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## Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



Welcome to our August 'Holiday edition' of your monthly

newsletter.

Many of our contributors are taking their summer holidays, the first for a long time, so this shorter issue brings you the latest news and a look at what is coming soon.

Got questions about life? Curious about faith? Why not try Alpha?



Alpha is a series that explores the basics of the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different topic and is followed by a chance to chat together – you can say anything at all or just listen if you'd prefer. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome.

Alpha has run in Penicuik for quite a few years, but next month you can experience it in the comfort of your own home - Penicuik Alpha online is starting on 8 September. It will run:

- on Thursday evenings, 7.30 - 9.15pm
- weekly from 8 September to 24 November, with a one-week break for the October school holidays.

To register, or for more info, go to [www.alpha.org.uk/tryalpha](http://www.alpha.org.uk/tryalpha) or contact Ann at [ann1010@btinternet.com](mailto:ann1010@btinternet.com) or Bill at [billandmags@talktalk.net](mailto:billandmags@talktalk.net)

Remember our Sunday morning services start at 10.30am, and you can catch up on past services through our [podcast channel](#)

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## New Logo for Penicuik Trinity Community Church

We needed a new logo for the congregation, to appear on letterheads, signage, leaflets and websites – something that reflects our commitment to being a new congregation together, that is recognisable by the community and expresses our wish to be multi-generational, missional and pastorally attentive.

We asked Andrew Dunsire to come up with some ideas, using his skills as a graphic designer, and settled on 3 designs to be put to the congregation.

The results, based on returns from the past two Sundays (17th and 24th July), were very close; all 3 designs got a good proportion of the preferences. Andrew clearly has a good eye for producing logos that appeal to people, and we thank him for his efforts.

The leading design was the third on the list (see below) and has now been adopted by the Kirk Session as the congregational logo. Look out for it appearing on signs and notices!

Neil Cape (joint Session Clerk)



## Trinity Community Church



## QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August

at 7.30pm

in the Church Hall

Kirkhill Road

Light Refreshments

Free Entry

## THE QUIZ IS BACK

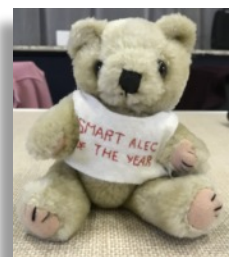
We haven't been able to hold our Interchurch Quiz for three years due to the pandemic but at last it will go ahead on 17 August at 7.30pm in the church hall on Kirkhill road.

We hope the other churches will send a team (or two) and from our own church here at Trinity Community we hope to see two or three teams. If you don't have a team don't worry just come along and we will make teams up on the night.

There will be light refreshments and entry is free. Come along and enjoy the fun.

Further information from Agnes Ovenstone 672387 or Kathleen Downey 07985294495

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Saturday 27th August 2pm – 4pm  
 SU Scotland Afternoon Tea at St. Andrew's High Church Musselburgh.

**Suggested donation £5 per person**

More information to follow with regard to buying tickets

- It meets at a time (and sometimes in a place) that suits people who don't already belong to church.
- It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy and having fun; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements aim to include people of all ages, adults and children.
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.
- Messy Church is part of BRF which believes, with the historic churches, in one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

BRF is a Christian charity. Its vision is to enable people of all ages to grow in faith and understanding of the Bible  
 See [messychurch.org.uk](http://messychurch.org.uk)

**Where/when does it happen?**

- Normally in Trinity Community Church, hall and garden, at the foot of Kirkhill
- Occasionally out in the park
- Start time 3.30pm; finish time around 5.30pm
- First Sunday of each month: so September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th and December 4th

**Who can come?**

It's mainly for families with primary school aged children (and their younger siblings). Older children are welcome too, but at present our activities are mainly aimed at the younger ones: if you have older children, or don't have any children but would like to come along, get in touch and have a chat.

**What does it cost?**

It's free, but we do welcome donations towards the cost of craft materials and food.

**Who makes it happen?**

We have a small but dedicated team of helpers drawn from various local churches. However, during Covid, several have decided it's time for them to stop – so if you think this is a ministry you could be involved in, please get in touch and find out more. We need people to chat with the families and help them with the activities, people to help with the cooking, washing up etc, and people to help with the worship time. So there are loads of opportunities!!

**For information:**

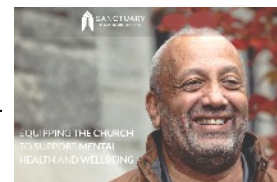
Joan Cape 674276 or [capefamily@talktalk.net](mailto:capefamily@talktalk.net)  
 Sheila Anderson [puppetladyshelia@gmail.com](mailto:puppetladyshelia@gmail.com)  
 or see our [Facebook](#) page

**Sanctuary Course - starts 24 August**

How can a church become a sanctuary—a place where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and have a sense of belonging?

The Sanctuary Course was created to inspire and equip communities of faith that are asking this important question. Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experience, this eight-session study guide explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote wellbeing.

See the trailer presented at our service on Sunday 24 July  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9EzRp9Qwls&t=2m16s>  
 Speak to Sheila Anderson for more information.



Adoko Hatoro Engang is an agro-pastoralist living with his large family in an Internally Displaced Person's (IDP) camp in Dasenech, South Omo, a hard to reach, remote area

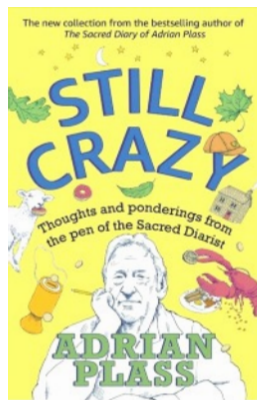


in Ethiopia. Recurrent drought and flooding, due to the climate crisis, and the overflowing river, has destroyed his farmland and depleted his livestock, resulting in hunger. 'We have a special place for praying. We always go in groups and pray for this suffering to be over soon'  
**The community has a culture of supporting each other during disasters, but now urgently need humanitarian assistance.**

**Donate at** <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

**Save the Date - Friday 14 October**

Author and speaker Adrian Plass will be speaking at PNK on Friday 14th October 7.30pm to 9.30pm (approx.) as part of his 'Still Crazy' book tour.



Tickets will be £15 per person via his website.

More information to follow with regard to buying tickets  
<https://adrianplass.com/>

**Messy Church** Joan Cape



We're on our holidays till the beginning of September – so I thought I'd take the chance to tell you all a bit more about Messy Church: who we are and what we do.

**What is Messy Church?**

- It's a form of church for children and adults that involves fun, faith and food.
- It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church.

**Trinity Community Diary**

7, 14, 21, & 28 August 7.15 pm	Sunday evening Prayer Meeting - Church Hall
03 August 2022	Friendship Group - Church Hall
17 August 7.30pm	Quiz Night - Church Hall
4 September 2022	Messy Church

**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)