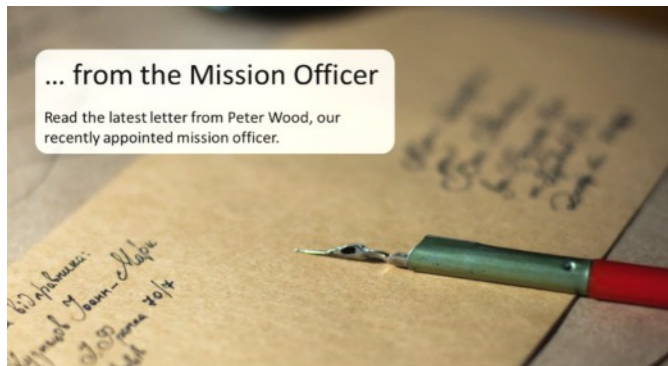


**From Peter the Mission Officer (Rev Peter Wood)**



Meeting ID: 881 7457 6263  
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**Intergenerational church book & discussion**

'Being an intergenerational church :Practices to Bring the Generations Back Together'

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/being-an-intergenerational-church-578349>

Use the above link to buy the book, offer of study groups etc.

**Roslin Church are looking for a locum...**

for 1 day per week pastoral work plus Sunday services or a retired minister to preach regularly on a Sunday. Please contact Rev Graham Duffin [GDuffin@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:GDuffin@churchofscotland.org.uk) if you want to explore this further.

**Missed the helpful seminar on fundraising?** Watch again on the presbytery Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbcD5AVC-XU>

Thanks to those who have sent photos which show how we have engaged with the outdoors this summer. Keep the pics coming!

Presbytery Choir > See an updated flyer from Marion Dodd, about forming a choir for December.

Midlothian Praise Night Sept 3rd -See flyer in this TC News issue

**Video: In Conversation with**

Finally, Fiona Burnett reckoned that it might be helpful for folks to have a little more about who I am so she recorded this short interview with me.



<https://youtu.be/bQdegW0UQs8>

It's great to share our learning! I look forward to hearing what you've been up to when I drop in.

Love & prayers  
Peter

Bookmark the presbytery website which will increasingly become an important resource

<https://www.lothianandborderspresbytery.org.uk/add-home.asp>

Dear Friends

Greggs is queued out the door, Friday lunchtime traffic is awful, groups of uniformed children wend their way along streets, children have got older...so, yes, the schools are back!

Back to school. Many of us are now a long way from our school days but one of the dynamics of the Christian journey is to go on learning whatever stage we are at in life. What have you been learning?

I've been learning (battling!) with new computer software, learning much about the towns and villages in the borders and continuing to learn more about vegetarian cooking! What about you?!

As followers of Jesus it can be helpful to see ourselves as learners or apprentices with Jesus. After teaching and after performing healings Jesus in Mark 5.7 is ready to send the disciples out. In Mark 5.30 he then draws them back to himself to discuss "all that they had done and taught." This is more than knowledge acquisition this is living by faith by imitating and by keeping close to Jesus. Rowan Williams writes "to grow as a disciple is to take the journey from understanding into faith, from memory into hope and from will into love."

Coming together as a new presbytery allows us to ask big questions of church, mission and faith to do things a bit differently. We want to be a learning presbytery that encourages discipleship and to help churches live out their faith in their locality.

**Mission Conferences on September 22nd & 30th. Mark our diaries & look out for more details coming.**

The next taster day will be **Forest Church on Sunday 24th September at 2.30pm. Meet in the Penicuik House Estate car park.**

Zoominar on Pilgrimage > September 26th Tuesday 7-8pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88174576263?pwd=ZFDLUldUMyJtMVhCMVo3L0VMTIZHQ09>

**Trinity Community Autumn Diary**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 3 September 3.30 to 5.30pm                  | Messy Church - Church Hall   |
| 3 September 7.30pm                          | Midlothian Churches Praise Evening - Loanhead Church                                 |
| 3, 17, 24, September 7.15pm                 | Sunday evening Prayer Meeting - Church Hall  |
| 4 September 2.00pm                          | Guild new season opener 'SCAA Air Ambulance' - Church Hall                           |
| 4, 11, 18, 25, September 7.15pm             | Housegroup - On Zoom [ Call Sheena for details 07810 477597 ]                        |
| 5, 12, 19, 26, September 10.00am to 12 noon | Housegroup - [contact Mary Darling 01968 660585 for details]                         |
| 5, 12, 19, 26 September 7.00pm              | Youth Alpha (aimed at 11 - 17 year old [ see article in this issue for details])     |
| 6, 13, 20, 27 September 7.30 to 9.30pm      | Housegroup - Meet in Church Hall [Kate Downey for details]                           |
| 7, 14, 21, 28, September 10.00am to 12 noon | Coffee and Chat - Church Hall  |
| 10 September 7.00pm                         | Ecumenical Prayer Service - St. James the Less Church                                |
| 12, 26 September 7.30pm                     | Housegroup - [ Contact Carol Macintosh for location details]                         |
| 13, 20, 27 September 10.00am                | Wednesday Bible Study Group - Church Hall  |
| 13 September 2.00pm                         | Friendship Hour - Church Hall [for help with transport call Margaret Webster 672347] |
| 18 September 2.00pm                         | Guild meeting 'CHAS; Children's Hospices Across Scotland' - Church Hall              |
| 24 September 2.30pm                         | Forest Church - Meet in Penicuik House Estate Car Park                               |



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](mailto:penicuiktrinitycommunitymedia@gmail.com)

**Summer Activities as we head for Autumn**

**HOLIDAY CLUB - 1 to 3 August**



This years Holiday Club, held in the Church Hall attracted some 32 children, for the 3 day event.

Our service on Sunday 6 August was dedicated to presenting to the congregation the programme of events, and the team involved in putting it together and leading the activities. Eglé Repecka gave a summary of how much fun the activities were.

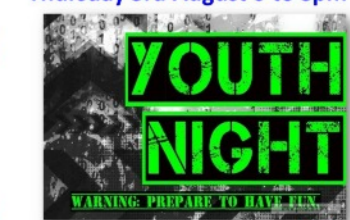
Sheila Anderson had help from the puppets to tell the story, feeding into John Urquhart's reflections. Adults from the congregation also got involved in describing some of the learning points that the children experienced during the holiday club.

Pictures of the children were not included in the service video, you had to be at the church service to see them. However the presenting team were and you will see them demonstrate some of the actions.

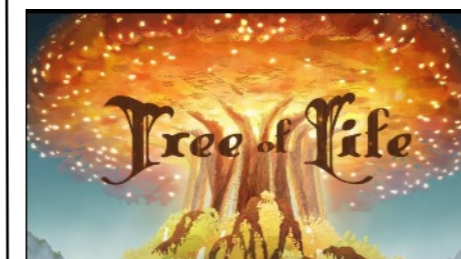
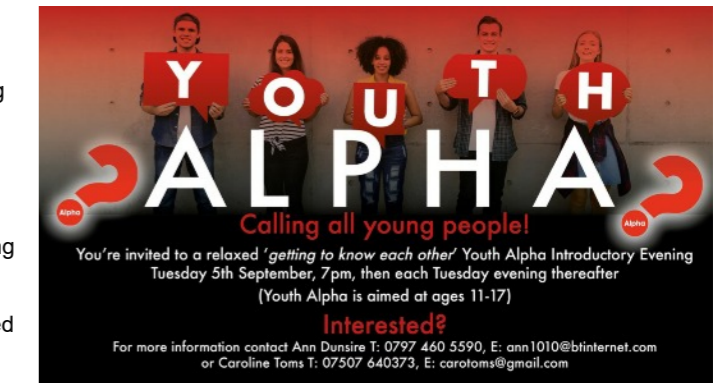
You can watch this service and see the team explain what happened during the event. <https://youtu.be/O8jVG5QYoKM>

As part of the holiday club, we're planning a youth night on Thursday 3rd August and would love to invite any young people along (age 12 and up!). The evening will consist of games (including Mario Kart), make your own pizza & ice-cream deliveries to follow! We'll also have a Youth Alpha taster video and short discussion as an intro to Youth Alpha which will run from September. Please invite anyone you think might like to come. We'd love to see you there.

**Thursday 3rd August 6 to 8pm**



The Youth night at the end of the Holiday Club was aimed at the 12 and up age group. Some great games were played and videos, including an introduction to the forthcoming youth alpha event, which you can read about in this issue



**The Tree of Life**

We completed the series on Nehemiah (see the service videos on our [youtube channel](#)), before the Holiday Club service, see link above.

Later in August we started the Tree of Life, looking at Revelation and John on the island of Patmos preaching God's message when he heard a loud voice telling him to "Write what you see and send that book to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

Of course John did not have the luxury of email, internet, web pages, social media, youtube etc that we have, so the task was more difficult, written letter and spoken word. How did he do it? You can watch this service and find out - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Utc0IQeLqI>

**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)

## Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries

In April this year Marion Mather and Val McGavin joined a Mental Health Ministries course in St James which was run by Sheila Anderson a Penicuik Christian who has run several of these courses before. The course is a small group resource designed to raise awareness and engage communities and churches in meaningful conversation about mental health and faith.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who himself suffers from mental ill health, has endorsed the course. He says, **"The Sanctuary course is helping churches to start talking about mental health and reduce the ridiculous stigma that is attached to illness, we must all get better at talking about this"**

One in four people will be affected by a mental health challenge at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding these experiences often prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively.

Each session of the course covers different topics and there is an accompanying video which features insight from mental health professionals, church leaders and theologians. As well as those affected.

The topics covered are mental health/ illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, care giving, self care and reflection.

Marion and Val have both been affected at some time with mental health issues, as had others in our group. Either themselves or through living with a sufferer in the family, so I think I can speak for all and say that the course helped each one of us to understand, come to terms with, what we had been through, or going through and realise how important it is to have companionship, someone to share with, who understands.

If you are interested in this subject or feel "this is me she's talking about" then Marion and Val would love to have a chat with you, either personally or in a group, in confidence of course!

As Justin Welby says **"We must all get better at talking about this!"**

We used the words of Psalm 42 in our sessions each week. Ps 42 v11  
"Why are you so cast down, o my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God"

Please do come and have a chat!  
Val McGavin and Marion Mather.



## Intergenerational Church - 30 September 10.30am - 3pm Dunfermline East Church



By Sheila Anderson

As many of you know I am a trainer with the Church of Scotland. Most people know me as a safeguarding trainer but I started after being trained as a Children's Ministry advisor more years ago than I'd care to remember. Additional training a number of years later gave me the rather ridiculous title of PYCT (Presbytery Youth and Children's Trainer). In 2012 changes within Church of Scotland head office at 121 led to PYCT no longer being supported centrally and presbyteries were given the option of supporting their PYCT's.

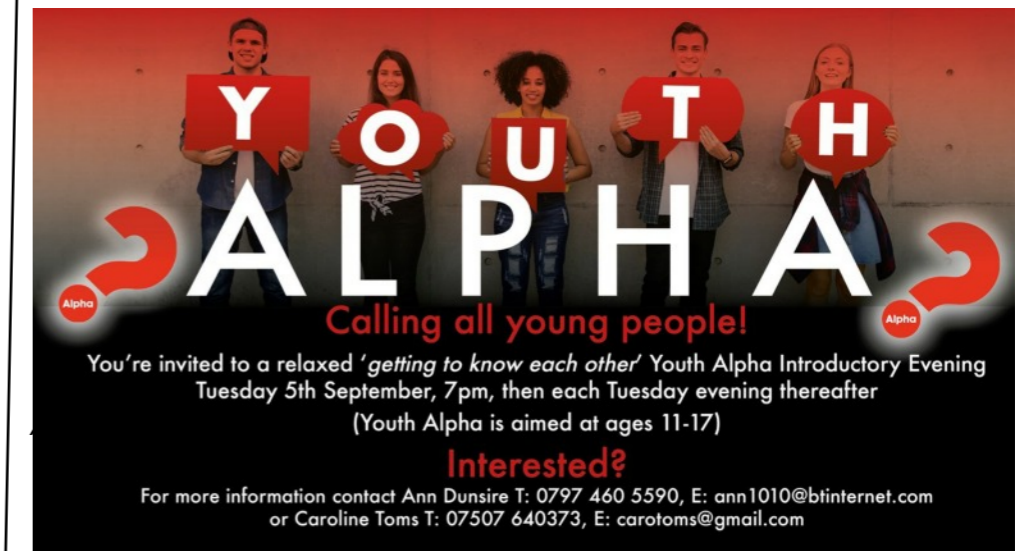
Lothian Presbytery decided to keep me on and include professional experience in mental health to the remit. It seems that I'm not being let off the hook with presbytery changes so watch this space as mental health meets family ministry! Throughout all this time I have been interested to see a shift in most children's ministry evolving into family ministry and a real emphasis on intergenerational ministry (the way Jesus worked).

I was absolutely delighted to discover that this has now reached Church of Scotland with the publication of **"Being an Intergenerational Church: Practices to bring the Generations Back Together by Suzi Farrant and Darren Philip."**

If anyone would like to come with me to a presentation on this I would love company. There is also the opportunity to join a zoom book group. For information about this and all things Children, Youth and Family Ministry do sign up to the newsletter produced by Suzi Farrant and Isobel Clibborn Booth. [Connect | The Church of Scotland](http://Connect|TheChurchofScotland.org.uk) or email [ChildrenAndYouth@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ChildrenAndYouth@churchofscotland.org.uk) or phone 0131 225 5722.

This month in addition to intergenerational church you can find out about essentials in ministry for leadership and change, school ministry training, Christian Aid prophetic activist scheme, exploring generosity, Fischy Music concerts and Church of Scotland at Magnitude (SU Scotland).

## Youth Alpha - Starts 5 September by Ann Dunsire & Caroline Toms



Youth Alpha starts on Tue 5 September. We want to make this a positive experience for the young people and show our hospitality as churches in Penicuik. We want you all to consider being involved in this. Caroline and Ann (who are organising this) would love to hear from you:

- if you (individually, or as a house group, or another group in one of our churches) could provide dinner for our Youth Alpha leaders and the young people; (You may only have to do it once, if we get enough volunteers from the churches.)
- if you are willing to donate money towards providing this;
- if you're willing to be involved in praying for this Youth Alpha course, either on your own or together with a prayer team.

If so, please contact:

Ann Dunsire on 0797 460 5590 or [ann1010@btinternet.com](mailto:ann1010@btinternet.com)  
Caroline Toms on 07507 640373 or [carotoms@gmail.com](mailto:carotoms@gmail.com)

### Youth Alpha Introductory Evening - Tue 5 Sep, 7pm

Introductory and each Tuesday evening thereafter at the home of Charis & Jamie (from City on a Hill church) 12 Foster Road, Mauricewood, EH26 0FL (or maybe in one of our churches, if we have more than 10 young people who are keen to come)  
A relaxed 'getting to know each other' evening, to start with food, and watching the introductory video together

Youth Alpha is aimed at ages 11-17.

## Guild Autumn / Winter Calendar



| Date         | Guest Organisation  | Location     | Speaker        |
|--------------|---|--------------|----------------|
| 4 September  | Scotland Charity Ambulance                       | Church Hall  | Ann McLaughlan |
| 18 September | Children's Hospices Across Scotland              | Church Hall  | TBA            |
| 2 October    | RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf People)  | Church Hall  | TBA            |
| 15 October   | Guild Service – 11.00am   | Church Hall  | Buffet Lunch   |
| 16 October   | Team Jak   | Church Hall  | Jo McGuinnes   |
| 6 November   | Sepsis Research Feat                             | Church Hall  | Ruth Box       |
| 20 November  | Pioneers Chocolate Heaven (Project)              | Church Hall  | TBA            |
| 4 December   | Christmas Flowers   | Church Hall  | Sandra Knox    |
| 18 December  | Christmas Lunch   | Navaar Hotel |                |

All meetings start 2.00pm unless otherwise stated

Come and share together with Christians from around Midlothian as we gather for an evening of contemporary worship.

As well as lively praise led by the worship band, we'll take some time to focus on a passage of scripture, listening out for what God is saying to us – with prayer ministry offered at the end.



Preacher: Rev Pamela Kennedy

