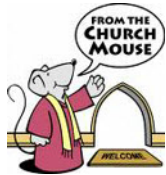


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Church Mouse

From the mouse of the Editor's PC



This month's issue leads us into Easter. The dates published by Penicuik Churches Working Together (PCWT) are printed here, but you may find more detail direct from the local churches.

St. Mungo's Celebration of Gifts exhibition will be presented next weekend. A good opportunity to see the range of activities supported by your church. If you come along you will be amazed at how things have changed over the past months. Members of the team will be on hand to chat and answer any questions you may have.

Messy Church was hunting for hidden treasure last month, and not just the shiny metal stuff. Great to see the children enjoying themselves, while learning about the Kingdom of God.

The sudden loss of our well known member Edmund 'Eddie' Donald was a shock to us all, and we passed on our heartfelt condolences at his celebration service in St. Mungo's on Thursday 30th March.

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Tom Mullins Entertains
Sunday April 23 at 7.00pm in the church, will see Tom Mullins return with his 6 strong ensemble to entertain us with a selection of well known popular songs.



You may remember Tom when he visited as part of our Scots Night evening back in 23 January. Promises to be a great night.

Is the church important to you?

Celebration of Gifts



You may be a regular attender, or perhaps you have not been to church for a few months or even years. We warmly encourage you to take this opportunity to join with St. Mungo's Church Family for our celebration of gifts weekend.

Please join us on Saturday 6th April and discover the amazing range of activities and opportunities open to you.

On Sunday 9th April we praise God in the Church for His generosity and goodness to us all.

We look forward to seeing you and assure you of a warm welcome.

St. Mungo's Celebration of Gifts on Saturday 8th of April when the church hall will be open to display the range of activities your church is involved with.

Saturday 8th April

Please come along and bring your friends and family to our celebration of gifts event in the church and church hall from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. Eileen Marchant will be playing a selection of music on the organ in the church, while an exhibition of the range of church activities will be presented in the church hall. Light refreshments will be served. We would love to see you there – all welcome.

Sunday 9th April

On Palm Sunday at 11 a.m. The praise service will help us to reflect on and celebrate our gifts, remembering also Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week leading up to that first Easter. Graham McDonald and Caroline Toms will be helping lead the music worship; members of the congregation will also be involved.

Easter Services in Penicuik

Penicuik Churches Working Together is pleased to announce the list of special joint services being held in Penicuik during Easter week.

Palm Sunday 9 April and Easter Sunday 16 April: St. Mungo's 11.00am

Palm Sunday 9 April: St James the Less. 7pm

Monday 10 April: St Mungo's, Penicuik 7:30pm

Tuesday 11 April: North Kirk, 7pm

Thursday 13 April: South Kirk. Includes foot-washing ceremony. 7:30pm

Good Friday services and/or times of reflection / prayers will be held individually at various times in all the churches.

Sunday 16 April: Easter Dawn service. Prompt 05:45 start at St Kentigern's church grounds (left of and behind St Mungo's church), walking up Broomhill Road to hilltop for short sunrise service. Breakfast offered afterwards in St James the Less church hall.



Messy Church: Hidden Treasure - 26 February

Story and pictures - Jim Paterson



The February families braved inclement weather, of wind and rain, to head for the church hall on Sunday 26th. The February theme was 'Hidden Treasure', God's kingdom. We used the Parable of the Hidden Treasure: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field, and The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value:

"Again, the 'kingdom of heaven' is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it".



The range of crafts reflected the theme, from hidden pearls, treasure chests, oysters in various forms, at least one that we could eat, precious jewels, and thank you coins.

The celebration time in the church saw the return of the puppets, thanks to Sheila Anderson and the senior girls in the Messy Church.

Value is important when searching for and finding hidden treasure, and we started a challenge by splitting the children into two teams, then showing items on screen that they had to put a price to. From a tin of beans to oysters, a string of pearls, both cultured and natural, had us scratching our heads.

Sheila Anderson and Andrew Don, with help from the puppets, told us the parables of the 'hidden treasure', with one of the boys searching for it, and 'great value', with one of the girls playing the old woman finding a huge and precious pearl. We finally came together in prayer to thank God for the great gifts and treasure he gives us. Then it was back to the hall for a warm meal of pasta and 'pearl' meatballs with oyster shells filled with ice cream and a marshmallow 'pearl' in the middle.



The next Messy Church will be on Sunday April 30th, 4 to 6 pm. We'll be taking a look back at Easter, and thinking about what it means to "do your best". Ideal for families with children.

A fun way to learn about God and Jesus through stories, song and crafts.



The Edinburgh Easter Play will take place on Easter Saturday, April 15th 2017, at 2pm, in Princes Street Gardens West in the centre of Edinburgh. The performance is free and open to all. This year, for the first time since 2010, we will be staging a large-scale traditional Passion Play, but you can expect a few surprises - our take on the Easter story has a distinctly Scottish flavour.

Full Details and promotional video www.easterplay.org

Eddie Donald sails into the sunset

Report - Jim Paterson

It was with great sadness that we gathered together on Thursday 30th March to bid our final farewell to long time St. Mungo's member Edmund Donald, known to many as 'Eddie'.

Always a friendly smile and keen to have a chat Eddie passed away peacefully in the ERI, with his family by his bedside.

Born in Springburn, Glasgow in 1927, to parents Hugh & Sarah, he was the youngest of three children - older brother Robert, and sister Francis, who regrettably died at 3 years old from Meningitis.



Eddie had a passion for ships and sailing. He started work as an apprentice in the Clydebank shipyards, before joining the Merchant Navy as an engineer.

His career took him 3 times around the world with the Benline - South America, China, Australia, North Africa. He was on the last merchant ship out of China, before the communists took over.

Married Isabel Mackenzie a Glasgow chemist's assistant in 1956, before moving to the north of England from 1960-1970. Returned to Scotland and moved into Deanburn.

Worked most of his life as an engineering fitter. Retired in 1992 from the civil service, serving his final years in General Register House.

Served as deacon in the South Church for several years, and a lifelong Rangers supporter!

His wealth of stories will live in our memories for many a year, to remind us what a gentle and religious man he was.

Christian Aid appeals *Update from Janis Hogg*

Once again a huge thank you to the congregation of St Mungo's. Over the last three weeks collections have been held, donations totalling £366! Thank you again for your generosity!

On behalf of Christian Aid many many thanks!



Church Register

Removed by Death

Mr Edmund Donald 122 Deanburn 18 March 2017

Mungo's Diary

- 5 Apr, 10.45am Friendship Circle. 44 Cranston Street. For help with transport, call Margaret 672347
- 5 Apr, 7.30pm Wednesday Housegroup. 21 Mauricewood Bank.
- 8 Apr, 11.00am Celebration of Gifts. Church & Hall. To 1.00pm
- 9 Apr, 11.00am Celebration of Gifts Praise Service
- 9 Apr, 5.15pm Cowan Court service
- 18 Apr, 7.30pm Congregational Board Meeting. Church Hall
- 23 Apr, 7.00pm Tom Mullins Entertains - Church .
- 24 Apr, 7.30pm Bible Study Group - Church Hall.
- 26 Apr, 7.30pm Wednesday Housegroup. 21 Mauricewood Bank.
- 30 Apr, 4.00pm Messy Church to 6.00pm. Church Hall

Soup Bread & Cheese lunch - 9 April

After the Praise Service on 9 April everyone is invited to come to the church hall for a soup, bread and cheese lunch (with tea&coffee), hosted by the Monday & Wednesday Bible Study groups.

