

Holiday Club - Team meeting 26 February



We have selected Deep Sea Divers as the theme for this years Holiday Club prepared by SU England / Wales.

It will be held in Trinity Community Church Hall

Our first meeting is Wednesday 26th February at 7 pm in Trinity Community Church Hall everybody who is interested in being part of the "dive team" or the "support (prayer) team" is invited to come along and receive more information

If you would like to give financially then please see Agnes Haggart or Ruth Aird.

Trinity Community Diary

2 February 3.30 to 5.30pm	Messy Church - Church Hall
2, 9, 16, 23 February 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
3 February 2.00pm	Guild - ...go together like a horse and carriage, or NOT with Cicely McCulloch
3, 10, 17, 23 February 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Small Hall. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
3, 10, 17, 23 February 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
3, 10, 17, 23 February 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird ruthaird@outlook.com
3, 10, 17, 23 February 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
4, 11, 18, 25 February 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Small Hall. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
4, 11, 18, 25 February 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
5 February 10.45am	Friendship Hour - Small Hall (for help with transport contact Margaret Webster 672347)
6, 13, 20, 27 Feb 10.00am to 12 noon	Thursday Coffee and Chat - Church Hall
12, 19, 26 February 10.00am	Wednesday Bible Study Group - Small Hall
17 February 2025	Guild - Guild National Convenor Christina Paterson
4, 18, 25 February 7.00 to 9.00pm	Youth Alpha - North Church Café area. Details Ann Dunsire 07974 605590
1 March 10.00am to 12noon	Alpha Saturday - North Church
2 March 3.30 to 5.30pm	Messy Church - Church Hall
7 March 7.00pm	World Day of Prayer (Cook Islands) - Trinity Community 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)

NEW ALPHA YOUTH SERIES

CONNECTION
Every Alpha Youth session includes time to connect over food and games

CONTENT Every Tuesday except 11 February (School mid term holiday)
10 sessions over 8 weeks exploring faith, life and purpose

CONVERSATION
Nothing is off-limits and you can say whatever's on your mind, or nothing at all

The series consists of 10 episodes run over 8 weeks exploring life's real questions – made for youth by youth. It features stories, street interviews and 8 Gen Z hosts.

When? Starts Tuesday 21st January from 7-9 pm and each Tuesday evening until 18th March. It will also include a Saturday session in February.

Where? Penicuik North Church café area at front of church (95 John Street, Penicuik, EH26 8AG) All interested S1-S6's most welcome

If you're interested check out the course here by scanning the QR code!

Penicuik Youth Alpha will run on Tuesday evenings at Penicuik North Church (7-9 pm) from 21 January - 18 March with a break on 11 February for the mid-term school holiday.

Alpha Saturday will be on 1st March. It's not too late to join in on any of these dates for any age 12-17's who'd like to come along.

Grateful thanks to all those who have given financial contributions towards the hospitality for our teenagers and for those who regularly provide home baking, which is always hugely enjoyed by our group. Please continue to pray for all our young people and for the Youth Alpha leaders during these weeks.

Many thanks!

Ann & Andrew Dunsire

Planned Guests for Heart of the Matter February 2025

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

Date	Guest	Topic
2 Feb	Christine Fairfield	Nurse Edinburgh
9 Feb	David Hill	Bewildered Founder Try Praying
16 Feb	Very Rev Dr Martin Fair	Pathways to Ministry Manager of the Churches of Scotland People and Training Team
23 Feb	Gold 47	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



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Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC

We welcomed Rev Fred Harrison to our church, preaching at our first service of the new year.

John and family were taking a break in Barcelona to recharge their batteries after the Christmas services during December.

This issue covers the activities in January as their organisers returned from the festive season.

News of forthcoming activities both near and far in our calendar provide a view of the breadth of activities that are planned in your church.

If you wonder how far your church reaches, over the past year we printed 1490 copies of this newsletter, with another 1128 sent by email, making a total of 2618 newsletters sent to readers.

The website was visited by 1078 people from across Europe and beyond, with the website services being watched 1398 views.

A Grand Total of 5094 people accessing our media in 2024.

Thankyou for following the activities of our church and your continued support

God Bless
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Welcoming the New Year at Trinity Community Church

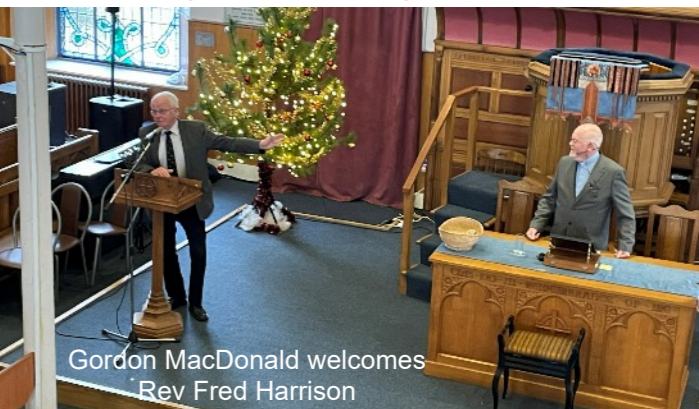
Our first service of the new year was led by Rev Fred Harrison, covering for John Urquhart who was away with family in Barcelona Spain for some R & R, to recover from all the Advent and Christmas services. Gordon MacDonald welcomed Fred to lead our service, remembering a previous time with us, back in 2010.

Being a wintry morning Fred recalled his drive over to Penicuik where the traffic seemed to travel at around 10mph, even though the snow was all on the footpaths! Begging the question 'When will we get there?'

Fred opened with the Presbytery prayer, highlighting the good works going on in our church.



Rev Fred Harrison

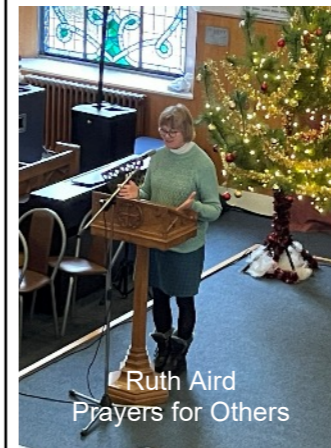


Gordon MacDonald welcomes Rev Fred Harrison

Returning to the theme of travelling, Fred looked at the three wise men story, asking did anyone know their names, where they came from, or what the gifts were. In **Time with the Children** he took samples of the gifts to show the children. First Gold a thin piece of gold flake, then Frankincense smelling like flowers, and finally Myrrh smelling spicy and slightly smoky. With help from one of the children the Gold, followed by Frankincense and Myrrh were passed around the congregation.

Only by looking in the Bible can we tell there were three gifts that came from the east, but not how many people brought them. Myth tells us that they came as far away as 1500 miles, east of modern day Tehran in Iran.

The children were then set a maths challenge. Camels walk 25 miles a day, how long to travel 1500 miles? They agreed it would take 60 days for the journey. On their way they visited King Herod before reaching Bethlehem, and then 1500 miles to return home, another 60 days. Fred had taken a big story down to a few lines. A long way to see the Messiah, baby Jesus. We are fortunate that Jesus is always with us at all times, including during this service in our church.



Ruth Aird Prayers for Others

Fred's sermon stated that the Orthodox Church thinks there were 12 wise men, but our Bible does not state how many. Matthew tells us what we do know, that they were Magi, sorcerers, people who read the stars, astrologers. To travel such a journey there would be servants, tents, food, water etc. However if they were kings they would have brought courtiers and armies to keep them safe. So there would be hundreds if not thousands travelling to Bethlehem. Nothing is mentioned of this in history or our bible.

Our nativity scenes only show three wise men on their camels at a stable. Matthew tells us that they met Jesus in a house. Mary, Joseph and Jesus had moved on from the stable. Remember it had taken the Magi 60 days to reach Bethlehem.

You can watch the full service at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oM3Ek5nmNIA>

Guild January and February Meetings

We celebrated the coming of the new King with two services on Christmas Eve, a family 'All Age' service at 4.30pm and a traditional 'Watchnight' service at 11.30pm which took us through the midnight hour into Christmas Day.



Scots Afternoon - 20 January

Margo Falconer of 'Butterfly Music' suitably dressed for the Scots Afternoon in red tartan singing and playing her guitar. Most of the music had a Scottish theme beginning with a singalong Ally Baly Bee and a tour of Scotland in music including Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburgh and her home town Prestonpans.



Some seaside tunes followed and then some classic Rabbin Burns with My Love is like a Red Red Rose. Margo then brought her Bonnie Wee Jeanie McCall puppet out and had volunteer Lorna helping Jeanie to shoogie to the music!

A Scottish medley including Marie's Wedding, Rowantree, Ye Banks and Braes and Annie Laurie led on to the finale of The Three Crows enacted by 'volunteers' Maureen, Liz and Lorna dressed as the crows with us all joining in the chorus, a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

February Meetings

The meeting on Monday 3 February was to see a talk on the Penicuik Regeneration Project presented by project manager Rod Lugg. Unfortunately Rod is unable to make that date, but hopefully we will feature the talk later in the year.



Taking his place on 3 February will be Cecily McCulloch talking about her 30 year role in Relationship Counselling. A case of ...go together like a horse and carriage, OR not!

Originally advertised as being featured on 17 February we thank Cecily for moving to this new date.



Agnes Haggart has managed to arrange for the Guild National Convenor Christina Paterson to be our speaker on the 17th February as she is in Penicuik earlier that day to do an interview with Ruth Aird for Heart of the Matter.

The National Convener chairs the National Council, helps develop policy and oversees the finances of the Guild and supports the General Secretary and staff.



Southern Light Opera are performing Jesus Christ Superstar at the Festival Theatre on Saturday May 10th matinee at 2.30. Tickets for over 65's £24.50 and under 65's £26.50. Contact Margaret Black if you wish to join the group going to this



Penicuik North Church. 10 am - 3pm.

Pentland Piano Festival - 18 January



Penicuik North Kirk hosted this year's festival on Saturday 18th. Featuring pianists of all ages, each having the opportunity to play in front of an audience, some for the first time.



Organiser and sponsor Graham McDonald, who has maintained, repaired and played the organ in our church on a number of occasions, was on hand to provide support and encouragement to the players. Though not competitive it was good to see so many young people from pre-school to secondary and beyond taking part. A Bosendorfer 210 concert grand piano took pride of place at the front of the church sanctuary, offering another treat for all the players.

The Saturday evening featured a concert open to the public with many of the players from during the day playing, plus musicians playing guitar, flute and other instruments joining the pianists. Pentland School of Music Jazz Band played a selection of music from their repertoire, with several soloists taking to the floor.



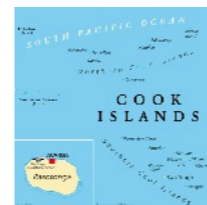
During the concert Graham announced a new initiative that the Pentland School of music is progressing. The current music school at Clerk Road has outgrown the facilities available, as the school now includes guitar, drums, strings and wind instrument classes in addition to piano playing. To cater for this expansion, and support other creative arts in Penicuik looking for a place to operate, Graham is in the process of setting up a trust to purchase Valleyfield House, which sits behind the Town Hall.

We look forward to further piano festivals, displaying the wealth of musical talent within Penicuik and the surrounding area.

World Day of Prayer - 7 March

Trinity Community Church will host the world day of prayer service on Friday 7th March. This year's theme is "I Made You Wonderful" Psalm 139:14, and comes from the Cook Islands.

The message that women and girls, are "fearfully and wonderfully" made in the image of God reinforces the WDP movement's support of women in expressing their faith and speaking about their lives in prayer and worship before God and in community.



From the Kirk Session - Report from Neil Cape

Although we had no meeting this month, I can provide some informal updates on progress (or otherwise) on various projects:



Breakfast Club - start date delayed because there has been a delay in submitting PVG applications

St. Kentigerns Bell Tower - We are still awaiting confirmation from Historic Environment Scotland that we can proceed with the repairs to the roof of the Bell Tower.



Hall work - no start date yet for the work on ceiling and wall of the Committee Room, but cosmetic work on ladies' toilets may start soon

Church - 2 pews at the back of church have now been repositioned to give an area for prayer ministry and an area to be developed as a small library

From John: two planned events, both intended to be in our church building.

- In the afternoon of Sat 3 May, a Songs of Praise-type service involving PCT churches (in planning);
- In the evening of Sun 1 Jun, a Praise Night, music organised by the Rev Keith Mack. The stated time is 7pm but the musicians will need access before then to rehearse.

I hope to get formal reports on all active projects in good time for the next KS meeting on 11th February.

Neil



Avis Anderson - 100th Birthday

Many of you will remember Avis from her time in the Women's Guild and the church choir.

She is happily settled in Erskine Edinburgh care home, and will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Wednesday the 26th of February.

Should you wish to send her a card, please address it to:

Avis Anderson,
Craiglockhart Wing,
Erskine Edinburgh Home,
468 Gilmerton Road
EH17 7SA.



Avis cuts the Guild 90th anniversary cake



St Paul's and St George's Church (known colloquially as "Ps and Gs") is an evangelical church of the Scottish Episcopal Church in central Edinburgh.



Ps & Gs Youth will be sharing pizza together in No40 before heading across to the Main Space to attend the Magnitude worship night. We will gather from 6.30pm. The event finishes at 9.30pm.