

From the Manse

Dear friends

The First World War started on 4 August 1914. During its course, some 40 million people were casualties of war. The number of deaths includes 9.7 million in military uniform and around 10 million civilians. About 21 million people were wounded. The cold statistics do not do justice to the way many people's lives and communities were altered as a result.

In 1918, 4 August was observed as a National Day of Prayer at the request of King George V. One hundred days later, the guns fell silent on the Western Front, effectively bringing the war to an end, though the Peace was not negotiated until 1919.

Every year millions of people observe a Two-Minute Silence on Remembrance Sunday or on Armistice Day. This year both dates coincide on the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. We shall be gathering in St Mungo's at 10.45am on 11 November, together with many people from the local community, to worship God, to remember those who died in that war and in other wars since, and to pray for peace and seek hope for the world. Our worship will be led by the Penicuik Silver Band.

To mark that anniversary, we are giving away copies of a booklet designed by Hope Together, a Christian charity. It's called Silence... we will remember them, and it's designed to be given away at Remembrance events. It is beautifully illustrated and will fit neatly in a pocket. It invites you to look back with gratitude for the sacrifice made by so many in war, and to reflect on eternal themes of faith, hope and love. It includes stories from the wars of the last century and wisdom from the Bible.

As we have only two hundred copies, as it has now been sold out, I am asking you to limit yourself to one copy per household or to look at the online version: www.remembrance100.co.uk/silence

Please pray that all who come that day will be touched by the grace and peace of God.

John

Church Cleaners

We have lost a number of volunteers who clean the Church due to illness or various other reasons, and in order to keep it in good order we urgently need a few new volunteers.

It would only be four or five times a year and you would be paired with someone so you wouldn't be on your own.

If you feel able to take this on please contact Margaret Black (673399)

Mungo's Diary

5 Nov, 7.30pm	Guild Commodity Night - Church Hall
6 Nov, 7.30pm	Kirk Session Meeting - Church Hall committee room
7 Nov, 10.45am	Friendship Circle - 15 Eskvale Drive. Phone Margaret 672347 for help with transport
11 Nov, 10.45am	Remembrance 1918-2018 Service. Church
12 & 26 Nov, 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group - Church Hall
14 & 28 Nov, 7.30pm	Wednesday Bible Study / Housegroup 21 Mauricewood Bank. All welcome
19 Nov, 7.30pm	Guild - Larch Housing. Presented by Lady Clerk
24 Nov, 10.00am	St. Mungo's Christmas Fair. Church Hall to 12 noon
24 Nov, 7.00pm	Marcus Swietlicki Autumn Recital. In the Church
25 Nov, 5.15pm	Service at Cowan Court. All welcome
25 Nov, 4.00pm	Messy Church in the Church Hall
5 December	Friendship Circle Christmas Meal. Phone Margaret 672347 if you would like to join us



St. Mungo's
Christmas Fair
Saturday 24 November 10.00am to 12 noon

RAFFLE
FOOD
CAKE STALL
CHRISTMAS FAIR
CRAFT STALL
HOT DRINKS
TOMBOLA

Bottle Stall
Cakes and Candies
Toys & gift ideas
Books, CD's and DVD's
Home Baking
Tombola
Raffle with great prizes

Ticket
Only £3. Includes
Tea, coffee, cake and refreshments

Saturday 24 November 10am to 12 noon

Join us on Saturday 24 November for the annual Christmas Fair at St. Mungo's church hall. Lots of stocking fillers and gifts to help you solve that present to buy problem. Home baking to buy and to sample with your refreshing cup of tea or coffee served with a smile, and included in the price of your ticket.

What else could you ask for? We hope to see you on the 24th.

Donation Envelopes

If you are still using the Donation Envelopes method of giving to St Mungo's please give serious consideration to changing to a standing order.

As you know we had to change banks due to the RBS in Penicuik closing. Our new customer free banking period with the BOS will soon end and we will start paying bank charges for our transactions which will be around £20 a month.



Cash paid in is one of the most expensive charges, £1 for every £100 paid in, that obviously includes what we receive through the envelope donation system. These envelopes are also expensive for us to purchase.

Electronic payments in and out of the account are free and we are now at the stage, and have been for some time, that virtually every bill we pay is by direct debit, standing order or BACS payment. If we could receive the majority of our income electronically it would save us a considerable amount of money over a year.

You have complete control over how much you give and when your donation comes out of your account.

Please ask me or your elder for the bank details if you wish to start giving by this method.

Frank Duns, Treasurer.



November 2018

Mungo Messenger

monthly newsheet from St. Mungo's Church Penicuik

You can sign up to an extended "e" version of this newsheet, with full length features, and colour photos which will be delivered to your email each month, saving paper and other resources. Use "eSignup" on St. Mungo's website www.stmungos.freeuk.com

Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC



A lot has been, and will be happening as we head toward the winter months. From Harvest Thanksgiving, hats gloves and scarves, and the outstanding donations to Christian Aid relief appeals shows just how our Christian outreach touches those less fortunate than ourselves, across the world.

We celebrated 90 years of St. Mungo's Guild, which goes on with another full season of activities for everyone.

Looking forward we will once again welcome Marcus Swietlicki to our church, where he will



perform his Autumn Recital on Saturday 24 November at 7.00pm. Full details on our website.

Lots coming, so enjoy the read and hope to see you in church soon.

Jim Paterson
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Remembrance 1918 - 2018: Sunday 11 November @ 10.45am



St. Mungo's will host the Service of Remembrance on Sunday 11 November, starting at 10.45am.

The church will be filled with members of the Royal British Legion, members of our armed forces, cadet and young people.

2018 is particularly important, marking 100 years since the Armistice was signed, so ending the First World War, after more than 4 years of fighting. The Rev John Urquhart will lead our service, with Penicuik Silver Band leading the praise. Join us for this memorable event, celebrating what was hailed as the end of the 'war to end all wars'.

Harvest Thanksgiving - 7 October Story - Jim Paterson

St Mungo's sanctuary displayed a wide range of foods on and around the communion table at the front of the church on Sunday 7 October, all donated by church members, and visitors for our thanksgiving service. Margaret Webster announced the theme of our serviced 'End Hunger Penicuik, as part of a wider UK campaign.



John explained the campaign to 'End Hunger' as a petition to raise the need for changes in the Universal Credit system being rolled out which

has led to a significant increase in food poverty, which in turn is driving an increase in foodbank use. St. Mungo's supports the charity Food Facts Friends who have seen an increase to over 40 families a week receiving food parcels, help with finding other support agencies in Midlothian, and friendship, as they struggle in food poverty, whilst waiting for the Universal Credit system to

commence. The display in our church went to Food Facts Friends, and our sister North Church Foodstore.

We heard from the scripture readings how Jesus taught those with wealth, the rich, must share their good fortune for the benefit of the poor in need, and those falling on hard times. The sermon returned to James, the Lord's brother, continuing the theme of the uses of wealth. The full story and service can be heard on our catchup feature on the website - www.stmungos.freeuk.com



Pastoral Care if you would like to have a visit, please contact Margaret Webster 672347 or fill in a card (on top of the box on the table in the church vestibule) and pop it into the box.

St. Mungo's Guild 90th anniversary 1928 - 2018



St. Mungo's Guild celebrated its 90th anniversary on Saturday 27th October with an afternoon tea in the church hall.

Over 70 people joined the gathering to enjoy a well stocked afternoon tea, with sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee refreshments. Our minister Rev John Urquhart said the Grace, and senior Guild member Avis

Anderson cut the specially baked 90th anniversary fruit cake, which was baked by Guild member Joyce Hunter. Everyone must have enjoyed the cake with their afternoon tea, as none was left at the end of the day!

Agnes Ovenstone, Sheila Haig, Margaret Black, and Christine Jackson told us some of the highlights in the history of the Guild from its beginnings in 1928.



Sheila

St. Mungo's Guild was inaugurated by Rev William Landale on 19th September 1928, when a committee of 15 women was formed, from the 103 women and 63 girls who attended the church, there was no church hall at that time. Some of the committee ladies resigned the following week, and Sheila wondered if their husbands had anything to do with that!

The first event was a social in the Cowan Institute for which they sold 450 of the 500 tickets printed. With catering provided by the Co-op it was great success. This set the shape of things to come and what we see today.

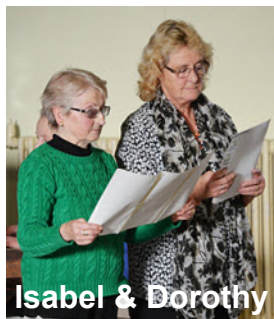


Christine



Margaret

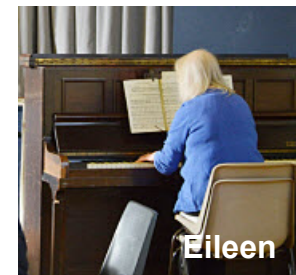
Buying vases for flowers in the church quickly followed, another activity that continues today. The first Sale of Work was held in May 1929, which raised over £173, a lot of money in those days. The first year income was almost £362, of which the Guild donated £200 toward the cost of a church hall, opened on 22nd January 1930.



Isabel & Dorothy

By November 1965 the Guild offered to help fund upgrading the hall heating, which could be erratic, leaving the hall cold for meetings. A warm hall may increase numbers attending too. However some things never change, and in both December 1970, and again in December 1971 comments were made that the hall was very cold! Fortunately our current property convenor has upgraded the heating system with modern boilers keeping all the hall users warm in the winter months.

Following our reminiscing Isabel Donachie, and Dorothy Paterson sang a range of songs, accompanied by Eileen Marchant on piano, for across the years. A sing song saw the audience join in making a wonderful finale to a great afternoon. Meetings are held on a Monday evening.



Eileen

The full syllabus for this year is available on line at our website www.stmungos.freeuk.com/events or contact Agnes Ovenstone 01968 672387

Christian Aid - Thank you

Over the past six weeks St. Mungo's congregations have donated a total of **£1142** for the relief of three natural disasters across the world. Kerala floods £500, Philippines Typhoon £222 and Indonesia Tsunami £420
Christian Aid sends their thanks to you all for your kindness.



Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal - 21 October

St. Mungo's contribution, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Cardigans, Blankets.

St. Mungo's congregation once again rallied to the call for warm clothing for those in Eastern Europe that have little to keep them warm when winter strikes hard. Sharpening their knitting needles we could almost hear the clicking around Penicuik as woolly hats, gloves, scarves and blankets were produced in abundance.

Co-ordinator Christine Jackson reported over 500 items on display at the service on Sunday 21 October. An amazing blaze of colours you could not help but see as we entered the church. The display was earlier this year as Blythswood Care, who use our knitting to make up presents in their Shoebox appeal, have even more countries to send to and are starting earlier to make sure they reach everyone for Christmas.



Our Spotlight during the service focussed on the display. John explained why, as Christians, we do this each year, following our belief in Jesus who taught us to look after those who are weak and poor. During the Spotlight we watched a video prepared for us by Blythswood Care

showing the places they go to in this their 25th year of operation.

From small beginnings in 1993 where 300 boxes were delivered to Romania, they expect to deliver over the 2017 target of 115000 shoeboxes in 2018.

What was really striking was the list of countries to be visited this year, displayed at the end of the video. In addition to Romania we saw Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine added to the list.

It really hits home and makes you think. How in 2018 can our world be in such a desperate situation. We should be thankful that, by the grace of God, are able to help those in distress and poverty.



A big thank you to all who contributed, be it knitting all year, or buying something from the shops. They will all keep someone, adult or child, warm this winter, at Christmas..

Watch the Blythswood Care video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQoRPfrboVs>



Moderator visits Foodbank at St. Mungo's - 5 October

Food Facts and Friends foodbank welcomed the Rt Rev Susan Brown to Penicuik St. Mungo's church hall on Friday 5 October, to see for herself the good work the foodbank and drop in centre provides those in need across Midlothian.



Rev Susan Brown was returning to her home town of Penicuik, Midlothian for the visit to Food, Facts and Friends Foodbank, which is hosted in St Mungo's Parish Church Hall.

Not only did she talk with clients, volunteers, councillors, and MSP,

she also rolled up her sleeves and helped pack food parcels for the clients as they took a cup of coffee and talked with other clients also seeking help and assistance. Rev Susan Brown praised the tireless volunteers who give their time to help hard press families in the area, during this Challenge Poverty Week, and every week throughout the year.

The majority of volunteers are members of St. Mungo's who see it as their Christian duty to reach out and assist people who are often on the margins of society due to a range of often complex reasons.

The event was attended by Michelle Ballantyne MSP, patron of the foodbank charity, local councillor, Pauline Winchester and Peter Smail, Provost of Midlothian, along with Midlothian Councillors Joe Wallace and Debbi McCall.



Messy Church - 28 October

The Messy Church theme for the afternoon was 'Light of the World'

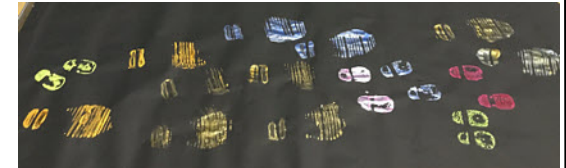
* Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)
* God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. (.1John 1:5)
* The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out. (John, 1:5)



The activities were all connected with 'light' and included

"JESUS IS OUR LIGHT" CUP. Using a clear glass cup we stuck on coloured tissue pieces all over the outside. We attached a cross, made from a pipe cleaner, and glued it to the front of the cup, writing on the words "Jesus is our light". A tea light was popped inside, to see what happened. What you think it means when Jesus is called "our light". How can we share is light with the people we know?

FEET COLLAGE. Wellies with their soles painted walked on black paper, making a "path" of footprints. We talked about: how we can find out from the Bible where we are meant to go, and what we are meant to do? How can we understand better what the Bible says to us? many treasures pudding was made up of a variety of different fruits and bases.



LIGHT AND DARK BOTTLES. This one was scientific as well as fun. We took a jar of dark coloured water. Then we poured in roughly the same quantity of cooking oil, screwed on the top, and gave it a good shake. We then left the mixed up liquid in the jar to see the oil and coloured water separate out again. We chatted about the times when it feels as if everything is dark/bad/difficult. What are the things which make us remember that it's not always like this? We were reminded that no matter however bad things feel or seem, Jesus is always there – and like the oil in the bottle, never goes away; we just sometimes need to have patience to see/hear him.



CANDLE PUDDING. This is the one you can eat what you make, so was very popular. We took marshmallows and rolled them in the coloured sugar, putting 4 or 5 of these onto one skewer. We finished off four 'candle' with a "flame" made out of the icing and fixed to the top. We talked about: when do we have candles? How are the things we have been thinking of – the Bible, God, Jesus – like a candle? And in what ways are they NOT like a candle?



The **CELEBRATION TIME** in the church saw Joan and Sheila tell us the story and we sang songs with actions to illustrate what we had heard. A closing prayer then it was time to head back to the hall for a hot dinner and a chat with friends over the dinner table.



Next Messy Church: Sunday November 25th

Christmas Hampers

Elaine & John Jacobs are organising Christmas hampers for needy families in Penicuik this year.

St. Mungo's are hoping to supply 5 hampers. There will soon be lists of what you could bring/supply as a guide in the hall. Please bring items from the 2nd of December onwards, as we will be delivering them week commencing 17th Dec.

These hampers are very much appreciated by the people who receive them. They are given to people in Penicuik whose names we receive from woman's aid, social work and Stepping Forward (family support).. Thank you Elaine.

