

## From the Manse

Dear friends

The Faith Mission Convention takes place at 548 Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh EH17 7JD, from Sunday 1 July to Friday 6 July.



There is a full programme of events which you can dip in and out of. You are not committed to going to everything, though you would be very welcome. There is no cost involved, though they will take an offering on most occasions. The aims of the convention are:

1. to bring gifted preachers and teachers to Edinburgh to open up the scriptures and preach them with joy and enthusiasm to encourage, refresh and inspire Christians from all over the country as they gather together and then return home to serve and glorify God;

2. to provide an opportunity for reverent, inspiring worship, which allows God's people to exalt God's name together in a way that is unique to a conference setting;

3. to create an environment of warm fellowship which transcends denominations, is grounded in the gospel, and enriches everyone who attends.

Some convention brochures are also available at the door of the church. More details are at:

[www.faithmission.org/edinburgh/quick\\_programme.html](http://www.faithmission.org/edinburgh/quick_programme.html)

If you choose to go, may you also be blessed, encouraged and inspired.

John

## Holiday Club - 6 to 10 August

Joint Churches' HOLIDAY CLUB: week beginning 6th August, every morning from 10am till 12.15. The cost is £5 per child, £1.50 for a single day, and it's for all children who have completed primaries 1-7.



This year's theme is 'TeamBuilders' which focuses on awesome stories from the Bible (including Joseph, Moses, Esther, Jesus and Paul) – each one giving children the opportunity to see what life is like on God's team, and inviting them to join his team for themselves!

Register at the door, or in advance by contacting Sandra Stewart (01875 815824).

## Monday & Wednesday Bible Study Groups



The **Monday Bible Study** group meets every 2 weeks in the church hall between 7.30 and 9 pm, starting with a cuppa and a biscuit (and prayer!).

After the summer we plan to work on a programme called 'Fruitfulness on the Front Line' - intrigued? The **Wednesday group** will also be using this

material.

In the meantime, we are continuing to meet every 2 weeks, looking at Bible passages that members of the group find particularly supportive or challenging. We welcome everyone - whether or not you've been to a Bible study group before. Can you believe that talking about the Bible can actually be fun, as well as puzzling, amazing, challenging?

Contact Joan or Neil Cape (674276) if you'd like to know more.

## Mungo's Diary

2 July, 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Church Hall
4 July, 12.30pm	Friendship Circle - Lunch Outing, Navaar Hotel. Phone Margaret 672347 for details and transport if you would like to come along.
8 July, 5.15pm	Service at Cowan Court. Anyone welcome to attend.
16 July, 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Church Hall
30 July, 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Church Hall



## Gift Day, Coinboxes & Bank Account

Report by Frank Duns - Treasurer

There are three matters to bring to your attention this month: the Gift Day, coin boxes and the new bank account.

The Gift day was a great success raising a substantial £2764. I would like to thank all of you who donated to this as this method of fundraising is vital for maintaining our properties.



I would also like to thank those of you who use our coin boxes. So far, with a small number yet to be handed in, they have raised £746.52, a considerable amount, especially when it consists of mostly one and two pence coins. This method of giving has raised a large amount of money over the years and if you don't have a coin box they are available in the church or you can ask your elder or myself for one.

### The new bank account.

As I previously explained we're having to change banks due to the RBS closing in Penicuik as we require a night safe facility for insurance purposes.



By the time you read this our new account will be open, a month later than anticipated, due to major problems receiving the correct paperwork and application forms, of which there were a considerable amount.

If you use online banking then it's simply a matter of cancelling your current standing order to St Mungo's and setting up a new one with the new St Mungo's Bank of Scotland account details.

I have already e-mailed members who give by standing order, whose contact details I have, with the new account sort code and account number and I will be giving out the new bank details, and standing order mandates if required, to those of you who give by standing order after the Sunday services(s).

If you don't use online banking then it's simply a matter of completing and taking the new standing order mandate, which has all the new account details on it, to your bank and cancelling your standing order to St Mungo's RBS account.

If you are an RBS customer there are options available since the RBS in Penicuik is now closed. You can go to any RBS branch, Peebles, Dalkeith Edinburgh etc., or you can use the mobile RBS bank which will be in the B&M car park between 2.50 p.m. and 3.35 p.m. on Wednesdays.

If you are unable to attend church please contact me on 678990, or your elder, and I'll ensure you receive the new bank account details for online banking or a standing order mandate. For obvious reasons I cannot publish these in the Mungo Messenger.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you, especially to those of you who are RBS Penicuik customers, but this is due to the delay in the opening of the new account.

There is what is called a "bounce back" in place between banks. This means that although your standing order will be to our closed bank account, the RBS will transfer that donation to our new BOS account.

This process goes on for a considerable length of time so there is no immediate problem. It is, however, in your best interest, and the best interests of St Mungo's irrespective of which bank you use, to change your standing order mandate at your earliest possible convenience.

**It's imperative that you cancel your old standing order because with the "bounce back" between banks in place, both standing orders would be payable.**

Frank Duns, Treasurer, St Mungo's



## July 2018

# Mungo Messenger

monthly newsheet from St. Mungo's Church Penicuik

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## Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



Summer seems to have arrived with blue skies and

bright sunshine.

Messy church and the sponsored walk benefited, though it was a bit showery for the Summer Fair. The Safari Adventure also found the sun.

We say farewell this month to Lynsay Downs who moves from St. James the Less to her new post in Banchory at



the start of August. We wish her and her family well in their new venture.

The team are gearing up for the Holiday Club in August, but meantime our minister John recommends a visit to the Faith Mission Convention, see 'From the Manse'.

Enjoy this issue, over a cup of tea out in the garden, in the sunshine.

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## Summer Fair - 16 June

Story - Jim Paterson

A great crowd visited St. Mungo's church hall on Saturday 16 to be tempted by the wide range of items on display. Though the clouds gathered and a shower or two occurred it did not stop the numbers arriving.

Home baking, bottle stall, knitting, books, jigsaws, tombola, birthday and special occasion cards, plus of course the raffle. A special 'guess the teddy bears name?' saw a few heads being scratched!



(that will wake you up!), and marmalade.

The bottle stall, with Mary Paterson and Barbara Sprott, once again had a wide selection of wines, spirits and soft drinks just asking to be won. At 3 tickets for a pound someone was sure to be a happy winner. Unfortunately it was not to be me this year, with a complete washout selection.



with a wide variety of cakes and delights, with individual cheesecakes, fruit loaves, sponge cakes, cup cakes, empire biscuits, snowballs, and a selection of scones. Joyce Hunter and Margaret Black were on hand to help choose something from the display. I bought early as they always disappear quickly.



Jars of home made marmalade, lemon curd, and this year chili jelly made by church members, promised to brighten up any slice of bread or toast at breakfast time.

Isabel Donachie sat beside the biggest white Teddy Bear in the world. Guess the



name of the bear was the challenge. I tried my luck but was nowhere near the right name, which in the end was chosen by Margaret Parker whose choice of Olivia was closest to Olive that Agnes Ovenstone had chosen and hidden in a sealed envelope before the event. Margaret tells me that Olivia will be heading to one of her young granddaughters.

Susan Duns was in charge of the Raffle Stall, and what a selection of prizes were on offer. It was a full time job selling tickets during the event. The winner selection at the close of the event took quite some time to clear all the prizes. St. Mungo's member and Midlothian councillor Debbie McCall, with the help of Agnes Ovenstone, helped with the presentation of prizes.

It was good to see Heather Boyle again, displaying her range of self made birthday and special occasion cards. With a number of birthdays coming up I took the opportunity to select a few and solve that problem.



The big attraction was the strawberry tea included in the ticket price. There were strawberry tarts, and bite size tartlets, cream buns, pancakes, or is that drop scones? Fruit loaf slices, buttered or plain also adorned the refreshment counter. Coupled with an endless supply of tea or coffee, brought to your table, made for a spectacular spread.

**Agnes Ovenstone announced to the congregation at the service on Sunday 17 that the summer fair made £834, plus a 10 Euro note. By Sunday 24 that had risen to £904. A new record amount for our summer fairs.**

## Safari Adventure - 23 June

Food Facts Friends group gathered from Dalkeith and Penicuik to board the brand new Lothian Coaches bus to take them to Blair Drummond Safari Park for a great day out, on Saturday 23 June.

St. Mungo members and foodbank volunteers accompanied families



and children who were delighted as the coach took them round the park to see all the animals. A packed lunch refreshment break was also provided.

Free time for our visitors to explore some of the other areas of the Safari Park on their own followed, before returning to Penicuik.

Voted a big success by all who joined the trip.

## Cala Award for Foodbank - 19 June

St. Mungo's members, and volunteers at the Food Facts Friends foodbank were presented with a cheque for £1000 at the Cala development, Mayburn Park, Straiton.

Along with twelve other local organisations, including Penicuik First Responders, the Penicuik Lost Garden, and Beeslack Life Saving Club, the group was commended for its work in the community in the fight against food poverty. Sir Robert Clerk was the special guest. The Cala Bursary scheme team spoke of the work the winners, their contribution to the community of Midlothian and why Cala were supporting them.



Last year Food Facts Friends distributed three and a half tonnes of food, much of which it needs to purchase. Charity Founder and St. Mungo's church member Mark Wells said: "The stark reality is that the numbers of people facing food poverty in Midlothian is increasing - and we want to help more of those people. To do that we need many things, but being able to purchase more food goes a long way to help"

## Vandals strike St. Mungo's - Again!



Our church hall seems to have an attraction for those intent to carry out mischief in our community. On Monday morning 11 June we arrived to setup the foodbank, only to find the door lock 'super glued'. We are not talking of a little. The whole tube had been poured into the lock rendering it useless.

Local Penicuik locksmith, Ross Watt of Aaron Locks Scotland, was soon on the job drilling out and replacing the old cylinder. While he was there we got him to replace the complete lock on the back door, which had also been 'super glued' some time ago!

By time we cut fresh keys for all the hall users the bill came to £226. Less than our insurance excess so we have to grin and bear it..... Again!

What is it that makes someone think it is funny to destroy others property? A police crime report was raised, and they did visit to interview us. So if your that person, better beware!



The final sum sent off to Christian Aid by the Penicuik group was **£ 4726.86 plus £300** approx due back from Gift Aided donations. Well done everyone!!"

**Pastoral Care** The Pastoral visiting team can be called on at any time (Margaret 672347)

## The Great Giveaway : Messy Church - 24 June

A Our theme in June was taken this story in Mark 10, and Jesus response to the man searching for eternal life.

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

With the sun shining we took to the garden for some of our activities, alongside the barbecue which would be enjoyed later in the afternoon.

Our activities included

**Bird Feeder** - Using rolls of cardboard, corn syrup, bird seed and cheerios cereal, attached to wire hangers, rolling the feeder in syrup and seed. This was an activity that everyone ended up with sticky fingers. The finished feeders were hung on a tree in the garden.



We talked about how all of God's creatures are important and that we can help feed the birds.

**Soup in a Jar** - From a range of ingredients including parmesan cheese, pasta and lentils, we filled a jar, finishing it off with a tag, and a sticker on each side, attaching the tag with a piece of cord or ribbon. To cook simply tip contents into a pan, add water and simmer for 20 minutes.



We talked about how Jesus tells us that we should be generous and give our possessions away to others. There are many people who do not have lots to eat in our community and so we are making these soup kits to give to them.

**Foam Cross** - We decorated small crosses, adding a message to our friends and others. We talk about how we should love God above all our possessions and stuff.

**Get Well Cards** - We made and decorated cards, choosing a message for the inside. We talked about sending a 'get well' card to folks we show we care for them. Again – another way to 'give' to others.

**Hygiene Kits** - We made up ziplock bags on useful toiletries for both boys and girls, with items like Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Soap, Shampoo, Cream Rinse, 1 Tissue pack

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**Celebration Time in the church** was led by Margaret Webster and Rae Hunter, with Janis Hogg, Elaine Jacobs and Bill Webster providing supporting roles for the the sketch that demonstrated how we should make time in our lives to give help to others.



We finished with a prayer before returning for our BBQ meal with all the families.



**Messy Church is on its summer break, returning on Sunday 26th August, when we will have a 'sports day' in the park.**

Hope you enjoy your summer holiday too.

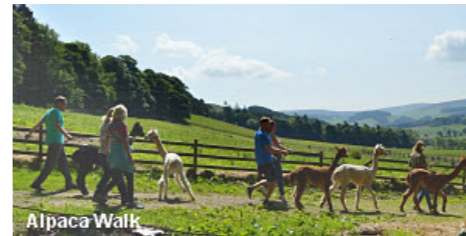
## Sponsored Walk - 9 June *Report by Jim Paterson*

The sun shone on the 11 walkers, and Rosie the dog, as they set off from St. Mungo's to walk the Tweed valley from Cardronna to Innerleithen. Along the river and over the hills, with a call for ice creams at Caldwell's in Innerleithen made it a great day out. Some walkers even turned out in their shorts.

We arrived at Cardronna station, which was an intermediate station on the Peebles to Innerleithen extension which eventually linked up with the Waverley Line at Galashiels, from 1864 to 1962. The old station waiting room is home to Nashy's Coffee House providing a great place to park up and grab a bacon roll before heading off on the walk.

We shared the walk with the morning golfers on the Macdonald Cardronna course, before crossing the River Tweed over the Woodend footbridge to the north side. Meeting cyclists on the route of the now disused railway line became a regular occurrence on the path, with the call 'cyclists' becoming a regular feature, for those approaching us from behind. We commented that not many bicycles seem to be equipped with bells these days.

Eventually we reached Glenormiston Halt, a rest point where some kept on the riverside walk, heading for Innerleithen, whilst others set off up the hills toward Velvet Hall. The spot we divided, at Glenormiston, has its own fascinating history. If you read the full article on our website, you will find out .



I joined the group heading up to the hills. The farmers were busy harvesting silage and as we passed they were scooping up the cut grass into those big rolls you see scattered across fields after harvest.

Crossing the A72 Peebles to Innerleithen Road we headed uphill passing the Velvet Hall Alpaca centre. From around the corner just ahead of us

they appeared, led by a group of keepers, walking the animals along the forest paths. Recently shorn, the Alpaca's that is, meant they were cool under the noon day sun.



Onward and upward into the forest heading north then east through the trees led us eventually to the 'kissing gate' into the sunshine at Caerlee Hill, the site of an iron age fort. Dorothy Paterson lost her flask of tea at the kissing gate, heaving her backpack over the gate to make it easier to pass through. Pity the backpack landed on the thermos flask inside, with a sickening sound

of breaking glass, as the thermos inner flask took the brunt of the landing, leaking hot tea over the grass.

We were all grateful that it was all downhill now to Innerleithen, and the prize of a world famous 'Caldwells' ice cream. Here we met the riverside walkers, now on their third cone!

Refreshed we headed south out of Innerleithen toward the River Tweed. We passed more cyclists and other travellers, enjoying their event. The route led back to Glenormiston Halt, where we split on the outward walk.

We were on the home stretch now and managed to avoid the forecast thunderstorms. The foreboding black clouds which gathered when we were in Innerleithen had dispersed and moved away, to allow the return of the sunshine..

A great day, taking in beautiful countryside, right on our doorstep. All funds raised go to the upkeep of your church.

**Total received from sponsorship is £859, much of which is 'gift-aided' and should yield a further £142 (approx.) in recovered tax.**

**Very WELL DONE and THANKS to both our WALKERS and their SPONSORS.**

