

St Mungo's

church penicuik

The vacant charge of
Penicuik: St. Mungo's

An
information
guide



PROFILE



Congregational Profile

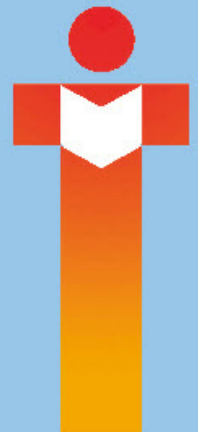


Membership	327 + 2 adherents
Regular worshippers (including children)	60-70
Kirk Session	21
Congregational Board (including elders)	24
Giff Aid Declarations	67

The charge became vacant in June 2012 when Rev Geoff Berry left to become an Army Chaplain. In June 2013, due to problems concerning the existing manse, a call was not sustained by Lothian Presbytery. Since then we have purchased a new manse and undergone a thorough process of self examination and review. We were greatly helped in this by *A Place for Hope* at Kirk Session level and *Future Focus* at congregational level. The Kirk Session is currently engaged in developing the priorities established by the congregation at the end of the Future Focus process.

We are looking for a Minister for this unrestricted call who

- can inspire and encourage in us a passion for the Gospel which will enable us to reach out to the people of Penicuik
- has a caring and attentive approach to pastoral duties
- can relate to people of all ages
- has the ability to develop a variety of worship styles to meet the evolving needs of the congregation
- has an ecumenical outlook



We will provide

- prayerful and practical support
- a desire to move forward together in our journey with God
- a desire to relate to the needs of our community with honesty and love

Congregational Activities

Worship:

Sunday morning Prayer Time (10.00-10.45).

Sunday Services – 11.00, followed by tea and coffee in the Church Hall. Praise is led by a small choir. We also hold **Praise and Prayer** services every two months on a Sunday evening.

Communion – monthly communion after morning worship and 3 integrated communion services on Easter Sunday and in May and October.

Messy Church - once a month on Sunday afternoons we host the local Messy Church - two hours of fun and mess while learning about Jesus' love! A chance for families to come together and enjoy crafts, stories, a time of celebration and a sit-down meal for the whole family.

Music for worship is provided by our organist. There is also a portable digital hymnary.

The **Session** normally leads a service at least once a year.

Learning:

We have run **Alpha Courses**, and have also been involved in courses run jointly with other churches; we will run courses if appropriate in response to the newly established Cafe Connect.

The **Sunday School** meets from September to May. A small but enthusiastic group of teachers and children attend the early part of Sunday Service, then go to the nearby church hall; they also take part in services twice a year.

We also provide a **Children's Den** - an area in the sanctuary where children can do art/craft activities during services when there is no Sunday School.

A **crèche** is available when needed.

Pastoral - supporting and sharing:

Contact is maintained through visits (to distribute Newsletter, Communion Invitation Cards etc.) by **Elders** and **others** to the congregation.

Visits by the **Minister** and supporting **Pastoral Care Group**.

Funerals. Three members of the congregation currently take funerals on a regular basis.

Housegroup meets fortnightly on Wednesday evenings.

Friendship Circle meets once a month on a Wednesday morning.

Services are taken (by the Minister or by members) on a rota basis with other churches at Cowan Court (residential care home) and at Aaron House (nursing home)



Other (A-Z)

Café Connect is a new venture (started November 2015). It is held in a local cafe once a month on Sunday afternoons and aims to reach out to people who would probably not think of coming to any kind of church service. During the one-hour event there is an informal talk by an invited speaker with questions and answers, and guests have the chance to respond in chat around the table.

Christian Aid: door-to-door collections take place in Christian Aid Week, and we are also involved in additional events together with other churches in the town. St Mungo's has agreed to be an Emergency Church for specific crises. As a congregation we also respond to appeals from Blythswood, World Vision and other local and international charities.

Cleaning Teams: the church building is cleaned by volunteer teams on a rota basis.

Flower Calendar: the weekly provision of flowers for the church operates on a rota basis; flowers are taken to those who are ill or bereaved, and on occasions of celebration.

Food Store: St Mungo's is actively involved in the Penicuik Food Store, which is co-ordinated by the North Church.

Guides meet in the church hall and hold district services in the church twice a year.

Guild: The (Church of Scotland) Guild meets fortnightly from October to March.

A **monthly news sheet, the 'Mungo Messenger'**, is distributed to all the members and is also available by email and on the church website.

PCWT (Penicuik Churches Working Together): St Mungo's is involved in meetings of representatives from most of the churches in the town, seeking to focus and develop our mission as Christians in the local community. Projects include a recently set up **Credit Union**.

Prayer Requests Project: the team picks up requests monthly, throughout the parish, on a street-by-street basis. These requests are prayed for confidentially in the Prayer Time the following Sunday. We also respond to prayer requests placed in **prayer boxes** in Tesco's supermarket and the local library. The **Remembrance Day** service in the church is arranged by the British Legion and is followed by attendance at the war memorial.

Regular **activities** are run by the **Social Committee** throughout the year.

Website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com We can also be found on Facebook and Twitter.

The Church

The centrally heated church building, which dates from 1771, stands in the conservation area in the centre of Penicuik. We have a grand piano, and a working pipe organ which is used in most Sunday services, and full audio/visual facilities. The building is periodically used for concerts and recitals.

There is a separate church hall situated close by which is centrally heated and has a kitchen, toilets, meeting room, a theatre-type stage, and a secluded garden to the rear. This is a much used community facility (eg Community Choir, Country Dancing, Guides).



The Manse

The modern detached manse is located in a cul-de-sac on the outskirts of the town. It has a lounge, dining room, garden room, kitchen, shower room and double bedroom/study at ground level; there are two double bedrooms, a single bedroom and a family bathroom with shower at upper level. An integral garage, which also houses the gas heating boiler, completes the specification. There is a small garden and driveway to the front and an easily maintained enclosed garden to the rear.



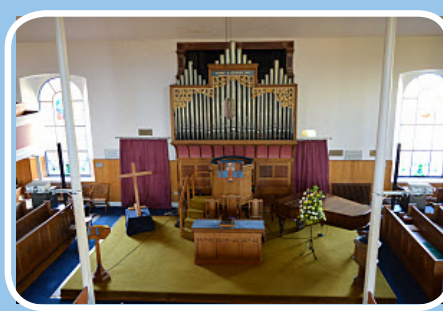
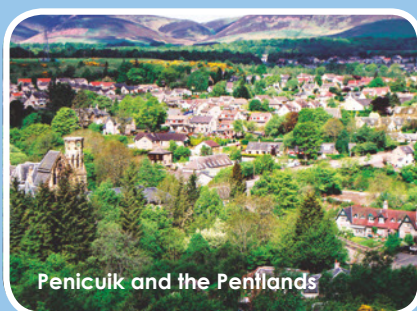
The Town

Penicuik has a population of ca.20,000 and lies 10 miles to the south of Edinburgh. It is close to the Pentland Hills Nature Reserve with facilities for outdoor recreation such as fishing, walking, cycling, and a dry ski slope. There are also excellent golf courses nearby.

The town is well served by a comprehensive range of community and civic facilities, including five primary and two excellent senior community secondary schools.

There are two other Church of Scotland congregations in Penicuik (the North and South Churches) along with Scottish Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Baptist churches.

The majority of people in work commute to Edinburgh. There are regular bus links with Edinburgh and the surrounding towns. Park & ride facilities are available at Straiton on the south side of Edinburgh.



The Parish

Our parish covers much of the central and eastern parts of the town. Most of the shops in the centre of Penicuik are within our parish, as is one of the secondary schools, one of the two health centres and part of an industrial estate. According to the 2011 census there are 2,165 households with 5,028 people; of these 47% indicated a link to a Christian denomination. More detailed information is available at: http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/statistics_for_mission/parish_profiles/030231.pdf



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