

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL & MAY 2024

APRIL

- Thurs 4th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
Sun 7th 10.15am Cranstoun
3.45pm Messy Church in North Middleton Village Hall
Sun 14th 10.15am Family Celebration in North Middleton Village Hall
7.00pm Evening Communion in Fala
Thurs 18th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
Sun 21st 10.15am Oxenfoord (the avenue of trees) - Forest Church
Sun 28th 10.15am North Middleton Village Hall



MAY

- Thurs 2nd 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
Sun 5th 10.15am Cranstoun
3.45pm Messy Church in Pathhead Village Hall
Sun 12th 10.15am Family Celebration in North Middleton Village Hall
7.00pm Evening Communion in Cranstoun
Thurs 16th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
Sun 19th 10.15am Cranstoun
Sun 26th 10.15am North Middleton Village Hall



Foodbank at Cranstoun

Don't forget Foodbank donations, especially tins of meat, fish and soup, and pasta snack meals, along with long life whole milk, tea and sugar, can be left in Cranstoun Church and North Middleton Village Hall.

The Foodbank Co-ordinator for Cranstoun Church is Brian Christie and he can be contacted on brianchristie@btinternet.com.

If you want to donate money the link is <https://midlothian.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> Thank you for your support.

More information about TVP events and services at www.tynevalleyparish.co.uk

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Hello again, Friends.

It's been a busy time over the past month but it's all been for a good cause. Since the last newsletter, we have had our joint Session and Board meeting, our Annual Stated Meeting, we've started the process for creating a mission and outreach effort in Pathhead, and we've made significant moves towards achieving full funding for our youth work. We should know by mid-May if we've been successful in this.

Yes, it's been a busy time... and we're not done yet. This month we will be enjoying Forest Church near Cranstoun, and we're planning an outdoor service and picnic for the summer. We have also begun working much more closely with Tynewater Primary School, where I am meet with a different class each week and several of our members have volunteered to work with the various classes there. Reece has also been invited to start working more closely and we are grateful to our Lord for opening this door.

If I would ask anything of you over the next few months, I would ask that you pray for us with regard to funding, outreach, and re-establishing a growing Christian community within our parish. Indeed, please pray for the whole of our ministry. You've no idea how important your prayers are. My prayers for all of you are that you may live in the Joy and Peace of Christ and that the work you do in for the Lord brings you great contentment. God bless, everybody. Rev Dale London



Roberts Ridiculous Radio!

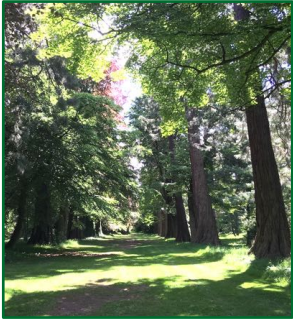
What is that all about? Come and join us for **Messy Church** and you'll find out. **North Middleton Village Hall, Sunday 7th April, kick off at 3.45pm.** It's for any age and is very informal. We have a bit of worship, a story, some activities and end with a meal together.



It helps to know if you are coming so click on the link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9SnanQjhISWwdnfofPm-DqozjabWyA9T-y7Pwa-mFM4WtTA/viewform>

FOREST CHURCH

What is it? Forest Church is all about getting together in the outdoors to worship God! When is it? 10.15am on Sunday 21st April at Oxenfoord, in the big trees to the right of the drive. If the weather is poor, we will simply go to Cranstoun Church. Bring your own seat. Tea and coffee will be served (from flasks)



There is so much in God's creation to help us think about God's greatness and inspire us to praise, thank and learn more about Him. Jesus spent a great deal of His time teaching, praying and ministering to people outdoors and He often referred to the natural things around Him to point to a truth about God's Kingdom: "Look at the birds of the air.." (Matthew 6:26) "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field" (Matthew 13:31) Being outdoors adds a new dimension to worship, taking away the walls of the church building can be really helpful for many people.

TVP Alpha Course

The Alpha Course started in February and we were very pleased to welcome five guests. We started with 'Is there more to Life than this?' we have explored who Jesus is, praying, reading the bible and 'Who and What is the Holy Spirit'. The greatest blessing is the way that we have had a journey together exploring Faith and getting to know each other. We are grateful for the team of Louise, Sue, Iain and the two David's who have led their group and also Catherine and her Food Team for providing delicious meals to sustain us. The meal together is such an important part of Alpha courses as it gives us a chance to get to know the guests and provide hospitality. The group are going to continue meeting after Easter in a home group setting to complete the last five episodes of the Alpha course. Perhaps you thought about joining us, but it didn't seem the right time for you? We would really encourage you to think about it the next time one is available. It can be life changing for both the guests and leaders. Amen!

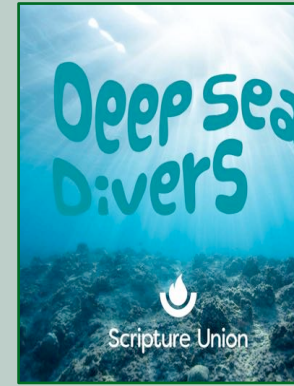


A wee thought from Jack for Easter.....

"Jack! Don't you think Easter is the best part?" How's that Lord? Easter was when you were crucified! **"But I won Jack and that's the best part of THE PLAN. Satan thought he had won and defeated me but really, I won and defeated him!"** Jesus, slow down, I think I'm starting to understand..... was it because you dying on the cross was not the end? **"You're getting there Jack. My death was never 'the end', it was 'the beginning'! A new beginning for everyone to be part of THE PLAN."** But Easter is all about bunnies and daffodils.... You should see Tesco ... it's full of chocolate eggs! **"Jack, you can be part of THE PLAN too - just tell people what Easter is really all about... a new beginning in their lives!"**. Me?? .. part of THE PLAN !!



OR...?



Holiday Club - Can you phone a friend?

We are looking to Church members and friends to help us complete our Holiday Club Team, so that we can have the full range of activities this summer. Can you recommend a friend or even take part yourself? No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a sense of fun working with children. You will work with a couple of experienced leaders in a small group of primary kids in Vogrie Country Park. Deep Sea Divers takes the kids into a deeper relationship with Jesus through activities, games, drama and songs. It really is great fun and runs from Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August from 11am-2pm.

You can even try it out for a couple of days, but we do need to have everyone go through the Disclosure Scotland registration and that can take several weeks to process. Do get in touch now with one of the planning team (Louise, David and Carrie) or send an email to tynevalleyparish@hotmail.co.uk.

Fala History Society

25th April 7.30pm in Fala Village Hall

'The Borders Witch Trials of the 17th Century' Mary Craig, Stow

