

What's On

SUNDAY	10 – 11	Morning Worship – Teas in Halls
	10 – 11	DJ Club (initially in Church)
	7 - 9	YF (1st & 3rd Sunday) Pitcairn Centre
Last Sunday	6.30 – 9.00	The River
MONDAY	10 – 12	Coffees/Teas Pitcairn Centre
	6 – 7.30	Brownies Loudon Hall
	6 – 7.15	Rainbows Pitcairn Centre
2nd Monday	7.45 – 9	Men's Fellowship (2nd Mon) Pitcairn Centre
TUESDAY	10 – 12	Coffees/Teas Pitcairn Centre
	10 – 11.30	Tai Chi Loudon Hall
	12 – 1	Tai Chi (Beginners) Loudon Hall
	1.30 – 3.30	Senior Badminton Loudon Hall
1st Tuesday	6 – 7	Prayer meeting Pitcairn Centre
Fortnightly October - May	7.30 – 9.30	Guild (alt Tuesdays) Pitcairn Centre
	8 – 10	Adult Badminton Loudon Hall
WEDNESDAY	10 – 12	Coffees/Teas Pitcairn Centre
	12.30 – 2.30	Tai Chi Loudon Hall
Last in month	2 – 3.30	Bonny Books Pitcairn Centre
First in month	1 - 3	Good Grief – Donaldson Hall
	7.30 – 10	Ceilidh Dancing Loudon Hall
Mar Jun Sep Dec	7.00	Kirk Session (1st Wed) Pitcairn Centre
	7.30	Local History Soc (3rd Wed) Pitcairn Ctr
THURSDAY	10 – 2	Coffees/Teas/Burgers Pitcairn Centre
Term time	10 – 12	Bonnie Buds Pitcairn Centre
	5.15 – 6.15	Rainbows – Pitcairn Centre
	6 – 7.30	Brownies – Loudon Hall
	7.45 – 9.30	Brass Band Loudon Hall
FRIDAY	10 – 12	Coffees/Teas Pitcairn Centre includes Pop-Up Pantry from 10.30 – 11.30
	10 – 11.30	Tai Chi Loudon Hall
	12 – 1	Tai Chi (Beginners) Loudon Hall
	4 – 7	Children's Drama Acad Loudon Hall
	7.15 – 9.15	Guides Loudon Hall & Pitcairn Centre
SATURDAY	10 – 12	Coffees/Teas Pitcairn Centre
	9 – 1	Tae Kwon Do Loudon Hall
	1.30 – 4.30	Karate Loudon Hall

Window Newsletter

Oct – Nov 2026



Harbour display at front door for Harvest Thanksgiving



Greetings from the Manse

Time never alters or changes – each minute consists of 60 seconds and each hour 60 minutes. Each day has 24 hours and each week 7 days. Time never changes and yet there are weeks that fly by and days that drag.

After my cancer diagnosis I was told it would be 12 days before I would find out the treatment plan and, as many of you know, the waiting is not easy. Waiting is rarely easy and in today's modern and fast-paced world, waiting is becoming increasingly harder. We get frustrated when the internet takes too long to load, when our next day delivery hasn't shown up, when the 141 bus still hasn't arrived or when we are 12th in the queue for our medical practice.

There is a song we sing in church which starts with the line "strength will rise as we wait up on the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord."

This is a phrase from Isaiah 40 and as I looked up different translations, sometimes the word was wait, sometimes it was hope, sometimes it was trust. I read that waiting was an action, an intention to trust and hope in God.

And so as a church, when we sing that song we declare that we will wait on God and put our trust in him. Our hope for our church and our community is in the everlasting God who is unwearied by time. And as we sing that song as individuals, we can know that whatever we are facing, be it results, healing, answered prayer, our hope is in him, creator and redeemer.

Thank you too, for the outpouring of love that has been shown to me and to the manse family at this challenging time. Please know that it is deeply appreciated.

May we each know the comfort of the everlasting God causing us to rise as eagles.

Every blessing
Louise

Parish Register

We know many members of the congregation and community have lost loved ones over recent months and we send our love and sympathy to all of them. May they know the comfort of God's presence at these difficult times.

Deaths

Shirley Cowe
Archview Lodge Nursing Home
Formerly 12 Pendreich Terrace
Date of death: 25 July

Ella Bloomfield
1 Sherwood Park
Date of death: 26 July

Agnes Wilson
Nazareth House Nursing Home
Formerly 2 Wishart Avenue
Date of death: 30 July

Margaret Temple
21 Golf Course Road
Date of death: 5 September

Jean Elliot
Springfieldbank Nursing Home
Formerly 6 Chester's View
Date of death: 9 September

Baptisms

On Sunday 16 August at a celebration on Gullane beach father and daughter
Peter Buwert and Maisie Buwert
were baptised.

Flower List

Here is the flower list for the next two months. Contact Evelyn Durham on 07751 337929 or 660 3250 if you would like to provide flowers to decorate the church. She will also be glad to hear of anyone who might appreciate receiving flowers.

Date	Name	Date	Name
4 October	Sheena Hilton	8 November	Laura Buchanan
11 October	Hazel Lyall	15 November	May Wilkins
18 October	Joyce Winter	22 November	Lesley Pollard
25 October	Lorraine Jankowski	29 November	Lasswade HS
1 November	Evelyn Durham	6 December	Mary Gardiner

The flowers delivered from the church bring a great deal of joy to those who receive them as well as enhancing the church itself on a Sunday morning. We also try to mark special occasions in people's lives and here is just one example of the notes of appreciation we receive. This one is from Laura Buchanan on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

"A big thank you for all the cards and flowers I received from the church family. It was very much appreciated. Bless you all" *Laura Buchanan*

Diane Robson also sent the following message recently: "To everyone at Bonnyrigg Church thank you for the small wooden cross and prayers and also for the lovely flowers I received on Sunday. Everything went well with my eye operation and I will be back at the hall and church soon."

Contact Us

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Welcome! New members

The service on Sunday, 30 August was a particularly joyful one for the congregation as we welcomed 10 new members. We hope that they feel loved and valued as new members and we look forward to the contribution they will make to the life of Bonnyrigg Church.

Kirsty Hamilton

Rachel Hamilton

Peter Buwert

Laura Buwert

Caleb Munn

Alan Briggs

Ben Briggs

Toby Briggs

Lorna Miller

Kirsty Park

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

The congregation celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, 27 September. The church was decorated with fabulous displays of flowers and seasonal displays. The Harbour was the theme for the vestibule display and this was complemented with artwork from the DJ Club.

Congregational donations of perishable foods were distributed to the local food bank, Trussel Trust Midlothian at Gorebridge. All groceries were retained by our Friday Pitcairn Pantry.

Our Cooking Pot collection was donated to Christian Aid – Nepal Floods Appeal. Christian Aid is actively responding to the disastrous floods in Nepal, which have caused widespread devastation and loss. The response includes providing emergency shelter, food, water, sanitation and other vital support.

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted in making Harvest Thanksgiving a special time of worship.

Sharing food within our community is vital to ensure people have a meal. Thanks is also extended to those who donate food regularly to the Friday Pitcairn Pantry.

A thank you to Tesco Haddington for donating flowers for the harvest vases.

Men's Fellowship

The first meeting of the Men's Fellowship will take place in the Pitcairn Centre at 7.45 pm on **Monday, 12 October**. The subject is Dalkeith (history of the High Street from Eskbank Toll to the Country Park). The speaker is our own John Jack who spoke last year on the history of the road to Bonnyrigg from Eskbank Toll.

On **9 November** our speaker is Richard Purden (Louise's husband) who will lead a discussion on the Music Industry.

Our Christmas lunch and Burns Supper will follow in December and January. All new members will be made most welcome.

Monday meet

We hope that you have had a lovely summer and enjoyed the beautiful weather. This is our 5th year of meeting on a Monday morning and it is still flourishing.

Sadly we lost one of our founder members aged 92 recently. Our sincere condolences and our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

In August we celebrated a 70th and another 90th birthday on the same Monday. We had two cakes and even had balloons provided by a family member. Both had lovely birthdays with their own families.

Two of our group have received gas boilers free of charge through the Scottish Government Warmer Homes Scheme. The two members were told about this by another member whose daughter had found out about it. If you have an old boiler and are over 75 it could be worth investigating.

Again, our thanks go to all the ladies who serve us our teas and coffees every Monday. We look forward to the soup restarting in mid October.

If you are free on a Monday morning pop in and join us from 10 am to 12 noon.

1	Dirty body of water	Blackpool
2	I'm very fond of this city from March to June (from the song I Love Paris in the Springtime)	Paris
3	Five lands in Italy	Cinque Terre
4	Song by Freddie Mercury & Monserrat Caballé	Barcelona
5	Byways in Greece	Rhodes
6	Do daft folk live here?	Scilly Isles
7	They dance on their hats here!	Mexico
8	Keep spreading the news (from the song New York, New York)	New York
9	Home of the Sachertorte	Vienna or Austria
10	A mine, a lake & a little bit of sunshine?	Pitlochry
11	A sugary biscuit?	Nice
12	Pushed down on a can? (pressed a tin)	Prestatyn
13	Put this on when it's chilly	Cardigan or Jersey
14	(Do I) know you? (Do I – ken ya?)	Kenya
15	BROCGRAHOSU (anagram)	Scarborough
16	Christmas fayre	Turkey
17	Lots of dreaming goes on here	California
18	Not the Black Isle	Isle of Wight
19	Mr Bloom?	Orlando
20	Type of marmalade	Seville

Congratulations to our two winners who both scored 20 points

Lynda Williamson & Hilary Waddell

The fantastic sum of £171 was raised for Church funds

Thank you to everyone who entered

Guild

After our summer break, Guild resumes on **Sunday, 4 October** with our Dedication Service. We then begin the session in earnest on **Tuesday, 13 October**. As usual, we have tried to put together a varied and interesting syllabus with something for everyone. Here are the details of the meetings for the next two months.

Date	Title	Speaker
13 October	Taking my camera for a walk	Stuart Blair
27 October	Beyond the Walls – theme	Louise Purden
10 November	Poppy Scotland – Open Meeting	Jess Gillespie
24 November	Fire Service Heritage Museum	Dave Ferries
8 December	Christmas craft – Baubles & more!	ourselves

We will also be holding a coffee morning on **Saturday, 24 October from 10 – 12 noon in the Church halls**. There will be a cake and candy stall and we will also be serving bacon rolls and toasted teacakes. Do come along and join us. All proceeds go to Guild funds which are distributed to projects and charities at the end of our session.

We would welcome any new members to come and join us at our meetings and can assure them of a warm welcome. We meet on a Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the Pitcairn Centre.

Pop up choir

The pop-up choir will resume on **Sunday, 4 October** from 11.30 – 12.15.

Everyone is welcome to come along as we begin preparations for the Christmas season.

This year the choir has been asked to sing some songs at the switching on of the town's Christmas lights so our fame is obviously spreading far and wide! If you would like to join us please come along on 4 October. The practice takes place in the Loudon Hall after the morning service (and coffee of course!)

The (Bonny) Ramblers or Bramblers have had a couple of walks over the summer.

At the end of July we enjoyed a 7.5 mile circuit of St Mary's Loch in the Borders and then a 6 mile section of the Fife Coastal Path – Pittenweem to Crail at the end of August.

Our September walk was in Peebles led by David Crichton and on 24 October we are doing a 6.5 mile walk around the Eildons led by Liz Caulfield.



(B)ramblers at Anstruther on their Fife walk

The 2026 – 2027 calendars of walks for both the (B)ramblers and hillwalkers are now available in the display area of the Church.

Both groups would welcome new members. Contact Alison Hickman (663 7444), Gordon Ward (07846 132066) or Liz Caulfield (660 2688) for information about the (B)ramblers and Christine Sinclair (663 7712), Sheila Symon (07754 882011) or Tom Thompson (663 5915) for information about hillwalkers.

We Will Remember...

Drop-in to our Service of Remembrance on Wednesday 11th November

The service will be on a loop every 15 minutes from
10am – 12 noon



Remember a fallen family member by writing their name on a cross and adding it to our memorial garden or light a candle in their memory.



Greater love has no man than he who lays down his life for his friend
John 15 v 13

Our thanks to Nan's knitters who took some donated prayer hand squares and transformed them into cushions which look fab and add to the ambience of our prayer room. Why not pop along and take a seat for a few minutes of reflection and prayer?



Flower displays – Special thanks to Auld Abe as this was his swansong growing on and planting our wonderful floral displays outside the Pitcairn Centre and the Church. They have provided a magnificent splash of colour and a talking point on the High Street.

Thanks also to the watering team for keeping the displays flourishing over the summer especially those who joined the team for the first time. Time to put our watering cans away until next year!

DJ Club

After a lovely summer break, DJ Club is back again! This term the theme is all about the Names of God. The children have made a craft going through some of the many amazing names given to God. Starting with how Jehovah Jireh is our provider, the DJ Club read about the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000.



DJ Club Schedule – October 2026

4 October	EL SHADDAI – Powerful Parting the Red Sea	Genesis 17 v 1 – 8 Exodus 14 v 13 – 14, 21 - 22
11 October	ADONAI – Sovereign God on his throne	Psalms 90 v 1 – 6 Isaiah 6 v 1 - 4
18 October	SHALOM Peace	Numbers 6 v 22 – 27 John 14 v 27
25 October	JEHOVAH ORI The Lord is my light	Psalms 27 v 1 – 3 John 8 v 12

Date for Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on:
Sunday, 6 December

Games Afternoon

A games afternoon was held on Wednesday, 16 September. On this occasion we had a Beetle Drive – 6 for a body, 5 for a head, 4 for a tail and so on....the total score coming to 13 (a point for each part of the beetle.)

Our Pitcairn Centre seats 32 people and exactly 32 people came! - some familiar faces and some who had just seen the event advertised. We couldn't believe it was someone's first ever Beetle Drive! It was a great afternoon of fun, cheer and excitement. Six games were played as individuals and after a well-deserved cuppa we then played a further six games in pairs. The noise level went through the roof! Catherine Ross was our winner. An afternoon of great fun with everyone looking forward to the next event.



Christingle Drop-In

The town is always buzzing on 29 November prior to the Christmas lights being switched on. Why not pop by the Church between 1.30 & 3.15 pm to make your very own Christingle candle. All items are provided – just drop in. At 3.15 pm we have a 15 minute service suitable for all ages. You then have time to be at the town centre for the lights being switched on.



YF

YF has restarted after the summer break. This is a thriving group aimed at all secondary age pupils. It meets in the Pitcairn Centre fortnightly on a Sunday evening from 6 – 8 pm. As with all our groups, they would welcome new members. Here is the programme for this session.

Date	Theme – Connecting with Jesus
Sunday 4 October	Worship
Sunday 18 October	The quiet
Sunday 1 November	All in
Sunday 15 November	Nature
Friday 20 November	Magnitude worship
Sunday 29 November	Keep connected
Sunday 6 December	Christmas party

Youth Work

As reported in the previous Newsletter, our youth team attended two Stage 'n' Slam events and Magnitude where they camped for the entire event for the first time. Both of these events were immensely successful with many new young people attending and finding a relationship with Jesus as a result. The Drop in Club goes from strength to strength with three new volunteer leaders coming forward thus enabling more young people to attend. In addition, a second Youth Alpha course began in September where it is hoped last year's attendees will invite new friends along.

Fundraising at the annual car wash was very successful and Josh is looking to increase the amount of fundraising activities in order to fund attendance at Magnitude and other events. A new Scripture Union group is about to start at Lasswade High School and all this is in addition to the extremely successful Toastie Tuesday. It's clear that youth work is blossoming and thanks go to Josh and all the team for their hard work

Date for next Newsletter

Our next Newsletter will be issued on **Sunday, 6 December**. Material for inclusion should be sent to the Office email address by **Thursday, 19 November at the latest**.



Collection boxes for your donation of shortbread, mince pies, chocolate items for the tombola and new gifts will be in both the Pitcairn Centre and the Church from **Tuesday, 3 November**.

All registered bakers are invited to bake for our Fair. The Cake and Candy stall is one of the most popular stalls.

Donations for all stalls can be handed into the Donaldson Hall on both **Thursday, 26 and Friday 27 November** between 10 – 12 noon and on Friday evening from 7.30 pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THE FAIR WE DO NOT HAVE BRIC-A-BRAC, SECOND HAND CLOTHES, BOOKS OR A JUMBLE STALL.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our Christmas events.

Hint of Christmas

Start your Christmas shopping early and join us at a **Hint of Christmas on Sunday, 1 November following morning worship.**

Our Craft and Chat Group have been busy over the past few months and will have the perfect Christmas gift and handmade cards. Buy a raffle ticket to win a grocery hamper, toiletry hamper or a Christmas toy. There will also be a chance to guess the weight of the beautifully decorated Christmas cake. Happy shopping.

Christmas trees, fairy lights, baubles and tinsel

Have you time to help decorate the Pitcairn Centre and Church for advent?

Pitcairn Centre: Monday, 23 November at 2 pm

Church: Wednesday, 25 November at 2 pm

Come and join us as many hands make light work.