

## BASIS OF UNION

### Penicuik: St Mungo's with Penicuik: South and Howgate

The congregation of Penicuik St Mungo's Parish Church (Church of Scotland), (Scottish Charity Number SC005838), and the congregation of Penicuik South & Howgate Church (Church of Scotland), (Scottish Charity Number SC011871) shall be united as from a date to be determined by Presbytery, and that on the following terms and conditions:

1. **Name:** The name of the united congregation shall be Penicuik Trinity Community Church (Church of Scotland) and Scottish Charity Number SC005838 will be retained.
2. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united congregation and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **Places of Worship:** The church buildings of St Mungo's shall be the place of worship of the united congregation, with worship each Sunday at times to be decided by the Minister and Kirk Session, subject to the approval of Presbytery.
4. **Other buildings:** The church halls of St Mungo's shall be retained. The buildings of Penicuik: South and Howgate shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the titles on which they are held, and subject to the approval of the Presbytery, and the General Trustees. The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall (a) if falling within the scope of Act VII 1995, be credited to the benefit of the congregation in the Consolidated Fabric Fund or (b) if not falling within the scope of the said Act, be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.
5. **Pattern of church life:** The congregation recognises the importance of developing positive patterns of church life for the future and commits itself to building a church that is:
  - **Multigenerational**, with all generations finding a meaningful place in the church family
  - **Mission focussed**, reaching out to those in the community
  - **Pastorally attentive**, ensuring that members are nurtured and supported in faith and life
6. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the congregation shall be the bounds of the congregations of Penicuik: St Mungo's and Penicuik: South and Howgate.
7. **Minister:** The Rev John C. C. Urquhart, currently minister at Penicuik: St Mungo's, shall be the minister of the united charge in terms of Section 11 (1) (b) of Act VII 2003.
8. **Manse :** The manse of Penicuik: St Mungo's shall be the manse of the united congregation.
9. **Kirk Session:** The elders of both Kirk Sessions shall form with the minister the Kirk Session of the united congregation.
10. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session in terms of the Deed of Constitution (Unitary Form), the Delegation of Assembly being authorised to issue the appropriate Deed of Constitution to the said congregation.
11. **Power to Readjust:** While the articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the two congregations now uniting, the united congregation shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.