

WORSHIP IN JANUARY 1

Sunday 9 January, KIP service, Rev Peter Woods at PNK 11am

Sunday 16 January, Rev Jim Black 11am

Sunday 23 January, Rev Graham Astles 11am

Sunday 30 January, Rev Graham Astles

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Please remember to observe 1 metre physical distancing at all times, and do not attend if you are displaying Covid symptoms. There is no need to book a place but please be prepared to give your contact details for Trace and Protect purposes. In line with government guidance, we strongly advise that you do a Lateral Flow Test before attending.

In the service itself, we are required to wear face coverings, including when singing. **If you are exempt from wearing a face covering please speak to the Minister to discuss the best way to ensure everyone's safety if you are singing.** We will also be making sure that people come in and out in a way that minimises the possibility for contact and with the seats set out to maintain 1 metre physical distancing. The balcony remains out of use.

If, after attending worship, you subsequently test positive for Covid please inform, in confidence,

Edna Sommerville: robertsommerville6@hotmail.com, 01968 674820 or

Fiona Charleson: fionacharleson@sky.com, 01968 672754

If you are remaining at home, you can still access the services on our YouTube channel or contact Graham to receive the service in another format. If you have any questions, please contact Fiona

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ .The café will open again on 17 January at 10 am to 12 pm. While restrictions still apply this is a good place to come for home baking (it is actually done in the church "home baking kitchen" to meet with regulations) but the scones, cakes and tray bakes are still delicious. Come to meet up friends to share your Christmas and New Year stories!

FOODSTORE@PNK A huge thank you to everyone who sorted food, donated money and food, packed bags, delivered the parcels or in any way assisted the exercise to feed 68 children plus their parents over the festive period. In addition, we had 5 referrals for families in crisis to be delivered on the same day. A huge operation undertaken with love and goodwill. Thank you all so much. However, the work continues, and very soon we will update you on requirements to fill our cupboards. Jan Naylor 07740 621814

MIDAID APPEAL Christmas 2021. When we reflect on the past year, many of us will have justifiable moans and beefs! However, when we place ourselves in the shoes of the asylum seeker, the refugees and the resettlement families, some of whom are now in Midlothian - we should be thankful. Thankful in so many ways. Firstly that we can practice our beliefs (or none) according to our conscience, and secondly that we have not been uprooted from our original homes. MIDAID - that loose connection between the Council, the Business Gateway and the local churches have been busy. We assisted with the resettlement of teenage males from Iran, arriving unaccompanied; with a large family arriving as a resettlement unit and several others who have settled in Midlothian. The effort was to provide accommodation, furniture - tvs, bedding etc, to provide clothing (especially new underwear!), and to provide food - suitable for consumption by different belief systems.

Although the MIDAID volunteers worked hard - very little could have been achieved without the support of the local community. We have almost reached our target of £3000 this year and some of that money has already been spent on providing winter clothes and shoes, especially for the children as they attend local schools. Hence, a huge thank you - really thank you - for the money and the goods donated - you know who you are but the work continues. Donations can be channelled through the undersigned.

"I was a stranger and - " read Matthew's Gospel Chpt 25 vv43.

Rev Nic Bowry, Rev Graham Astles, Dr Alan Naylor 07905 977444

PRAYER MEETINGS IN PENICUIK The PNK Prayer group meets online on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm. Please contact Graham if you wish to join us. Also, please see the information on the church website for details of weekly prayer meetings at the other PCT churches - all are welcome. **The next joint PCT Prayer meeting will be hosted by Penicuik South and Howgate Church on Sunday 23 January at 7.00pm.** More details from Fiona Charleson, 672754, fionacharleson@sky.com. or look on the PCT website'

ECO TEAM HINTS AND TIPS - RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Join the nation from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th January to help the RSPB to identify bird populations in your garden across the UK. For more information and to take part, please go to <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

FLOWERS Cathie Ramsay is happy to receive a note of who might be in need of a small delivery to assure them of our love. Telephone 674448

PNK TELEPHONE LISTENING SERVICE Are you feeling a bit down? Would you like a listening ear or someone to chat to? If so, the members of PNK Telephone Listening Service are here for you. Please contact Jean Lord (675142)

PASTORAL MINISTRY For any pastoral matters, please leave a message for Graham (see below), or contact Jean Lord (675142) Cathie Ramsay (674448) or Anne Brown (672605)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Please see the information on the church website or call Anne Pearson on 01968 675645

INTIMATIONS Intimations for this sheet should be sent to Jim Black.
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SAFEGUARDING NOTICE The North Kirk family has a duty to protect the young and vulnerable people within our congregation and aims to have a safe and happy environment for all who use the facilities. Safeguarding Policy and Procedures are in operation within PNK and if anyone has any issues regarding Safeguarding, or anyone's behaviour is causing concern, please speak to either David McDonald or Chris Black who will monitor the situation along with the members of the Safeguarding Panel. If the problem cannot be rectified we will contact the Safeguarding Office at 121 George Street for assistance, support and counselling, if required.
Phone numbers: David McDonald 674897; Chris Black 677559

CONTACTS

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