

WHAT'S ON FOR KIDS IN THE PENICUIK CHURCHES?

We hope your kids have enjoyed this holiday club and had a lot of fun hearing about God and Jesus.
What now?
Here's some information to let you know what the churches in Penicuik offer children and teenagers.

KIDSPACE

Sunday 11am - 12 noon
Trinity Community Church Hall
Kirkhill Road
A dedicated space for children during the church service. Songs, bible story, crafts, and colour in or draw the story, toys for little tots. Space for grown ups if they wish to stay with their children.
All welcome!

MESSY CHURCH

Time to be arranged
Trinity Community Church Hall
Kirkhill Road
Crafts, stories, hot meal
For families with primary age children. Watch out for details of "one off" events during the year. No charge
Contact: Joan on 674276 or find MESSY Church Penicuik on Facebook

TYBG

Tuesday Youth Bible Group
Tuesday evenings in school term-time.
Re-starts Tuesday 1st September from 7-9 pm. Age group is 12-17 (\$1-\$6).
Contact: Ann - 07974605590
Andrew - 07580 593504

YOUNG KIRK

Sunday 11am-12noon
North Kirk
John Street
A dedicated space for children & young people during the church service as requested.
For more information contact the Minister
gastles@churchofscotland.org.uk

SJYC

St James Young Church
Dates to be confirmed
St James-the-Less Church
Broomhill Road
Activities are adapted to suit the ages of the children and young people attending.

BOYS BRIGADE

Friday Evenings
6.30- 7.30pm Anchores/Juniors
7.30-10pm Company/Seniors
North Kirk John Street
Fun, games and much more for boys in P1 - S6L.
Contact:
48edinburgh@boys-brigade.org.uk

SU SCRIPTURE UNION

Penicuik High School
Wednesday 1.10pm - 1.40pm
Contact: Ann Dunsire
07974605590
Gemma Morton SU Regional
Worker 07728 300708.
Re-starts
Wednesday 2nd September

**PENICUIK
CHURCHES
TOGETHER**



Prayer Breakfast

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



Saturday 26th September, 9.00-10.30am
Venue: St. James the Less, Episcopal Church Hall
23 Broomhill Road, Penicuik EH26 9EE
(Donations welcome to cover food costs)



Rubaya Landslide Appeal

With the seemingly never ending reports of natural disasters hitting our TV screens it is only too easy to forget the support our church congregation has provided for those disasters from some months ago. Ann Dunsire told us about the landslide in Rubaya, in the African Democratic Republic of Congo.



We rose to the request for aid to help the many who had lost everything.

Comfort International have a report detailing how your donations have been spent helping these people start recovering their lives again.

https://mcusercontent.com/c8197dd85af00e89a1f92eb17/files/b2095ab0-a49c-4ffa-7f7d-8b86a597b920/Rubaya_Landslides_Update_August_26.pdf

Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter September 2026

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



Date	Guest	
6 September	Onboard Team Members	Logos Hope Crew Part 2
13 September	Rev Andrew Don	St John's/Newton/King's Park Dalkeith
20 September	Shona Haslam	CEO Logos Scotland
27 September	Gold 56	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

Trinity Community Diary

6, 13, 20, 27 September 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
7 September 2.00pm	Guild meeting - in the Church Hall. Launch new syllabus; Beyond the Walls with Joan Cape
7, 14, 21, 28, September 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Hall Meeting Room. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
7, 14, 21, 28, September 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
7, 14, 21, 28, September 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
7, 14, 21, 28, September 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird rutheaird@outlook.com
8, 15, 22, 29 September 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Church Hall Meeting Room. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
8, 15, 22, 29 September 7.00 to 9.00pm	Tuesday Youth Bible Group. Details Ann or Andrew Dunsire 07974 605590, 07580 593504
8, 15, 22, 29 September 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
9 September 10.45am	Wednesday Bible Group in the Church Hall Meeting Room - To discuss the way forward.
9 September 1.00 - 3.00pm	Grief Support Group ; Find healing in togetherness - FFF Community Hub 42 High Street
26 September 2.00 - 4.00pm	Guild Afternoon Tea - Church Hall . Tickets from Margaret Black, or any Guild member
07 October 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

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 heat waves and wild fires across Europe appear to be thankfully subsiding as familiar autumn weather arrives

The grass has returned to familiar green and the farmer has been harvesting the fields behind my house, winter silage for his animals over the winter.

The Holiday Club had a good time once again, and the interchurch quiz allowed for some humour and laughter to lift our spirits.

As the summer holidays become a distant memory, it is time for the return of church activities with the organisers fully refreshed.

The Guild programme has something for everyone, including an Afternoon Tea at the end of September.

The What's On for Kids and the TYBG programmes show the support for children and young people available from the churches in Penicuik.

Forgiveness course, Soul counselling, and Grief Support also extend the activities beyond the walls of our sanctuary.

Enjoy this feature packed edition of your church newsletter

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HOLIDAY CLUB BIBLE STORIES CAN BE FUN *story Ruth Aird*



What a wonderful four days we had with 16 children at the Scripture Union and Penicuik Churches Together Holiday Club!



The team were as excited as the children to hear the story of King David and King Jesus. On the first day we heard how God chose David to be king. He did not look on the outward appearance but instead looked at his heart and knew what David was really like.

The second day we saw David kill the Giant Goliath even though he was just a young teenager.

The third day brought us the story of David stealing another man's wife and then committing murder. When he finally realised his sin and repented, God forgave him.

Although David had to live with the consequences we saw on the last day, that God promised David his throne would go on forever.

King Jesus, the Son of God, was born of David's line, who forgives us all our sins when we come to him truly sorry for all that we have done wrong in our lives. The drama ran alongside the Bible story depicting Perceval the Brave or sometimes not so brave, who had to learn how to kill a dragon with the help of his King and all the people around him.

The message of the week was that God knows exactly what each one of us is like on the inside, but he loves us despite that and helps us to conquer the giants and the dragons in our lives, so wants us to come to him and ask him for help.



Guild Calendar - 2026

Date	Guest Organisation	Location	Speaker
7 September	Beyond the Walls	Church Hall	Joan Cape
21 September	TEAR Fund	Church Hall	Karen & Ricci Downard
5 October	POPPY Scotland	Church Hall	Jessica Clark
19 October	Railway Chaplain	Church Hall	Dereck Grant
2 November	Project – Release International “Operation Hope “	Church Hall	James Fraser
16 November	Shetland Bus	Church Hall	Kath Hay
7 December	Christmas Lunch	TBA	
All meetings start 2.00pm unless otherwise stated			

Guild Calendar - 2027

Date	Guest Organisation	Location	Speaker
4 January	Beetle Drive & New Year Party	Church Hall	
18 January	Penicuik Historical Society “Penicuik The Paper Making Town”	Church Hall	TBA
1 February	Project – Scottish Bible Society “Bibles for Bairns “	Church Hall	Norman Liddle
15 February	Heart of the Matter Radio	Church Hall	David Aird
1 March	AGM /Bring & Buy	Church Hall	
5 March	World day of Prayer	TBA	Kath Hay
15 March	Friends of the Pentlands	Church Hall	Bob Cook
5 April	Lunch	TBA	
All meetings start 2.00pm unless otherwise stated			



CONFERENCE
November 13–15, 2026
Location: Castlecary Hotel, Cumbernauld, G68 0HD

Speaker:
Ruth Aird
Focus: **The Bridegroom is Coming!**

Full details and booking
<https://scottishwomenoftheword.org/weekend-conference/>



Women of the Word is an annual gathering of women from evangelical churches throughout Scotland who meet together, have fellowship and share in sound Bible teaching from Gifted women speakers.

Each convention provides a varied programme of singing, sharing and Bible teaching with first hand reports from missionaries serving the Lord in other parts of the world.

Interchurch Quiz Night - Friday 28 August report by Jim Paterson



Our annual interchurch Quiz Night brought out many members from the Penicuik churches, so ensuring a wide range of answers to the questions, ranging from plausible to pure nonsense, but always amusing. We formed up into eight teams, in no particular order;

Trinity challengers, High flyers, Revelation room, Ringers, A mixed bag, Seven minus one, The lost souls, and The left behinds.

Categories of questions covered Food, General knowledge, Scotland , History , the Bible (of course) and Literature.

The questions were created once again by question master Gordon MacDonald, who provided the six questions for each category, with Margaret Black keeping the scores. I'm told the use of AI to identify brain teasers was not employed, Gordon calling on his many years of setting quiz questions, to select a great selection of head scratchers.



Food was a new category, so we thought all the cooks and bakers would rise to the fore. However even some of them had difficulty. Gordon chose to call upon his Latin language skills with; What is Allium sativum? Fortunately our teams had enough cooks to work out it must be Garlic.



Keeping the Latin theme we were tested on parts of the body in the General Knowledge section, with what part of the body would you find the hallux? Now there are some 7500 Latin named parts of the human body, the vast majority covering minute specifics like individual nerves, blood vessels, bones, and cellular regions. So this could be tricky. For some unexpected reason I blurted out Big Toe, which it turned out was the right answer.

Questions on the bible tend to favour the regular church members, who everybody thinks know their bible backwards. The question was "name of the longest book in the bible?" This tends to be widely known across a wide sector of the community at large, so Psalms with its 150 chapters and 2461 verses,

depending on the translation, takes the prize. Most teams picked up that point. At the following Sunday service our minister John Urquhart in his sermon referred to the shortest book in the bible Philemon with only 1 chapter and 25 verses, written by the apostle Paul. That was the long and the short of the bible!

At 'half time' we stopped for a coffee break, complete with a selection of home baking.

In our Scotland category we were asked How long is a Scots mile? Until 1824, a mile in Scotland was defined as the length of Edinburgh's 'Royal Mile', 1984 yards. This made the Scots mile about 10% longer than the English mile that since replaced it in 1707 by the Treaty of Union, which mandated that English weights and measures become the standard for the newly formed Kingdom of Great Britain.

Final scores & winning team

The eventual winners were The Trinity Challengers, with team member Debbi McCall proudly presented with 'Smart Alec' our Trophy Teddy Bear by quizmaster Gordon MacDonald.



	Team	Score
1	Trinity Challengers	45
2	Ringers	42
3	Seven Minus One	34
4	The Lost Souls	31
5	High Flyers	30
6	Revelation Room	30
7	A Mixed Bag	30
8	The Left Behinds	24

Soul Restore counselling service - report by Susan Wong

Soul Restore is a counselling service in Peebles funded by St Andrew's Leckie Parish church.

Counsellors are of Christian faith and we welcome clients of all beliefs. The service is donation based, offering professional and affordable counselling to any clients. Counsellors all hold postgraduate diplomas in counselling and are members of COSCA.

People can come to counselling to talk about a variety of issues: anxiety and worry, low mood and depression, relationships and family difficulties, grief and loss, life changes and transitions, self esteem and confidence, past experiences and personal growth.

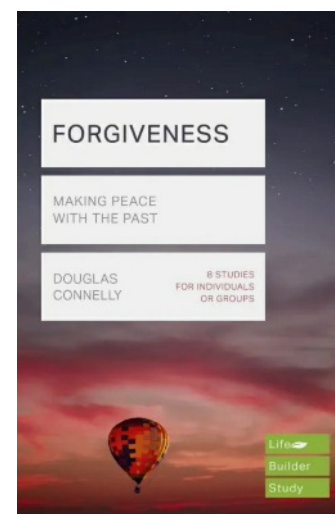
At Soul Restore we have a growing team of counsellors and a very short waiting list. If you or someone close to you would like support, now is a good time to get in touch.

You can email info@soulrestore.co.uk, text or call **07594 657300**.

Soul Restore website <https://soulrestore.co.uk/>



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 Connelly, a Life Builder Study. ISBN 9-781-783-598397

FD Course: Making Peace with the Past resources

- 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'.

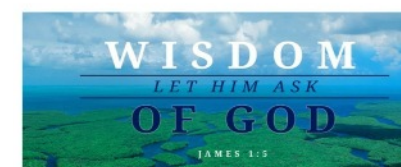
At St. James the Less.

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

The TYBG meets most Tuesday evenings from 7 – 9pm during school term-times for High School ages 12 – 17.

All young people are welcome to come along and explore the Bible and faith together in a relaxed informal setting. There's always time for fun and games and also plenty of food!

For further information contact
Ann - 07974 605590 or
Andrew - 0758 0593504
for more information.



Wednesday Bible Study Group
9 September @ 10.45am
To discuss the way forward

While group leader Bill Webster's recovery continues, thanks to all who pray for him, there is a meeting to discuss the way forward meantime for the group.

All are welcome to join the discussion