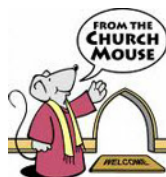


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Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



Summer and the holiday time will soon be upon us.

Great fun at the annual Quiz Night, and Messy Church looked at Pentecost with the children and families.

Support for Christian Aid week from St. Mungo's members was amazing, raising the amount of cash for this worthwhile cause.

Your church was represented in Penicuik in the Park with many people stopping by to speak to the team.

The Summer Fair is one to note for June along with the Sponsored Walk.

Past sermons and services continue to be enjoyed by those not able to attend on a Sunday morning, or wishing to listen again.

A fast link from the website home page now makes it even easier to find.



The Pastoral Care Group visits the elderly housebound, those recovering from illness, those who have been bereaved and those in many other situations, to let them know the church family is thinking of them.

If you feel you could spare some time to help this group by visiting, you will be warmly welcomed. Contact Margaret on 672347 for more information.

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Penicuik Church's Quiz Night - 25 May 2018

Story Agnes Ovenstone. Photos - Jim Paterson

St Mungo's win 'Smart Alec' Award

At our quiz night on Friday 25th May four teams competed. Gordon MacDonald and Agnes Ovenstone shared asking the questions and keeping the score.

Although we didn't have a great number of people, everyone there had a night filled with fun and laughter.

The teams were called Fullers Club, We Dinae Ken, Hunter & Lass Five, and Famous Five.



The six categories were General Knowledge, Science, History, Film, Bible and a multiple choice round. The Bible questions were set by our minister Rev John Urquhart and were based on Shepherds of the Bible.



Agnes, Gordon, and Smart Alec

After three categories we had tea/coffee and loaf and cake. Then back to the quiz.



The Famous Five

One of the general knowledge questions was "What is the world's largest land mammal" which of course is the Elephant but one team thought the Giraffe which is of course taller but not larger. One of the multiple choice questions was - "Festfolk" was the original name for which group - Beach Boys, Abba, Motorhead or Simon and Garfunkel" The answers were split between Abba and Simon and Garfunkel. Correct answer Abba.



Fullers Club

A lot of sighing and/or cheering or moans could be heard from around the hall. When, as they say on quiz shows, the results were counted and verified the winning team by one point was We Dinae Ken comprising of Mary and Jim Paterson, Janis Hogg, Neil Cape and Jim Paterson.



Hunter and Lass Five

Agnes presented Jim with the coveted Smart Alec trophy. Everyone agreed it had been a really good night.

Tkmaxx supports Foodbank

Retailer Tkmaxx at Straiton presented a cheque for £1000 to Mark Wells and the team of Food Facts Friends to support the work the Foodbank and drop in centre provides in our community. With the help of St. Mungo's members as volunteers the charity has provided over 3585 Kg (over 3.5 tonnes) of food to over 700 people in the past year. Speak to Mark in church if you can help as a volunteer.



Sponsored Walk - Saturday 9 June

Join us on Saturday 9 June for the annual sponsored walk. If you're not able, then why not sponsor one of the walkers.

This year, we are returning to Peeblesshire to walk a part-circular, return route between Cardrona and Innerleithen of approximately 7 miles.



Full information and sponsorship forms etc. are available on the Church and Hall Notice Boards, or direct from Ian Dickson 0131-440 2019.

Summer Fair - 16 June

St Mungo's Church



SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 16 June

10am - 12noon

Church Hall

Many stalls, Raffle, Teas

Scottish Charity No: SC005838

Come along to this year's Summer Fair on Saturday 16th June. Lots of stalls with items to tempt you plus prizes to be won at the raffle and tombola stalls.

A wide range of items on display, including greeting cards, books, bricabrac, and home baking.

Refreshments available with a wide range of home baking to go with your strawberry tea, or coffee.

Tables in the garden if weather is kind to us.

Put the date in your diary now.



Helping those across the world

St. Mungo's members, supporters, and the many generous donations from round the streets during our collection during Christian Aid Week, resulted in a total

of £1621.92 being collected by St Mungo's alone. Money that will help those in trouble across the world.

A huge thank you from our Christian Aid coordinator Janis Hogg to all those who donated and helped with the collection.

Penicuik in the Park - 26 May

St. Mungo's was part of the Penicuik Churches Working Together display at Penicuik in the Park on Saturday 26 May.



With the Food Facts Friends foodbank display next to them they both attracted a wide range of visitors keen to find out what the church offers to people of all ages in Penicuik, and what the foodbank, supported by St. Mungo's members, is doing for those in our community enduring hard times.



Mungo's Diary

- 4 June, 7.30pm Monday Bible Study Group - Church Hall
- 5 June, 7.30pm Congregational board and Kirk Session meeting. Church Hall
- 6 June, 10.45am Friendship Circle - 15 Eskvale Drive
For help with transport phone Margaret, 672347
- 6 June, 7.30pm Wednesday Housegroup / Bible Study.
21 Mauricewood Bank.
- 16 June, 10.00am Summer Fair - Church Hall and Garden, to 12 noon
- 18 June, 7.30pm Monday Bible Study Group - Church Hall
- 24 June, 4.00pm Messy Church. Church Hall until 6.00pm
- 27 June, 7.30pm Wednesday Housegroup / Bible Study.
21 Mauricewood Bank.
- 4 July, 10.45am Friendship Circle - Lunch Outing, to be arranged.
Phone Margaret 672347 for details and transport if you would like to come along.

Messy Church Pentecost

This month Messy Church looked at the The Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them".



Some of our activities were outside in the hall garden under the welcome sunshine. Including

Rockets - We made rockets from rolled paper then blew them using a drinking straw. We thought how the Holy Spirit came (and comes) with power – letting some amazing things happen.

Dove collage - The idea was to make a stained glass window, covering the dove with the feathers and the rest with the coloured squares. It was a team effort which we took over to the church later, for celebration time

Blow football - Out in the garden in the sunshine we created a 'crazy golf' type course made of cardboard tubes, from which we had to blow a ping pong ball through to the finish. This was really just a bit of fun, but we talked about how the Holy Spirit always comes with a purpose, and gives us gifts to use with purpose – just as we have to have some plan as we blow our ball around. Otherwise it would all be just a waste of time.

Celebration Time in the church was led by Joan Cape and Rae Hunter. Through story, song, video, and the crafts we had completed we heard the story of Pentecost told once again.

We finished with a prayer before returning for a meal with all the families and talking of what we had learned today.

Next Messy Church Sunday 24th June, followed by a BBQ

From the Manse - Rev John Urquhart

Dear friends

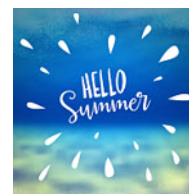
A wood pigeon has been padding around in an amusingly systematic manner in the manse garden, presumably looking for worms beneath the surface of the lawn. Together with the flowers in bloom and the warmer weather we've been enjoying recently, this methodical creature reminded me of these words from the Song of Songs:

*...for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land. (Song of Songs 2:11-13)*

This ancient poetry comes from a part of the world, where there are two dominant seasons: winter, with its life-giving rain, and summer, with its blazing heat. The transition is much swifter than for us, and with more of a marked difference between the seasons. In our climate, we often get rain in the summer, but it has been good to rejoice recently in the warm sun.

May God bless you to enjoy and benefit from this summer.

John



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