

Cost of Living hurting the Poor

We all feel the impact of the increase in the cost of living. Fuel prices in particular are increasing at a frightening pace.

EON reported recently that 20% of its customers are in fuel poverty, that is when more than 10% of family income goes on domestic gas and electricity. By the next price cap review in October they reckon that will increase to 40%, just as we go back into winter.

FFF are already seeing more people using the foodbank as families struggle with 'heat or eat'.

Food prices are also climbing as are supply issues. Mark Wells at FFF reported that due to reduced donated supplies coming in he has had to close the Pantry, where people coming off foodbank can purchase food at reduced prices, for a few weeks. This is to enable food donated and bought by FFF to go straight into the foodbank food parcels.

"Donations are essential at this time to purchase food for the current increase of those in need in our community. Supermarkets no longer have the stock to be able to donate it to us, and we have to buy at the market prices" said Mark. "Only through donations from supporters can we keep up with the additional numbers of people and the increasing prices of food."

FFF also offer a range of help to those in difficulty, from mental and physical health support, money advice and support for families, wellbeing, and learning new skills. All this in the friendly relaxed Community Hub

If you can help with donations of food or financial support use any of the methods in the poster, or drop into the Community Hub for a chat with Mark on what you can offer to help our neighbours in distress.

Food Facts Friends at the Penicuik Community Hub

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
DONATE TODAY

Cash
Card
Bank Transfer

Or setup a regular monthly donation
Food Facts Friends Project
Sort code 83-26-10
Account 00709837

Registered Charity SC047203



Stockroom Empty Shelves



You will see a box in the vestibule. Please bring some tinned meat or fish, sugar, cereals, jam, tinned fruit, vegetables, tea and coffee. Toiletries are also welcome.

These will be shared with FFF and the PNK Foodstore.

As Christians we can help those in distress.

Christian Aid Week 15th to 22nd May

Update from Janis Hogg, our Christian Aid Coordinator



Last month we reported the total raised for Christian Aid week was **£1066.15**. The teas on the 15th and 22nd May raised a combined total of **£169.10**, with more envelopes to arrive.

The final total donated by the Penicuik Christian Aid Group for this year's appeal was **£2912** plus **£280** through Just Giving - and gift aid will provide even more when reclaimed.

So well over **£3,000** was our Penicuik total!

Well done and thank you to all who donated, baked, served teas or helped in any way !

Friendship Group - Wednesday 6 July 10.45am



'What a friend we have in Jesus'-encouraging faith through friendship with Jesus and each other.

Meets in the Church Hall. Includes a short period of worship as well as coffee/chat: all welcome.

For help with transport contact Margaret Webster 672347

Pastoral Care

Please remember that we are always here for church members and for anyone in the community.

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)



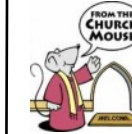
Remember Sunday Services Start 10.30 am



Our new website <https://www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church> has now launched. To sign up for an eCopy of this newsletter to be sent direct to your inbox, saving paper and other resources, just ask on an email to penicuiktrinitycommunitymedia@gmail.com

Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



Hooray! Summer is officially with us now.

Welcome to this summer edition of **TC News**

Our lead story, the Midlothian Worship Night was a great success, one that you can listen to on our YouTube channel, see link in the article.

You will also find podcasts of all our past services as well. So you can follow our programme of the Beatitude services, some led by John Urquhart, others by Peter Wood

The final total raised for Christian Aid Week is amazing, Janis Hogg our coordinator reports how generous the people of Penicuik are.

Closer to home the work of FFF and PNK foodstore need our help to feed those in distress. See how you can help



Remember that we now start Sunday services at 10.30am

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Midlothian Worship Night - 11 June

Penicuik Trinity Community Church was filled with the sound of praise music on Saturday 11 June, when Keith Mack brought the praise musicians from St. John's & King's Park Church in Dalkeith, to lead us in a service of worship and praise.

The praise band, led by Band Leader and Guitarist Rev Keith Mack, played a series of uplifting praise songs which the audience were able to join the singing. Keith was accompanied by Raymond Donaldson on Guitar, Alan Duffin on drums, Calum Tait keyboard, Craig Speedie bass guitarist, with Rona Combe leading the vocals.

Keith welcomed the audience, then opened the service with the hymn 'Everlasting God' which has the uplifting chorus 'Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord', getting the audience singing along. Keith led a short prayer, leading into our second praise 'Yes and Amen' a Chris Tomlin favourite which also includes a rousing chorus 'Faithful you are.... All your promises are Yes and Amen'. The musicians led seamlessly into our next praise from Hillsong music, 'What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King'.

Keith once more led us in a short prayer followed by the musicians opening our next praise, the Chris Tomlin's song 'Praise the Father Praise the Son'. The musicians stood down as Keith introduced the Rev Louise Purden from Bonnyrigg Church, who presented the address. She was delighted to be with us in our new union of St. Mungo's and Penicuik South and Howgate, thanking all who had joined, some from churches across Midlothian. Louise is leading her congregation in the book of Acts as they celebrate Pentecost, the churches uniting together to praise God, reflecting how our Trinity Community Church is uniting right now.

Louise read from Hebrews 12 v1-3. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run the race with perseverance, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, sat at the right hand of the Father. Consider him who endured such opposition, so that we did not grow weary or lose heart. Louise announced that at 45 she is such a 'young person', a novelty in the Church of Scotland. However she preached a traditional approach to her address, taking each of the three verses for her address.

The musicians returned to play 'Hosanna (I See the King of Glory)', followed by 'Living Hope' by Phil Wickham. Keith reflected on what Louise had preached to us, then led into our next song 'Way Maker', with a chorus that sticks inside your head 'You are Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, Light in the darkness, My God, that is who You are'.

The Rev Graham Duffin thanked the team for their uplifting praise, delivering the closing prayer.

Our closing praise 'O Lord My God When I in Awesome Wonder (How Great Thou Art)' was a great song to finish an amazing evening of Worship and Praise. Keith closed the worship evening with a final prayer.

Around two thirds of the 'congregation' went across to the hall for refreshments..

You can watch the whole performance on our YouTube channel, click on the link

<https://youtu.be/8gjkNueAZAQ>



Trinity Community Diary

3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 July 7.15 pm	Sunday evening Prayer Meeting - Church Hall
Taking a summer break July & August	Monday Bible Study Group (Zoom)
6 July 10.45 am	Friendship Group - Church Hall
31 July 2022	Trinity Community Monthly Communion Service



Sunday 12 June: Pentecost

Report by Joan Cape

We held our last Messy Church before the summer on Sunday 12th June, on the theme of 'Pentecost – what's that all about?' We had a good turn out, with some new people and some who'd been before, and the messy bits were as messy as usual.

In the hall you can see the results of the Bunting creators (to celebrate Pentecost),



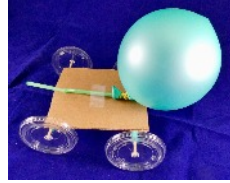
a wooden spoon person (representing all the crowds in Jerusalem that day) – can you find one in the hall?



And some really messy paint flames, posted up on the wall, as well as flames that flew.



One of the most exciting activities was building a racing car powered by a balloon (air) to remind us of the 'rushing wind' that was heard on the day of Pentecost.



No Messy Church would be complete without a decorated biscuit – this time with flames again. And to round it all off, just about every child present got really messy with paint, using hand prints to show the flickering flames seen on that day – the results can be seen on the display board outside the church. We rounded off the day by sitting down at table to share a meal of hot dogs and salad...not quite barbecue weather, so we ate indoors.

Look out for Messy Church again at the end of August/start of September – open to families with primary school age children, no need for any church connection, for some more messy activities and a Bible-based story...and of course, food at the end. Contact Joan Cape (674276) if you want to know more.

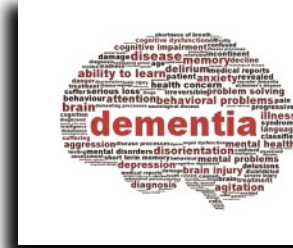
From the Manse Rev John Urquhart

Dear friends

Margaret Webster and I were visiting a local care home to see a member of our congregation who has dementia. Afterwards, we were having a chat with the Activities Coordinator there. We were remarking what a difference it made to her to have a reading of the metrical version of Psalm 23, a prayer, a blessing and a favourite hymn, chosen by the resident and sung together with her. She visibly brightened and gave thanks to God.



Research bears this out as well. Ruth Aird, who has experience in this area, says: 'People with dementia, who hear singing, hymns and prayer, are able to engage in ways that they have not done for years. In particular, people with faith are reminded of the past, which affects their soul in ways that other engagements are unable to.'



The Activities Coordinator, although not belonging to a faith community herself, was telling us how she tries to download appropriate familiar services from the web for people who have come from a faith community, recognising the importance of meeting people's spiritual needs.

She asked if it would be possible if we (TCC) could come in every month and lead worship for anyone who desires it. She said that a church in Penicuik had been coming in before Covid. We thought (and said) rather than keep this to ourselves, it would be good to take this to all the churches, and particularly to those who organise regular opportunities for worship at Cowan Court.

We have received a warm reception to this suggestion so far and hope to launch it soon. Please pray for this important section of our community in Penicuik that they would be blessed by this and that we would have the wisdom and grace to meet their needs simply and effectively.

John

Summer Faye - Saturday 18 June



The The Summer Fayre returned to our Trinity Community church on Saturday 18 June. Following the extended break due to covid and the like organiser Agnes Ovenstone received lots of 'goodies' to fill the stalls and as prizes for the raffle. All in aid of church funds.



Margaret Black was on the door selling tickets. The organising team held the price at £3, same as previous years, which included tea and cake refreshments.

The hall tables were overflowing with all sorts of gifts and useful items. Mary Paterson was assisted by Barbara Sprott on the bottle stall. I had brought a couple of bottles of wine to add to the well stocked table. I bought my tickets on the understanding I would not win back my own donation! Fortunately for me one of my tickets did come up trumps and I left with a bottle of beer, which would be enjoyed later that evening.

Next on my travels was the home baking stand. Previous experience of Summer Fayres reminded me to be quick as much of the baking is snapped up, a bit like 'snow of a dyke' as everything is so tempting. Trish Hunter was helping the 'customers' choose, and my personal favourite is the fruit loaf, of which I managed to grab the last one. Adding a couple of buns ensured that my morning coffee breaks over the next few days would have something tasty to go with it.



Moving on to the next stall I cam across lots of Bric a Brac items as well as children's toys, games and jigsaws. Jenny Ramage and Liz Chisholm were helping to show the items of to their best advantage, Agnes Ovenstone and Ina McLaughlin also helped out.

From the Kirk Session Report by Neil Cape

The Kirk Session met on 14th June – our last formal meeting before the summer break. Now that our various Teams are up and running, we heard the first reports from the **Mission Team** (led by the minister) which included topics such as the possibility (reported by a sub-group led presently by Peter Wood) of employing a Children and Families worker, the progress of the latest Alpha course, and the presence of church groups at Penicuik in the Park.

The **Pastoral Care Team** is just starting – trying to work out how we combine the approaches of Penicuik South and Howgate with those of St Mungo's – and how to identify those members who are already in groups that could provide pastoral care, and who might need a visit, noting that 'pastoral care' is not the same as 'keeping in touch'...the work has started!

The **Finance Team** (led by Joyce MacLean) reported on progress with amalgamating the bank accounts, and on some recent expenditure on roof and organ repairs. We also looked at contracts for our employees (church officer and cleaner), agreed in principle to a paid Hall Keeper post if needed in future (with thanks to Gordon MacDonald for all he does voluntarily), and the possibility that Eileen Marchant may be available to play the organ for one or more hymns on a couple of Sundays each month. Joyce rounded up the Finance report by telling us that the sale of both Howgate Church and Penicuik South Church is hoped to be completed by the end of the month; the war memorials from the South Church will be put up in Trinity Community Church, so that those memories are not lost.

Next to report was Gordon MacDonald, in charge of **Fabric**; the observant among you will have noticed that the large puddle outside the back door has now disappeared – there was a burst pipe underground.



Tombola always attracts attention, with the opportunity to win something interesting. Linda McKay and Jean Lennie were helping to keep the sales going, with the opportunity to win a bargain.

Time for that tea and cake. The tables were laid out ready for our team to serve up the refreshments . Christine Jackson and Margaret Barry kept the tea, coffee, scones and cakes coming, whilst Helen McCall and Agnes Haggart poured the tea and coffee for the visitors.

Agnes Ovenstone reported at the Sunday morning service on 19 June that the event raised an amazing £755 for church funds. A huge thank you to all who helped, donated, and visited on the day.

Thanks to everyone who bought the UK Landmarks Quiz at the Summer Fayre. This one was a real brain teaser for everyone. There were a number of correct answers and the one drawn out of the hat was Evelyn Steele.

Quiz Answers

TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

ANAGRAMS – FAMOUS UK LANDMARKS	
1 LASH LAWNADIR (2)	HADRIAN'S WALL
2 DIRECTIVES FOWL HOFF (4)	WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER
3 ROMBA STALE CALL (2)	BALMORAL CASTLE
4 ALBERT COOK FLOW (2)	BLACKPOOL TOWER
5 ADULTS PREACH SALT (3)	ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
6 CORN JET DEEP (2)	EDEN PROJECT
7 KEEPS LEITH (2)	THE KELPIES
8 HALFTONE GET HORN (4)	ANGEL OF THE NORTH
9 AMICABLE GAP CHUNK (2)	BUCKINGHAM PALACE
10 THE HANDY FLOOMO (5)	THE OLD MAN OF HOY
11 BROD FIGHTER (2)	FORTH BRIDGE
12 ACTS GUINEA WAYS (2)	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY
13 DROOPY LEACH OLA (2)	HOLYROOD PALACE
14 NEWTON RODOLFO (3)	TOWER OF LONDON

The numbers represent the number of words in the answer

Last, but not least, Agnes Ovenstone reported on behalf of herself and Kathleen Downey on the activities of the **Social Team**, including the Summer Fair, held on 18th June.

Work has also started on combining the church Rolls, with a new **Roll Keeper** (Mary Darling), and we have a new **Safeguarding Panel** to support Jim Paterson, who is Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Neil Cape (joint Session Clerk), and if you're interested in getting involved in the day-to-day activities of church life, please contact the following:

- Tea/coffee after church: Christine Jackson (678120)
- Welcoming at the church door: Joan Cape (674276)
- Church flowers: Margaret Barry (07413 766002)
- Reading or praying in church: Fiona Hutcheson (675107)
- Counting the offering: Agnes Haggart (672578)
- Delivering the church magazine: Agnes Ovenstone (672387)
- We also are looking for a Data Protection Officer: see Neil Cape (674276)