

## **WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

Sunday 18 September Rev Graham Astles

Sunday 25 September Rev Graham Astles – **Harvest service**

Sunday 2 October – KIP service at PNK, Joyce McLean & Rosie Townsley

Sunday 9 October Rev Graham Astles – **including BB dedication service**

Sunday 16 October Rev Graham Astles

Sunday 23 October Rev Graham Astles

Sunday 30 October Rev Graham Astles

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

Current measures to promote Covid safety include enhanced cleaning and the continued provision of hand gel. We must remember that the virus hasn't gone away, and we should continue to do what we can to keep each other safe, for example - good hand hygiene.

**Please use the hand gel which is provided.**

Also the Scottish government still strongly advise that we wear face masks voluntarily and it's especially important that we consider those who may still feel more at risk.

**Please note the signage around the church buildings**, asking folks to be considerate of those who may still wish to keep a safe distance and also that folks might wear a face mask when moving around the buildings. This is a request, not a requirement. For example, as you come into church where the welcome area may get busy, you might think about wearing a mask then.

If you have any questions, please speak to Fiona Charleson:  
fionacharleson@sky.com, 01968 672754

An audio version of the service is usually available on our YouTube channel after the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbsh45OCWOurcjokxqE69tQ>

**If you would like to receive the service as a CD, please contact Graham** (see below)

## **SHOE BOX APPEAL 2022**

Blythswood Care are planning to send shoe boxes to Eastern Europe and Ukraine this year. As in past years there has been a wonderful response from Scotland and here in the North Kirk last year we sent out 37 boxes. Over half a million boxes have been sent out over the last five years! Please start collecting now as we need to send them off at the end of October. Please contact Jim Cowper on 673538 to get the full details of the appeal

## **48th EDINBURGH COMPANY, THE BOYS' BRIGADE**

The new BB session got underway on Friday 2nd September. A warm welcome awaits any boys who would like to give BB a try. All sections meet in the North Hall and church on a Friday evening as follows:

**Anchors and Juniors** 6.30 - 7.30pm – for boys in P1 to P3 (Anchors) and P4 to P6 (Juniors)

**Company Section** 7.30 – 10.00pm – for boys in P7 to S6

For more information contact:

Richard Charleson 01968 672754, richardcharleson@sky.com

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Author and speaker Adrian Plass will be speaking at PNK on Friday 14th October 7.30pm to 9.30pm (approx.) as part of his 'Still Crazy' book tour. Tickets are £15 each and are now available by emailing [admin@searchlighttheatre.org](mailto:admin@searchlighttheatre.org) OR complete the form at [www.adrianplass.com/contact/](http://www.adrianplass.com/contact/) stating 'Penicuik North Kirk' as your chosen venue OR you can purchase them TODAY after worship as well as Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please pay by cash or cheque (cheques make payable to 'North Kirk Parish Education Committee')**

### **OPEN DOOR CAFÉ**

The Open Door café is now open each weekday.

Come along Monday to Friday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm for the best home baking in Penicuik. You know you want to!

**PLEASE NOTE – the café will be closed on the Bank Holiday 19 September**

**Lauren Petherbridge** is the Christian Aid Officer who visited us recently and will be working with us in the lead up to Christian Aid Week next year. She is doing the Kilt Walk for Christian Aid on 18 September. If you would like to sponsor her, go to "Just Giving" on the internet, search "Christian Aid". There you will find "Lauren" and can make a donation if you would like to sponsor her

### **ECO TIP for September - Plastic-free teabags**

The following brands of teabags are plastic-free: Clipper, PG Tips, Pukka Herbs, Teapigs, Twinning's pyramid range, Waitrose Duchy range and Yorkshire Tea (info correct as at Feb 2022)

### **Foodstore@PNK**

We continue to be very busy in the Foodstore and expect to get even busier as the winter arrives with increased energy bills. The problem could be "eat or heat", so if we can help with some food for the families in need it would be great. Please continue to support our work by giving us food or money to help the children in our community. The following are the things which we are short of this week: toilet paper, detergent, washing up liquid, bars of soap, cleaning products, hot chocolate, chocolate spread, diluting juice, semi skimmed long life milk, tuna, beans, cereal, past, main meals, tinned vegetables, hot dogs, tinned pies, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit jellies, lentils and broth mix and stock cubes, biscuits, female deodorant  
Jan Naylor 07740 621814

**HARVEST GIFTS** Harvest gifts will be shared with both our own Foodstore and Food Fact Friends in the Precinct. Please consider additional food and goods in thanksgiving and support for our community.

### **COFFEES AFTER WORSHIP**

It has been great to offer hospitality again on a Sunday after worship, and it is hoped that we can continue to provide teas and coffees on a Sunday **but for this to happen we need volunteers**. Linda MacDonald has offered to co-ordinate this. If you would be willing to go on a rota, please speak to Linda. 01968 674897/ 07491 659107

**PRAYER MEETINGS IN PENICUIK** The PNK Prayer group meets on Thursday evenings – **please note we are now meeting in the Welcome Area at the later time of 8.00pm**. 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 churches Prayer meeting takes place in Sacred Heart Church on Monday 26 September at 7.30pm**

**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.

### **WEEKLY FLOWERS**

Cathie Ramsay has resumed putting fresh flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday worship. She needs your help. Please speak to her to see what you can do.

If you feel able to do so and then pass them on to someone you know who needs a boost, please get in touch.

With grateful thanks, Cathie Ramsay 674448

**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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**Session Clerk:** vacant

PNK website: [penicuiknorthkirk.org](http://penicuiknorthkirk.org); Facebook: Penicuik North Kirk

**Penicuik Churches Together** (most Penicuik churches)

[www.penicuikchurchestogether.org.uk](http://www.penicuikchurchestogether.org.uk); Facebook: Penicuik Churches Together

**Kirk in Penicuik** (Church of Scotland congregations) Facebook: Kirk in Penicuik

**INTIMATIONS** Information for this sheet should be sent to Jim Black ([jsb.black@btopenworld.com](mailto:jsb.black@btopenworld.com)). It would be appreciated if they could be with him by Wednesday. **For Sundays 25 Sept and 3 October** please send to Fiona Charleson: [fionacharleson@sky.com](mailto:fionacharleson@sky.com), 01968 672754