

Penfest 24 Jazz Concert - 24 September

Trinity Community church hall filled with jazz enthusiasts to hear an evening of jazz presented by the Pentland School of Music Jazz Band, formerly the Beeslack School Jazz Band, with Penicuik High School Jazz Band and the ever popular Carlops jazz band, supported by the Carlopettes singers. Graham McDonald was our compère and concert leader.



Graham introduced the programme for our evening commencing with the young members of the Pentland School jazz band played a range of big band songs, Opus 1 from the early 1940's, Libertango, Girl from Ipanema, finishing the opening sequence was Summertime, sung by Mharai Patterson.



Penicuik High School band followed with Putting on the Ritz, Dream a little dream for me.



Time for the Carlops Jazz Band to take to the stage with Si Clark and Vicki Brown leading the vocals, supported by the Carlopettes. Their opening number Ain't Nobody Here but Us Chickens" was



followed by a Duke Ellington number It Don't Mean a Thing from 1931.

The Frankie Carle A Little on the Lonely Side was followed with After Your Gone, Is you Is or Is you Ain't my Baby and Midnight Hour completed the session.

After the break we opened with the Pentland Jazz Band playing Ain't Misbehavin' made famous by Fats Waller, Moon River, In the Mood and from 1956 When Sunny gets Blue. The PHS band then continued with the 1961 hit Apache followed by At the Hop from 1958.

Time for the Carlops Jazz Band to return to the stage opening with Come by Me followed by Fever. Carlopettes joined Dancing in the Street recorded by Martha and the Vandellas. Si Clark took the lead for Proud Mary by American rock band Creedence Clearwater Revival.

The concert closed with the Carlops band presenting I Wan'na Be Like You (The Monkey Song), a song from Walt Disney's 1967 film The Jungle Book.

A great evening entertainment from the musicians and we hope they return to future Penfest

Watch concert <https://youtu.be/PdmMiMdLDz4> Click on the Timestamp in the description to play any particular track. Some are live video from the evening.



Heart of the Matter October Schedule

3 Nov	Richie Gillespie - Singer / Songwriter Edinburgh
10 Nov	Patricia Liddell Russell Daughter of Eric Liddell
17 Nov	Gold 46 - A special from the archives
24 Nov	John Mason - Member of the Scottish Parliament

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.
A Church Service on Black Diamond FM 107.8/100.7 FM every Sunday morning at 8 am.

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

Trinity Community Diary

3, 10, 17, 24 November 7.15pm	Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting. - Church Hall
4, 11, 18, 25 November 7.00pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Small Hall. Details Kathleen Downey 07985 294495
4, 11, 18, 25 November 7.15pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details Sheena Dawe 07810 477597
4, 11, 18, 25 November 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Zoom. Details from Neil & Joan Cape 674276
4, 11, 18, 25 November 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Various homes. Details Ruth Aird ruthaird@outlook.com
5, 12, 19, 26 November 10.00am	Tuesday House Group - Small Hall. Details Mary Darling 01968 660585.
5, 12, 19, 26 November 7.00pm	TYBG (Tuesday Youth Bible Group) - Details Ann Dunsire 07974 605590
5, 12, 19, 26 November 7.00pm	Tuesday House Group - Various homes. Details Caroline McIntosh 07747 894046
6 November 10.45am	Friendship Hour - Small Hall. (For help with transport, call Margaret 672347
13, 20, 27 November 10.00am	Wednesday Bible Study Group - Small Hall
7, 14, 21, 28 Nov 10.00am to 12 noon	Thursday Coffee and Chat - Church Hall
10 November 10.45am	Remembrance service - in TCC Church
10 November 10.45am	Remembrance service - in Penicuik North Kirk (PNK) with Royal British Legion .
24 November 3.30 to 5.30pm	Messy Church - Church Hall
30 November 10am to 12 noon	Christmas Fayre - Church Hall Tickets £4.00 from Guild members or at the door.

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)



TC News

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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

Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance Sunday this year will be celebrated in Trinity Community Church as in past years, but this year, without the British Legion and other organisations, e.g. Boy Scouts, Army Cadets, Girl Guides etc.

The British Legion concern over the completion of our church refurbishment in time for their usual arrangement for this service led



them to rearrange their service to be taken at Penicuik North Kirk, led by Rev Graham Astles. The parade will make its way from Kirkhill to PNK, and after the service to Montgomery Park and the service at the war memorial.

The 2025 Remembrance service will return to Trinity Community Church.

Harvest Thanksgiving - 13 October Report by Dot Fraser

Sunday 13 October saw the front of the church covered in foodstuffs of all types, donated by members of the congregation. From tinned foods of all types to fresh produce, apples, oranges, bananas, to vegetables, including onions potatoes and tomatoes. This meant it had to be our harvest thanksgiving service.



Watch service <https://youtu.be/qZN3MhcywH4>

Going back centuries to pagan times harvest was a vital time of year when the success of the farmers yield was a genuine matter of life and death. Celebrating harvest in church began in 1843 when Rev Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at Morwenstow in Cornwall.

This year the gifts on display will be donated to Food Facts Friends (FFF), and their chairperson, Dot Fraser spoke to us about the work they do and how they have transformed from a food bank into a multi purpose well-being hub for the community.

Dot explained the services offered by FFF since migrating from a 'foodbank' at end June 2023. These include the Midlothian Pantry, Community Café, Community Fridge, free to use computer and ipads, and is a warm/safe space where general advice is offered to those seeking information.

13,591 visits were made to the community hub (excl pantry users). Currently over 700 households have a membership for the Community Pantry, making 6687 visits (average 557 visits per month). 5405 visits were made to the community shop/fridge, and 7492 visits made to the community café. 246 foodbank packages

were made to 30th June. 694 people came into the hub to use 'other' services **Partners include** connection cafe (meldap), digital support drop-in (Midlothian Council), Penicuik CAB - drop-in (citizens advice bureau), listening space (health in mind), addiction support (meld), needle exchange (nhs), and careers scotland.

FFF are funded by: Midlothian Council (staff costs), general grants (equipment/staff), Midlothian pre-loved furniture (with

Penicuik Community Initiative). Donations are used to purchase food, as all the other grant providers restrict the use of their funds to non food purchase.

The team running FFF consist of 9 members on the board of trustees, 2 employees -1 manager &1 assistant manager, 4 volunteer supervisors, 20+ volunteers including a team of drivers, and a team of young work placements through Careers Scotland

Customer Quotes "the community is at the heart of what they do", 'I was a bit depressed before but feel much better now'. "I would have been put away if not for here", 'I can be or go somewhere where the community is and makes me feel part of the community'



Growing Young Past, current and future work involving younger people

In the October issue we looked at past and current work involving young people.

What have we tried with younger people and what we learned? What other longstanding activities there are in Penicuik? What we are currently doing and what are we learning as we go? If you want to read part 1 article, it is available at

<https://www.penicuiktrinitycommunity.church/gallery/TC%20News%20October24.pdf>

In part 2 we look at future work with younger people, some of which has already begun:

Part 2 What might our next 'experiments' be?

- *We aim to further develop relationship with primary schools.* Pre Covid, volunteers accompanied children to swimming and helped with reading. We aim to start that again. Please pray about our approaches to the schools. We have written to one of the schools. It sometimes takes a few times to get a response.
- *A multi-purpose room to be developed with comfortable chairs, a donated TV, and Wi-Fi, temporarily called The Meeting Place.* We need to think it through prayerfully and plan.
- *A Families and Toddlers Group.* We need to investigate what is available now in Penicuik, and decide whether there is a gap in provision and whether the churches are able to fill this.
- *An evening activity for younger people in one of our church halls.* One of our elders, Joyce, encountered children using a shelter in a playground. She asked them: 'Why are you here?' The answer was: 'Because we've nowhere else to go.'
- We are following up both these projects with Presbytery with a proposal for an intern to investigate existing provision and the potential need. Please pray about identifying the right person.
- *A Children and Families worker (or whatever we finally call the post.)* We need to seek God, investigate, decide on best job title and go ahead with this.
- *Focused prayer on specific areas.* This is planned to happen several times in the months to come.
- *Seeking church partners.* Young families often decide on a church family that already has a significant number of young families already present. Another elder took the idea from elsewhere of asking a strong church to seed young families into the church for a set number of years. (I was talking last Monday to a former session clerk, who told me that the church he is part of now has 200 children. They recognise that's unusual and pray for their children's work week by week.) Please pray that, if this is God's way, we find a church willing and sacrificial enough to consider this.
- *Better communication of projects with younger people.* We need to nourish and encourage what is already going on. I'll be encouraging people who are involved to do a short spot at the start of worship.
- *Changing church culture towards being a more welcoming place for new people.* What are our next steps in this? What is God leading us to do?



Please read and pray about these things. A lot of these initiatives only started because someone was praying and was 'nudged' by God to do something about it and shared it with the wider church.

John Urquhart and the Growing Young Team



TYBG resumed on 29th October. Our group will continue through November and when we come to the end of the session, we're giving each young person a gift of their own Rooted Grow Journal, a beautiful journal which encourages young people to delve into the Bible, respond to what God is saying to them while growing in their relationship with him.

The journal covers significant life themes, such as hope, wisdom, anxiety, life and death and forgiveness. Each chapter in the Rooted Grow Journal includes Bible text, thoughts, questions, action points and space to think, pray and reflect.

These cost £12.50 each and each one has now very kindly been sponsored by members of our TYBG Prayer Group, for which we are so grateful. These Grow journals will be a huge investment into the lives of these amazing young people who are an absolute joy to meet with each week. Please remember all our young people in prayer as we carry on through this session.



Click on the link to view this publication - <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/rooted-grow-journal?return-url=https%3A//content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resources%3F%3Drooted%2Bgrow>

Guild Speakers : 7 & 21 October Report by Jenny Ramage

THERAPET® 7 October

Our speaker was Andy Waugh volunteer area representative from Therapet – part of Canine Concern Scotland Trust. Accompanying Andy was 7 year old cocker spaniel Mara, one of three dogs Andy has (mother, daughter and granddaughter) who all work with Therapet.



The original idea came from Diane Wood when visiting a hospital in Aberdeen in 1988. All dogs and volunteers have to be assessed as suitable to safely carry out visits in a variety of settings and PVG checks are also done. There are 60 volunteers in Midlothian and East Lothian and Andy is responsible for matching up visit requests with the volunteer and their dog.

Places visited include hospitals, nursing homes, care homes, schools and also 1-1 visits to people at home who are housebound. There is a service into Saughton prison which is reported to be calming and helps with mental health issues. Edinburgh Airport has two initiatives with Therapet, one landside to help people who are anxious about flying and on the airside for staff. Emergency service staff also benefit with visits in the crewroom to help deal with stresses of the job. Andy had some stories about visits and ended with questions from members.

Dumfries House - 21 October

The speaker was Charlotte Rostek currently Development Lead and Project Consultant at Dalkeith Palace and previously Curator Emeritus at Dumfries House, having also worked at Hill House in Helensburgh and Mount Stuart on Bute.



Charlotte was speaking about Dumfries House where she was involved in the renovation and restoration for 8 years from 2008 to 2016.

Dumfries House is an 18th-century Georgian building filled with a collection of original furniture and art and was owned by the Marquis of Bute but in 2007 it was to be sold and contents to be auctioned. However a campaign was started to save the house and fundraising began. £45m was needed. The then Prince of Wales put £20m forward and the consortium involved were successful in purchasing Dumfries House and it's important collections of Georgian furniture including Chippendale.

The house at that time was run down with threadbare carpets and curtains and Charlotte was involved with the sensitive restoration and refurbishment and overseeing the opening of the house to the public. Since then improvements have been made to the grounds and gardens, historic outbuildings and the estate is used for a range of training opportunities for young people and traditional skills and crafts, also bringing employment to the area.



Blythswood Shoe Box Christmas Appeal



The church hall was filled with knitted hats, gloves and scarves, donated by members of the congregation, destined for the Blythswood Care 'Shoebbox' appeal.

Each year members spend hours knitting items, with others buying to add to the display that is sent to Blythswood Care. This is their 30th anniversary having distributed over 2.5 million boxes over the years.



Organiser Christine Jackson announced that this year **over 600** items had been donated, both knitted and bought. To keep people we will never know in a far off land warm this winter.

Christine Jackson, at the service on 27th October, thanked everyone who donated knitted or bought items for the shoebox appeal. These will be parcelled up and taken to Blythswood this coming week to make up many shoebox gifts ready to be shipped to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

Watch this year's Blythswood video to see where they go and how they help across eastern Europe, with Ukraine one of the latest countries visited.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?view=detail&q=blythswood+video+2024&mid=4BE8E298E46CC35519EE4BE8E298E46CC35519EE&FORM=VIRE>

Friendship Hour 6 November 10.45am

'What a friend we have in Jesus' - encouraging faith through friendship with Jesus and each other. Includes a short period of worship. All welcome.



Meet TCC Church Hall

For help with Transport contact Margaret Webster 672347

Sunday 24 November 1530 to 1730
TCC Church Hall

Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others.

It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.



Please pray for us and encourage anyone you know to bring the family along