond the Walls looking at what this means in our lives as Christians and Guild members.

We are asked to go beyond the walls reaching out and inviting others to learn more about God, become members of our family and share the love of Christ. There are different types of walls, they can be physical, spiritual, walls of fear and prejudice or even a wall of fire. To reach out like this can take us out of our comfort zone and we may be fearful of the unknown but is often not as bad as expected.

Spreading God's message can lead to new relationships, sharing hopes and fears and breaking down those walls. So we need to be braver and take up that challenge opening doors and building that house.



Flower Arranging - 21 September



The speakers from the TEAR Fund were unable to come to the meeting because of family illness and Guild member Sandra Knox stepped in at short notice to do a demonstration of flower arranging.

Sandra was able to use some of the lovely artificial flowers donated to the church by Giovanni's Bistro when they recently closed. The vase Sandra used was like a giant cocktail glass. In the bottom of the glass were some golden coloured balls and the flowers were large yellow pompom style, nice autumn shades. Once the flowers were in place several different stems of greenery were added to complete the arrangement and Sandra added some tips for us to try out ourselves.

After this the guild group got together in teams to take part in a quiz created by our Convenor Agnes. There were two sets of 15 questions on a great variety of subjects including history, geography, science, music, nature, astronomy and the Bible. By this time they were all ready for tea!

Forgiveness course - October / November



St. James the Less are running this course in October and early November on forgiveness, which might be suitable for any who wish to join us at St. James the Less

St. James the Less Rector Nick Bowry will ask people to reflect on the subject and the questions in the course booklet in groups of four or six, so a large group listening to the introduction then splitting up into small groups will work.

In addition, Nick has suggested some novels people may wish to read around the theme of forgiveness, especially if folk aren't really into a six-week faith development course (the course booklet has 8 sessions but we are covering the material into six weeks).

The course is using 'Forgiveness: Making Peace with the Past', by Douglas Connolly, a Life Builder Study. ISBN 9-781-783-598397

At St. James the Less.

Contact; The Rector Nick Bowry 01968 678254 rector@stjamesthelesspenicuik.org

- 1 Forgiving Father
- 2 Why We Need Forgiveness
- 3 Confessing Our Sin
- 4 The Shout of a Forgiven Man
- 5 Out of Debt & When We Are Wounded – 'Hurt By Others?'
- 6 As We Forgive Others & Forgiving When We Don't Feel Like It – 'Acts of Forgiveness'.

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)

Want to join in prayer? If so, here are the places available to you. Just check the list of places below to see what would suit you best. You're always welcome.

PRAYER in PENICUIK

Trinity Community Church

We have a gathering for prayer in the meeting room at Trinity Community Church Hall at 7.15pm on Sundays, unless another event is happening that evening. Prayer ministry is available after each Sunday morning service. Prayer is available for anyone and is confidential. JCUrquhart@churchofscotland.org.uk

The Prayer Walkers

Prayer Walk: Prayer walkers of Penicuik meet once a week on a Thursday at 9.45am for an hour's walk. If you would like to join this group then please get in touch with Ruth Aird on **07906 632499**

St James the Less Episcopal Church

1st Wednesday of the month - Evening Service of Prayers for Healing at 7.30 pm (not July or August)

This is an online Zoom meeting. Scan QR code and use meeting ID and password shown below
Meeting ID: 963 0384 1875
Password: 040775



Penicuik North Kirk

The Penicuik North Kirk Prayer Group meets most Thursdays at 8pm in the Quiet Room. More details are available from the minister: gastles@churchofscotland.org.uk

Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart is open to the public Saturday mornings 11-12 am and Sunday evenings 5-6 pm. You are welcome to light a candle and sit in quiet in the main sanctuary. All are welcome.

Prayer Breakfast

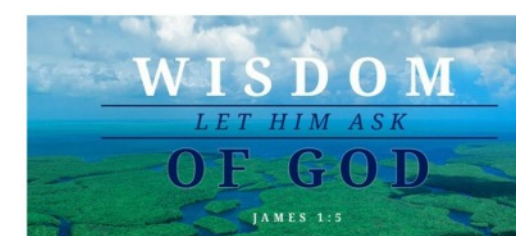
The next prayer breakfast will meet at St James the Less Episcopal Church Hall on Saturday 20th March 2027, 9.00am - 10.30am.

The prayer breakfast is a place for people to focus prayer on Penicuik children's and young peoples' work.

For more information call: **07974 605590**

Flyers available in the church and online on our website

www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church



Wednesday Bible Study Group

14, 21, 28 October @ 10.45am

Church Hall meeting room

Full Details - Agnes Haggart - 07790 766417

Wednesday Bible Group is back! Continues Wednesday 14 October at 10.45am.

Agnes Haggart is organising the event while we pray for a full recovery of Bill Webster who continues his ongoing journey of recovery.

Everyone is welcome, so please come along and join the group, especially if this would be your first time. The group is always supportive and ready to help, with everything said in confidence, as are all our prayers for each other.