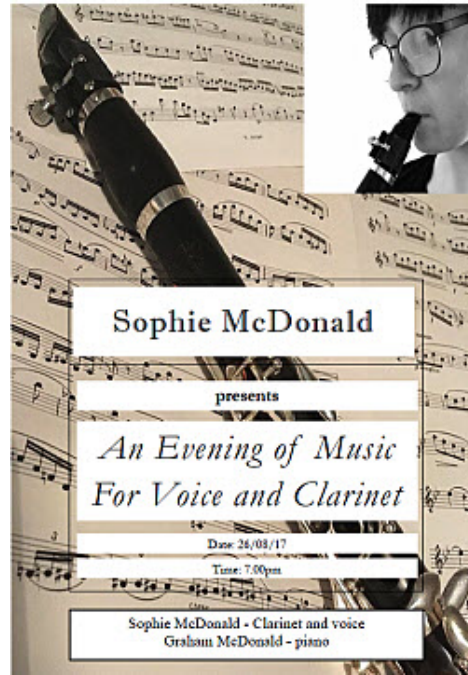


## An Evening of Music with Sophie McDonald

The South Church was filled with over 200 people on Saturday 26 August to hear Sophie McDonald perform a concert of song and clarinet. The audience were captivated for over 2 hours, with only a 30 minute interlude, listening to a wide range of music styles and songs. Sophie was joined by her father Graham McDonald accompanying her on piano.



The concert was Sophie's idea to help contribute towards the cost of her forthcoming classes at the Junior Conservatoire in Glasgow in September. This prestigious training opportunity was won following a series of auditions, in the face of considerable competition.

The concert started the first Act with Sophie singing a selection of songs. Opening with the well known 'I could have danced all night' by Frederick Loewe/ Alan Jay Lerner, following with a classical piece Mozart's 'L'Ho Perduta'. Continuing the classical theme we heard 'Maria Wiegenlied', written in 1912 by Max Reger. Music from the shows included a selection that we all recognised. Sophie started with 'Out of my dreams' from the Rogers and Hammerstein hit musical Oklahoma. Continuing the music of Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein, we were enthralled with 'If I loved you' from the musical Carousel. No music from the shows is complete without a number from the Andrew Lloyd Weber pen, and Sophie chose 'Think of Me' from the 2004 musical Phantom of the Opera.

We headed back to 1929 for the Thomas "Fats" Waller rendition of 'Ain't Misbehavin'. Fats said the song was written while "lodging" in alimony prison, and that is why he was not "misbehaving".

The first Act drew to a rapturous conclusion with 'No one else', from the 2012 Broadway show Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812, written by composer/lyricist Dave Malloy.

Act 2 saw Sophie on clarinet, commencing with 'Sonata in E flat major Op.167' for clarinet and piano, written in 1921 by Camille Saint-Saens. Sophie played all four movements, Allegretto, Allegro Animato, Lento, and Molto Allegro.

Drawing breath she continued with 'Sonata in E flat major' by Felix Mendelssohn, the clarinet being the only wind instrument for which Felix Mendelssohn wrote any solo works. Sophie played the second movement, 'Andante'.

Bringing a bit of jazz into the performance, we heard 'Etudes on themes of Gershwin' by Paul Harvey, with Sophie playing the 1930 song 'I got rhythm'.

Returning to classical pieces, this time Mozart 'Clarinet Concerto in A K622', written in 1791, Sophie playing the second movement 'Adagio'. The Finale of the concert was one of the Gerald Finzi chamber works, 'Five Bagatelles Op.23', Sophie playing all five movements Prelude, Romance, Carol, Forlana, and Fughetto.

A standing ovation of applause filled the church with appreciation for this barely 15 year old student, allowing us to enjoy such talent. We all look forward to hearing Sophie in future years as she develops her talent and skills, starting with her classes at the Junior Conservatoire in Glasgow.

## Mungo's Diary

4 September 7.30pm	Guild new season starts - church hall. River Cruising with Dr. Johnson
5 September 7.30pm	Kirk Session meeting. Church Hall committee room.
6 September 10.45am	Friendship Circle - 44 Cranston Street. For help with transport call Margaret 672347
11 & 25 Sept 7.30pm	Monday Bible Study Group. Church Hall
13 & 27 Sept 7.30pm	Housegroup / Bible Study at 21 Mauricewood Bank.
18 September 7.30pm	Guild - church hall. Horticultural Society with Kathryn Pitts.
22 September 7.30pm	Silent Auction - church hall. See poster above

## SILENT AUCTION



ST MUNGO'S CHURCH  
HALL  
FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER  
7.30PM

Come along to our silent auction on Friday 22 September at 7 30pm and you might find something up for auction that you have always wanted.

If you have anything you don't want anymore but for someone else it may be exactly what they are looking for then bring it along to the hall. Any further information contact Agnes 672387.

## Thank you from Yvonne Atkins

The Rev Yvonne Atkins was our Interim Moderator for the two years leading up to the induction of Rev John Urquhart. St. Mungo's showed our thanks with a small gift. Here is her reply.

Dear Margaret,

I am just back from annual leave and one of the first things I wanted to do was write to you (and the congregation) to say a huge thank you for the wonderful (and unexpected) gifts you presented to me at John's Induction. The flowers were really beautiful and are still going strong and the lemon curd really brought a smile to my face. You obviously know the way to my heart! However, I was truly overwhelmed by the generous gift of the John Lewis vouchers. I intend to use them to buy something for our retirement flat to remember you all by.

When I first became the Interim Moderator and I came to preach at St Mungo's I was struck by the warmth of the welcome given by the congregation. So much so, that I haven't stopped talking about it to my congregation since! Over the two years though, I have also been struck by the warmth of individual Elders and Board Members and those seeking the best interests of the congregation and it has been a privilege to work alongside them all. Please pass on my deepest thanks and good wishes to all concerned.

God bless,  
Yvonne



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# Mungo Messenger

monthly newsheet from St. Mungo's Church Penicuik

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## Church mouse

From the mouse of Editor's PC High Summer in Penicuik welcomed our new beginning in the life of St. Mungo's.



This issue covers the Rev John Urquhart's induction and welcome, and his first letter from the manse, giving us a bit of background to himself and family.

Our church was involved in providing lots of activities and fun at the Holiday Club, and the following Sunday Service with the church Epic Explorer decorated, and families telling of their experiences.

Messy Church Sports and BBQ started the new season with a great event.

## Sunday School is Cool



With the schools returning we also have the Sunday School restarting. All bringing the word of God and Jesus to our young children.

Sophie McDonald who has played for us in St. Mungo's at a past Guild event performed a concert in South Church.

Enjoy this issue and be sure to visit the website for the full stories and lots more. Your church is on a new journey. Join us.

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## Rev John Urquhart - A new beginning



The Rev John Urquhart was officially inducted into his new charge at St. Mungo's on Thursday August 10th at 7.00pm. The Rev Neil Dougall led the service with members of the Presbytery.

The Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell preached the sermon. We heard of the new beginning, of a new chapter, not only for the people of Penicuik St. Mungo's, but for John Urquhart and his family, moving out from Edinburgh.

Anikó spoke of some of the practicalities that John will be faced with. Identifying and remembering which name goes with which person, which dentist to register with etc. While not life defining, they help in making this new place a home.

There will be a lot for the congregation to find out about John and how he works. We can then go forward together, in this new chapter of our church. We will bring together the congregation's many talents and gifts with those of John, wife Rebeca and son David, to step forward together into the future.



John answers the questions

The formal Induction process was explained by the Rev Neil Dougall before asking John to profess his faith, before signing the Formula of Subscription, sealing the vows he had made.

The congregation then answered a series of questions, accepting John into our church, offering him our encouragement and support, to share the responsibility to follow and serve Jesus Christ, and to give our time, talents, and money to the work of the Church in the world.

There followed three signs of Shared

Ministry, from Janis Hogg presenting the bible, Bill Webster presenting water, as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, and Margaret Webster presenting bread, a symbol of us being united as His body in Holy communion.

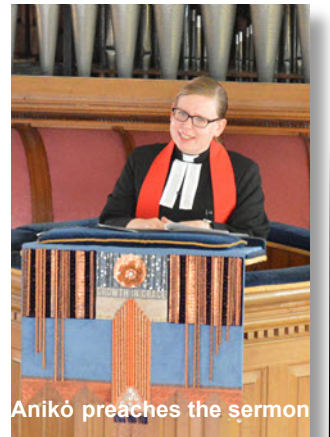
The formalities concluded, the gathering met in the church hall to celebrate with John Urquhart and his family, friends and colleagues this joyous occasion.

Our interim moderator, Yvonne Atkins, now standing down from her role, opened the gathering, introducing Deputy Session Clerk Margaret Webster to lead the thanks. Margaret welcomed John into our church and community, and was followed by Rev Ian Cathcart and Rev Lynsay Downs from Penicuik South and St. James the Less churches offering their welcome and support.



Celebration in the Church Hall

John then replied before Mrs Pauline Weibye, Session Clerk at Craigmillar Park Church, spoke of her time with John, and how their loss was our gain, wishing us the very best on our new journey of faith. The Rev John Young also provided further insight into John's skills and talents and how these would help us all in our journey.



Anikó preaches the sermon



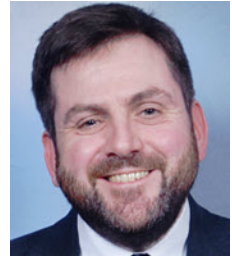
Hand of welcome extended to John



## From the Manse - The Rev John Urquhart

Dear friends

I have just started as parish minister at St Mungo's, so I thought my first letter should give you some information about my family and me, so you can get to know us a little better.



I was brought up in an old, chilly manse in the West Highlands, in the village of Arisaig, so we're glad now to be in a snug, warm, modern manse, for which we thank you all very much. Thank you too for your warm welcome and many gifts to us. Thank you also for your help and encouragement to the 'newbies'.



My wife, Rebeca (one b, one c, as it is the Spanish spelling of the name) is from Lima in Peru and works as a public service interpreter for the NHS, Edinburgh City Council, the courts and other agencies. The third member of our household, David, who'll be 15 this month, is a keen cyclist and photographer. He'll be helping gradually to fill a wall in St Mungo's with photos and names of people in our church community.

I came to faith in Christ at an early age, partly through a child's picture book about Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. Puzzling over this, I asked questions about Jesus, which led to a prayer on the hearth rug at home in which I asked Jesus to come into my life. Later on, I was a volunteer with Scripture Union and Urban Saints, and then an elder. I began to think seriously about ministry of word and sacrament, after my own minister suggested it. My late father and my grandfather were also ministers, and so I'm the third generation to study divinity at Edinburgh's New College, though we all had other careers before training for ministry. For twelve years, I worked for the charity, Age Concern Scotland (as it was called then), developing a special library and latterly managing their website.

### Looking forward

On Sundays, for around eight weeks, we are taking a look at the apostle Peter's experience of being disciplined by Jesus, from his growing faith and obedience to his experience of failure and forgiveness. It is a pattern of hope for all of us. Do join us for that, if you can, or listen on the website.

I would like you to mull over two quotations that I've been thinking about. The first is from Mike Breen, quoted in a paper on 'Understanding Missional Church' for the Presbytery of Lothian, who says this:

A missional church... is the new car that everyone is talking about right now, but no matter how beautiful or shiny the vehicle, without an engine, it won't go anywhere. So what is the engine of the church? Discipleship. I've said it many times: If you make disciples [Matthew 28:19], you will always get the church. But if you try to build the church, you will rarely get disciples.

The second quotation is older: it comes from the pen of Amy Carmichael (1867-1951), who had a remarkable ministry for Christ in India:

Many have forgotten that unofficial witness-bearing used to be the chief way by which the good news went around the world. [e.g. Acts 11] I tell you, and you believe and receive and tell someone else, and he tells others. Frank, vital telling in ordinary language that the Lord Jesus Christ lives and loves, and can save and keep, and can be known like a real friend, and is a Master who gives real orders and strength to carry them out.

Please think and pray about these things as we explore them together.

John

### Guild Season Starts

The 2017 Guild season commences on Monday 3rd September. See below for the full programme to the end of this year. See the website for the 2018 session as well.

4 September	River Cruising - Dr. Johnson
18 September	Horticultural Society - Kathryn Pitts
2 October	Citizen of the Year - Vic Ramage
16 October	An evening with - Andrew Don.
30 October	Macmillan Nurses
13 November	Community Champion - Maxine Regan
27 November	Scots Night



## Summer Activities with the Children

### Holiday Club - 31 July to 4 August

Report by Joan Cape

The 2017 Holiday Club was held in St. Mungo's church hall, from Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August. This year's theme was Epic Explorers. A team led by Esther Bailey from SU and made up of members of most of the Penicuik churches guided the children (aged 5-11) through Mark's Gospel to discover who Jesus is, why he came and what it means to follow him.



It was a week full of adventure, as we sailed to a tropical island, searched for dens and caves, climbed mountains and discovered the most exciting news you can ever hear! All this in a hall transformed into a jungle, with creepers, trees, monkeys, parrots and several other creatures.

As we found out what this news was, we played games, got crafty, sang (and danced!) along and enjoyed each other's company!

The event got off to a great start with 32 children turning up for the week of fun and learning: by the end of the week we had grown to just over 40. Esther and Rev Ian Cathcart made a great pair of leaders, with the jokes coming fast and furious, while Rev Lynsay Downs had everyone

### Holiday Club Service - 6 August

Report by Joan Cape

Well over 100 people gathered together in a church transformed – mountains in the pulpit, trees standing around, and monkeys and parrots hanging in amongst them all.

The congregations of the South Church and St James came along, as well as a number from the North Kirk..... and of course a good number of the children who had attended the Holiday Club brought their families along with them.

We were pleased that at least half of the families who came were

"unchurched" families – hopefully this was a good experience for them and we pray that we may see them again.

The congregation were led in an expedition into the world of Epic Explorers by Rev Ian Cathcart and members of the team. We heard something of what had happened in the week, singing the songs and joining in with the actions, ably led by a group of young people and (not so young!) leaders.



We followed Jesus to the shore where he called his first disciples, we were part of the crowd who saw the paralysed man healed, we experienced the awful day when Jesus died, were amazed when we found the empty tomb, even more amazed when Jesus appeared to the disciples, and thought long and hard about what it means to follow Jesus.

Our crafts helped us think of these stories: a fish mobile, a gingerbread man lying on a bed, a stained glass window showing a beautiful empty cross, a decorated plant pot with a bulb or some beans to grow, and a door hanger reminding us to "Follow Him".

Healthy snacks – a delicious selection of fresh fruits, popcorn and such like - were provided daily by our wonderful ladies in the kitchen.

All in all it was a great week, with a mix of children familiar with the bible stories and a number who knew nothing of these. We were able to learn from each other, make new friends ..... and are already looking forward to next year's Holiday Club.



Decorated church

We learned a couple of the memory verses, heard from one of the leaders what it had been like doing this for a first time, demonstrated our ignorance as we participated in a quiz.

We heard the message that the children had heard during the week, that Jesus loves us so much that he died for us, and even today wants us to get to know him and to walk with him, telling others of his love.

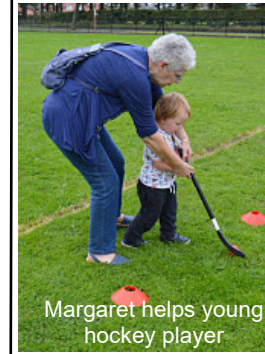
After all this we moved to the hall for a BBQ, cake, tea or coffee.

We know that 170 burgers/sausages were eaten (!) and that at one point we must have had at least 105 people in the hall, because all the seats we had put out were full.

A fitting end to a great week, with the Christian community in Penicuik working together.

### Messy Sports and BBQ - Sunday 27 August

To get the new Messy Church season after the summer break off to a great start, we gathered in the park for a day of sporting fun and games on the afternoon of Sunday 27 August



Margaret helps young hockey player

It all happened at the playing fields on Bog Road in Penicuik. Sheila and Iain Anderson had brought along their Marquee tent which was quickly erected. The sporting activities were designed by Joan and Neil Cape, as were the catering activities.

Joan and Neil brought some of the recent London Athletics events to Penicuik creating a bit of fun. These included dribbling a ball through a course of cones in the fastest time, throwing balls into a bucket, and water carrying, into a bucket at the end of the course, without dropping any. Just to make this one tricky the carry cups had holes in them!!!

A favourite was 'welly throwing'. Here the objective was to throw a welly boot the farthest. A bit of 'trial and error' was needed to finally find the best method of throwing. Heaving the welly boot over the shoulder seemed to help quite a bit. Daniel Fawcett was the clear champion!

I thought it was summer, but we had family skiing. Now snow in Penicuik in August I can believe, but not this time. We were on grass. Each set of skis had four ropes to allow up to 4 people to stand on them at one time. The trick is to move forward, in unison. Getting everyone in step is very tricky.



Family Skiing

Those leaning more to craft work rather than running and jumping, or just stopping to catch their breath, could try building a marshmallow tower. Using toothpicks to link the marshmallows together was easier than last year using uncooked spaghetti. A wide selection of 'creations' emerged, but the temptation to just eat the marshmallows was very tempting.

There was an opportunity for a bit of face painting, with some creative artwork on display. I do hope that they were using water soluble marker pens. Looked very much like permanent markers to me..... Would be a bit of a problem turning up at school on Monday with a panda, or cat's face.

Sheila Anderson has a pretty mean whistle, and soon everyone in the whole of Penicuik knew it was celebration time in the marquee tent.



Row your boat

After a session rowing our boats, Sheila produced a bag from which her puppet friend appeared. Was it a dog, or a cat? No, it was a sheep. She asked the sheep why it looked so troubled. It had lost its friend. Sheila looked inside the bag and produced a series of sheep, and other animals, of differing sizes and shapes, but none was the friend that was lost. Even a tiny little sheep that Graham McDonald found in his pocket was not the one either.



Sheila and the lost sheep

Only a good search in the bag found

the answer. A small wooden Cross. Yes that was our sheep friend. The same friend we all have Jesus, the good shepherd that looks after us, guiding and helping us through bad times and good times. in the same way a shepherd looks after their sheep

The smell of the BBQ was now becoming overpowering. Neil Cape and Iain Anderson had been busy on the BBQ grilling a great selection of burgers, and sausages, followed by cakes and pastries



Neil and Iain keep out of smoke

A wonderful start to the new Messy Church season, and we look forward to seeing all the children next month, to hear about the love and good work of Jesus and God, while having some fun at the same time.

The next Messy Church will be on Sunday September 24th 4.00 to 6.00pm  
Contact: Joan Cape 674276 [capefamily@talktalk.net](mailto:capefamily@talktalk.net) for more information