



Tuesday 1st April

We will have a pizza/games/social evening to finish up before breaking for the Easter holidays.

Grateful thanks to all those from the churches who continue to support this ministry, both in prayer and in practical ways.'

Avis 100th

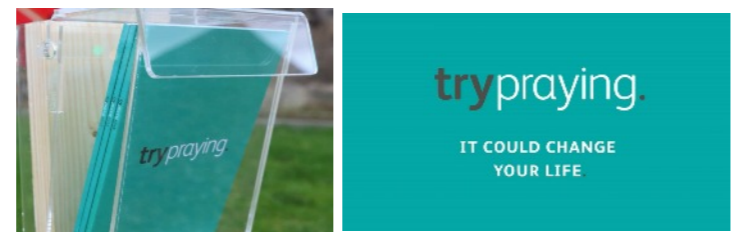
Many Happy Returns to church member Avis Anderson on reaching her 100th birthday on Wednesday 26 February.



Seen here enjoying a party, with cake at the Erskine Edinburgh home



Video available on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y11EQIFHcvg>



Watch Rev John Urquhart TryPraying Focus during 23 March service

<https://youtu.be/MYDQ-pxpQUg?t=462>



Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter April 2025

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

Date	Guest	
6 Apr	Christina Paterson	National Convener Church of Scotland Guild
13 April	Edinburgh Easter Play Members	
20 April	Easter Day Graham Bell	Trinity Community Church Penicuik
27 April	Gold 48	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

Deep Sea Divers is the theme for this years Holiday Club

It will be 29th July - 1st August in Trinity Community Church Hall
 if you are interested in being part of the "dive team" or the "support (prayer) team" then please see Agnes Haggart or Ruth Aird.

Trinity Community Diary (See front page for Penicuik churches Easter week services)

31 March, 7, 28 April 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Small Hall. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
31 March, 7, 28 April 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
31 March, 7, 14, 21, 28 April 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird rutheaird@outlook.com
31 March, 7, 28 April 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
1 April 9.00 to 10.30am	Youth Alpha social evening to finish up before breaking for the Easter holidays. - Church Hall
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Small Hall. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
2 April 10.45am	Friendship Hour - Small Hall (Details contact Margaret Webster 07761 096472)
3, 10, 17, 24 April 10.00am to 12 noon	Thursday Coffee and Chat - Church Hall
6 April 3.30 to 5.30pm	Messy Church - Church Hall
6, 13, 20, 27 April 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
9, 16, 23, 30 April 10.00am	Wednesday Bible Study Group - Small Hall
3 May 9.00 - 10.30am	Prayer Breakfast - Church Hall . Praying for all our Penicuik children and young people.
3 May Saturday afternoon time TBA	Songs of Praise service - in the church sanctuary.
4 May 3.30 to 5.30pm	Messy Church - Church Hall




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)

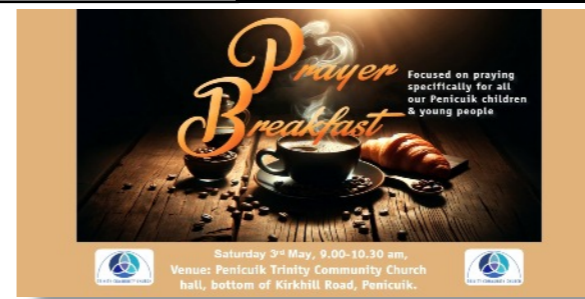


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Newsletter of Penicuik Trinity Community Church

Easter at Penicuik Churches Together: April 13 - 20

Date	Time	Place	Service
Palm Sunday 13 th April 	10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.30am 7.30pm	St James the Less Trinity Community Church Penicuik North Kirk Sacred Heart St James the Less	Palm Sunday service with Holy Communion Palm Sunday service Palm Sunday service led by Young Kirk Palm Sunday Mass Tenebrae service
Monday 14 th April	7.30pm	Trinity Community Church	Joint evening service (PCT)
Tuesday 15 th April	7.30pm	North Kirk	Joint evening service (PCT)
Wednesday 16 th April	7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Joint evening service (PCT)
Maundy Thursday 17 th April	7.30pm	St James the Less	Holy Communion with foot washing And Vigil of the Watch (PCT)
Good Friday 18 th 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. 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 20 th April 	5.45am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Start from St. James the Less, walking up to Broomhill for 5.55am 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 All - age service Holy Mass

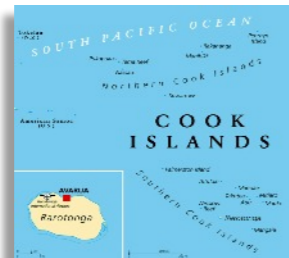


World Day of Prayer - 7 March



Trinity Community Church played host to the 2025 the world day of prayer service on Friday 7th March

This years theme is "I Made You Wonderful" Psalm 139:14, and came from the Cook Islands.

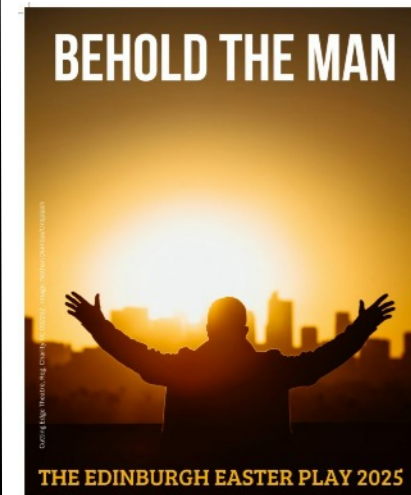


This tiny island nation is only two thirds the size of the Isle of Wight. However, the surrounding sea, the island's exclusive economic zone, is seven times larger than that of New Zealand.

Margaret Black led the team of ladies presenting the service, each one taking a part to tell the story

You can see this service anytime at <https://youtu.be/RADeaq69jLM>

Edinburgh Passion Play 2025: Behold the Man 19th April 2025 at 2 pm in Princes Street Gardens West



This year, we are partnering with the **School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh** to explore Jesus's figure then and now, how he was a positive masculine figure despite living under oppression, and his ability to defy societal perceptions of masculinity.

The script of 'Behold the Man' was adapted for this purpose by the director Suzanne Lofthus. Multiple scenes are also being devised by our community cast, with embedded sign language performers and much more.

This year's play raises contemporary and very relevant issues about masculinity. What does it mean to

be a man or a boy in today's society? And where are the best role models to be found? Full details of the play at <https://easterplay.org/>

Music Worship Leading

Included in this month's mailing is a job description for a Music Worship Leader. It's been through a process of discussion and revision by the kirk session.



Why are we sending this out to you all?

- It's not an attempt to replace our current system of music worship. I think most of us are quite happy with that.
- It's not a bid to stop initiatives coming from within the congregation to involve more people in leading worship, including our young people. On the contrary, we want to encourage them.
- It's a possible way to develop further the music used in our worship. As a kirk session, we won't be upset if it doesn't result in anything.

What will I find in looking at this?

- You'll find a quite broad job description, not related to any one musical instrument. That's deliberately not to exclude anyone who has a God-given talent for leading people in the musical worship of God.
- You'll also find that we consider it vital that the person should be a practising Christian and, if appointed, should be regularly involved in the life of Trinity Community Church.
- In addition, you'll find quite a lot of detailed information, some of which we are including for legal reasons.

What should I do with this?

Please read over the job description and pray about it. Please feel free to comment or ask questions.

If you're thinking that you might potentially be that person, or are unsure about it, you would be very welcome to ask further questions in confidence, without committing yourself. Please speak to John or Neil.

The same goes if you have alternative ideas. We're simply trying to encourage people to use their God-given gifts and musical skills in our worship.

John Urquhart

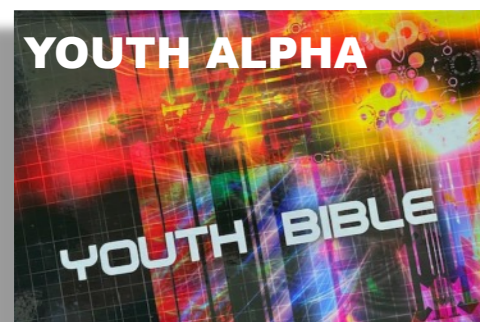
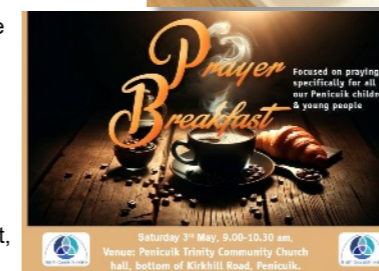


Prayer Breakfast - 1 March

On Saturday 1st March we held our first Prayer Breakfast to pray for all our Penicuik children and young people. Around 30 people from across the churches attended, which was hugely encouraging.

We started with a continental style breakfast of fruit juices, cereals, pastries, muffins, wonderful fresh bread from Lid!, & beautiful fruit displays brought by Mary and her daughters Holly & Lucy, along with teas & coffees. The meeting began with worship led by Andrew, Caroline & Phoebe before we then moved into a time of prayer around different tables, covering the Penicuik schools, Youth Alpha, TYBG, PNK Young Kirk (who had made a prayer tree to bring along), Kidspace, Messy Church, Holiday Club, St James' childrens' work and uniformed organisations. Each of these had up to date information on prayer needs/requests, allowing people to specifically focus their prayers on these issues.

Our next prayer breakfast will be on Saturday 3rd May and will take the same format. Everyone is most welcome to come along to this to continue to pray for the children's and young peoples' work. There is no pressure to join in group prayer if you'd rather not, we'd just love to have you there to support this if you have an interest in this, so people can either pray on their own or in a group, whatever their preference is.



Youth Alpha drew to a close with our final session on 25th March.

A pizza/games night planned for 1st April, to which some of the Gorebridge youth leaders will be joining us to lead the games, but also to talk to our youth group about the wider youth picture in Midlothian. They also provided details about the summer Stage & Slam event, and encouraging our group in their ongoing faith journey.

At our session on 18th March, we gave out questionnaires to our young people asking them what they'd prefer to do in the April - June session, and pretty much everyone requested some form of Bible study alongside the hospitality side of things, as we've been doing for some time now. We'll therefore move the group back to our house as this period will be exam season and not all of the young people will be able to come each week, as will be prioritising studying for exams.

From the questionnaires, we also asked if anyone had ideas on what we could do as a group in a wider context, so two of the boys (Benjamin & Adam) are going to help with hospitality at our next prayer breakfast on 3rd May, making pancakes & hot chocolate for everyone! They also felt it would be good to support a charity and we've chosen World Extreme Medicine Trust, which Benjamin is very involved with, so we'll have a donation box for that on the day too, if anyone would like to donate.

Due to the wonderful generosity of our churches (£200 given by the PNK Wednesday Bible Study Group) and various donations from TCC church members, we've been able to purchase youth Bibles to give to everyone at the last Youth Alpha session, which is fabulous!

Please continue to pray for our young people, especially in this upcoming stressful period for them, with many making major decisions about their future.'

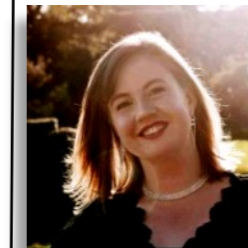


Guild March Meetings Jenny Ramage / Agnes Haggart

Bethany Christian Trust 3 March



The speaker from Bethany Christian Trust was Rachael Gilfillan who has had several different roles with Bethany including working in their charity shops, in the finance department and now as a fundraiser.



The charity was founded in 1983 by pastor Alan and Anne Berry in response to the poverty and homelessness they witnessed in their local area of Leith. The vision is to end homelessness in Scotland one person at a time, one family at a time and one community at a time.

The causes of homelessness are many including mental illness, employment issues, financial, relationship breakdown and drug/alcohol problems. There are three areas of support to tackle the causes and consequences of homelessness beginning with Homelessness Prevention teams and community development workers running drop ins and recovery programmes. Crisis Intervention teams are there for people in urgent need of temporary accommodation. They also run the Care vans providing food and drinks. The Housing and Support teams provide tenancies around Scotland for vulnerable people in need and also offer support.

Bethany have around 30 services and projects throughout Scotland supporting over 7,000 people. Rachael had brought some leaflets, pens and prayer diaries for us to take away. She finished with a prayer.

Sure Foundations - 17 March

On Monday 17th March the Guild met for the final meeting of the session. The theme for this year has been Sure Foundations.



Agnes Haggart the convener opened the meeting by reflecting on a recent meeting of Lothian Guild Together which she had attended. In her address the current Moderator of Lothian and Borders presbytery, Lorna Souter reminded those present of the need to build their lives on the Sure Foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ and that the famous tea making and baking skills of the Women's Guild can be used to grow the Church.



Recently on Heart of the Matter, Karen Gillon National Secretary of the Guild talked about how God had used everything in her past life from Scripture Union Camps to youth work and politics to prepare her for her present role.

She quoted Jeremiah 29 I alone know the plans I have for you. Plans to bring prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. She reminded the listeners that the Guild were not only tea makers but women who because the guild projects were

knowledgeable about many difficult subjects and had raised a lot of money to support them.

Agnes went on to say that although reluctant to take on the role of convener she had enjoyed her first year in office. It had been a steep learning curve but the solid foundation of family, Sunday School, Scripture Union and previous life experience had prepared her for the job.

She reported that Trinity Guild currently has 35 members and a further 5 visitors. The average attendance at each meeting being 25. The session had started with a Beetle Drive and was followed by a variety of challenging and interesting speakers.

Finally Agnes thanked the committee for their support and the members for their commitment. She encouraged everyone to look forward to the next session, starting in September, when the theme will be Living Stones.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone

