

Penicuik Churches Holiday Club

WELCOME TO OUR JOINT SERVICE SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2020

Today's service is one of a series of joint services for the Church of Scotland congregations in the town. It has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it. This morning we celebrate our summer holiday club, which has as always involved not only people from the Church of Scotland, but people from across the whole Christian community in the town.

We thank all involved in creating and distributing this service, and praise God for his unchanging character and unfailing love.

This order of service is for you to use as you are able. Simply read it, whether silently or aloud. Or listen, and even join in with the singing: just click on the links. If you want to join in the whole service, you'll find it here https://youtu.be/FTPpxE8qck8 alternatively via the St Mungo's website http://www.stmungos.freeuk.com/ And if you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial 01968 700121: there will be about 20/25 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start.

WELCOME: Joan Cape (PStM)

Welcome to our service today – a service for all three Church of Scotland congregations here in Penicuik. When we were hit with lockdown in March, it seemed that our plans for holding our annual holiday club were destined to come to nothing. But God had other plans: you'll hear more about that In the course of the service. So when I was asked if I could organise a holiday club service this Sunday, my initial reaction was that this would not be possible. But, in Him, nothing is impossible! And so we find ourselves gathered together today, in a service which will clearly be quite different from our usual holiday club service. But we trust that it will reflect what's been happening over these past weeks, as we have sought to do what God has laid on us, namely to share the gospel with the young people of this town.

PRAYER

God our heavenly Father, we come before you now, a gathering of your people, separated physically but joined together in you. We are all in different places, some of us alone, some of us in the company of others: I ask you now to help us to free our

minds from those things which so easily distract us; enable us to focus on you and to hear what you have to say to us in this time. **Amen**

SONG: Lift up your voices

Watch video at https://media.awesomecutlery.com/lyric-videos/Lift-up-your-voices.m4v

Come on, come in, everybody.

There is a God who is worthy

Of all our praise – he alone is Lord!

Come on and join with creation.

Let everything shout to praise him.

Glory to Christ – he's the one who made us!

Lift up your voices to heaven's king;

Bow down before his throne.

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin:

Hallelujah! Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

Come on, come in, all you weary.

Come on and find rest with Jesus.

He is the one who can heal your soul.

Come on and join with the angels,

Praising the Lamb who was faithful,

Giving his life - he's the one who saved us!

Lift up your voices to heaven's king;

Bow down before his throne.

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin:

Hallelujah! Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

Come on, you saints, keep believing.

Gather to hear the Lord speaking. Humble your hearts, tremble at his voice.

Come in with joy for the future;

He will renew heaven and earth,

Jesus is Lord – he's the one who'll raise us!

Lift up your voices to heaven's king;

Bow down before his throne.

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin:

Hallelujah! Praise to Jesus Christ.

Lift up your voices to heaven's king;

Bow down before his throne.

Our perfect Saviour died for our sin:

Hallelujah! Praise to Jesus Christ the king.

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A CONVERSATION: Why holiday clubs? And in lock down?

Some of the holiday club leaders talk about why we do our holiday clubs, and what this one has been like.

(Joan Cape, Sheila Anderson, Margaret and Bill Webster, Sandra Stewart)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Sandra Stewart, Holiday Club Team Leader)

Loving Heavenly Father,

thank you that you have been with us over the last few weeks,

helping to guide us in all we have done during our virtual Holiday Club.

It has been very different for us all this year

but we know your hand has guided us

in the organising and running of the Holiday Club.

We thank you for Scripture Union Scotland,

and all the amazing work they do with the children and young people of Scotland all through the year but at this time we thank them especially

for the videos and advice they have given us to able us to run the Holiday Club.

We know it was all arranged and the videos made very quickly

but always with You, Lord, at the centre.

Lord, everyone involved in the Holiday Club, in whatever capacity,

does it because of their love for you;

and I pray that they know that You were there to support them throughout.

Thank you, Lord, that there is a team of people who love you, and have the heart to build relationships

with the children and young people of Penicuik,

to show them that your love is around at all times.

Lord, thank you for helping everyone involved

to learn the new skills needed to cope with the technology

needed to make the Holiday Club a success.

It has not always been easy,

but with your help any difficulties have been overcome.

You are an amazing God and we thank you for your everlasting love. Amen.

SONG: Who I am

Watch video at https://media.awesomecutlery.com/lyric-videos/Who-l-am-2020.m4v

I am part of something beautiful,

Placed by you with care among them all:

Every piece unique and different,

Your love shining through; You're the artist, we're the image Made to be like you.

I want to know who I am, So I'll listen to you.

You are God and you tell me what's true.

I want to see who I'll be

When you're working in me.

You made us to show your glory

I am known by someone perfectly;

On your mind before I came to be.

I don't even know myself as well as you know me.

When I live as you have made me

I am truly free.

I want to know who I am So I'll listen to you.....

We are made for even greater things,

Made to share the life that Jesus brings:

Peace that never can be broken,

Living with our friend,

We're accepted and forgiven,

Loved without an end.

I want to know who I am

So I'll listen to you.

You are God and you tell me what's true.

I want to see who I'll be

When you're working in me.

You made us to show your glory.

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WHAT WE DID: Hear from Emily, Isobel, Benjamin and Katie

SONG: It's a wonderful world *

Watch video at youtube.com/watch?v=tWmaVj4hzc8

It's a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful world.

It's an utterly marvellous, totally glorious, simply incredible world.

And as we stand amazed we will sing out in praise

To the God who made it all:

This marvellous, glorious, wonderful, wonderful world.

This marvellous, glorious, wonderful, wonderful world.

He made it all work together in ways that blow our minds, With whales and snails and fingernails and creatures of all kinds. His handiwork's all around us and plain for all to see, From outer space to the nose sat on my face he made it all.

It's a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful......

He made it all work together in ways that blow our minds, With trees and seas and gravity and wonders of all kinds. His handiwork's all around us and plain for all to see, He's one who cares so he even counts the hairs upon my head.

It's a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful......

WONDER it's wonder, wonderful! WONDER it's wonder, wonderful WONDER it's wonder, wonderful WONDER it's wonder, wonderful

It's a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, wonderful...........

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Theme song for Scripture Union's Wonderzone holiday club. Used in our video with permission *Most of the artwork in this song is the work of children who took part in the holiday club. For copy right reasons we can only show the complete video as part of this service.

READINGS

1 Kings 3, 5 – 14 (Video: animated clip; telephone: read by Neil Cape)

⁵ One night while Solomon was in Gibeon, the Lord God appeared to him in a dream and said, "Solomon, ask for anything you want, and I will give it to you."

⁶ Solomon answered: My father David, your servant, was honest and did what you commanded. You were always loyal to him, and you gave him a son who is now

king. ⁷ Lord God, I'm your servant, and you've made me king in my father's place. But I'm very young and know so little about being a leader. ⁸ And now I must rule your chosen people, even though there are too many of them to count.

⁹ Please make me wise and teach me the difference between right and wrong. Then I will know how to rule your people. If you don't, there is no way I could rule this great nation of yours.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ God said: Solomon, I'm pleased that you asked for this. You could have asked to live a long time or to be rich. Or you could have asked for your enemies to be destroyed. Instead, you asked for wisdom to make right decisions. ¹² So I'll make you wiser than anyone who has ever lived or ever will live.

¹³ I'll also give you what you didn't ask for. You'll be rich and respected as long as you live, and you'll be greater than any other king. ¹⁴ If you obey me and follow my commands, as your father David did, I'll let you live a long time.

Psalm 8 (Video from SU Scotland; telephone: read by Neil Cape) (A psalm by David for the music leader: The Wonderful Name of the Lord)

Our Lord and Ruler,

your name is wonderful everywhere on earth! You let your glory be seen in the heavens above.

² With praises from children and from tiny infants, you have built a fortress.

It makes your enemies silent,

and all who turn against you are left speechless.

- ³ I often think of the heavens your hands have made, and of the moon and star you put in place.
- ⁴Then I ask, "Why do you care about us humans? Why are you concerned for us weaklings?"
- ⁵ You made us a little lower than you yourself, and you have crowned us with glory and honour.
- ⁶ You let us rule everything your hands have made.

And you put all of it under our power—

- ⁷ the sheep and the cattle, and every wild animal,
- the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and all ocean creatures.
- ⁹Our Lord and Ruler, your name is wonderful everywhere on earth!

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TALK: Wisdom, understanding and choices (Joan Cape)

PRAYER (Sheila Anderson, Glencorse, with Wonderzone children and team leaders) God who can do anything,

far more than we could ever imagine or ask for in our wildest dreams, we bring you now our prayers for others.

We lift up to you all the families and workers who were involved in the Penicuik Churches Holiday Club this year; we ask that you water the seeds of hope that were planted at this time through activities, experiments and bible passages.

We also ask for everyone involved in Scripture Union and similar Child and Family ministries: they all work together for you, Lord, to bring the gospel to families. Keep the workers safe and strong in the knowledge that through Jesus as we move from lockdown into whatever the future brings. We pray for the choices each of us makes on a daily basis: that they be good choices, based on your guidance. And we pray for our churches, that we will continue to find ways of reaching out to those who don't know you,

they can do anything you have planned for them

and of working together to your glory.

And now let us join together in the words Jesus taught us in the Lord's Prayer....

Our Father in heaven,
we pray that your name will always be kept holy.
We pray that your kingdom will come
We pray that what you want will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us the food we need for each day.
Forgive us for doing wrong,
just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for yours is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever. Amen

Our final song speaks of what we have tried to communicate to the young people and their families this summer: the hope and the joy that come from knowing Jesus. Long held truths: but in a new song: rather like what we've been doing in churches across the land, and in our holiday club — communicating the unchanging truths in new ways. And, it's actually a round, in three parts, reflecting the ways in which we three Church of Scotland congregations, along with the other congregations in this town, sometimes together, sometimes on our own, are all working towards the same end.

SONG: There is hope in the mighty name of Jesus

Watch video at https://youtu.be/OM7UJu5C884

There is hope in the mighty name of Jesus, there is hope, there is hope.

I love the name of Jesus, he's my strength and my song. Joy to my soul, joy to my soul, Jesus' name brings joy to my soul.

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BLESSING

May our hope in the Lord Jesus draw us close to him;
May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;
May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts; and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always. Amen

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The following congregations were involved in this service:

- PNK: Penicuik North Church
- PSKH: Penicuik South with Howgate
- StM: Penicuik St Mungo's

Also

- Members from Glencorse and from Cockenzie and Port Seton: Chalmers Memorial Church
- Some of the young folk who took part in the holiday club

Our holiday club "Wonderzone" started on Monday July 6th; the final episode goes live tomorrow, Monday August 3rd.

See all the episodes on the Penicuik Holiday Club Youtube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRp5tS0WVdDU2bcX-wD-wwg and watch them whenever you like.

For further information, and to find out about the resource packs, contact us via penicuikholidayclub@gmail.com