

## CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025

### NOVEMBER

- Sun 2nd 10.15am Cranstoun  
6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
- Thurs 6th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
- Sun 9th 9.45am Remembrance Service in Cranstoun followed by  
wreath laying at the A68 War Memorial  
and Borthwick Church Gates
- 7.00pm Evening Communion in Fala
- Tues 11th 10.45am Remembrance Service in Crichton Church
- Sun 16th 10.15am Cranstoun  
6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
- Sun 23rd 10.15am North Middleton Village Hall  
3.45pm Messy Church in Pathhead Village Hall
- Sun 30th 10.15am Fala Village Hall



### DECEMBER

- Thurs 4th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
- Sun 7th 10.15am Cranston Communion and Christening  
6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
- Sun 14th 10.15am Carol Service for all ages in NMVH  
7.00pm Evening Communion in NMVH
- Sun 21st 10.15am Cranstoun  
4.00pm Christingle in Pathhead Village Hall
- Weds 24th 4.00pm Christmas Eve Service in NMVH  
11.30pm Watchnight Service in Cranstoun
- Thurs 25th 10.15am Christmas Day Service in Fala Church
- Sun 28th 10.15am NMVH



NMVH = North Middleton Village Hall

**The Communion and Adherents Roll of Tyne Valley Parish Church** will shortly be attested by the Kirk Session as a true and accurate record of all members and adherents of the congregation for the year. If you are not a member or adherent of Tyne Valley Parish and you wish to be, please can you contact Fiona Corsar, the Session Clerk who will be very happy to discuss with you what happens next.



### MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

*Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)*

November brings us again to remembrance. The clocks have gone back, the mornings are sharp, and the fields lie still. We pause, as we should, to remember those who carried the weight of war so that others could live. Their names fade from stone and memory, but what they did still matters. The world they handed on is the one we now hold.

Isaiah's words remind us that carrying another's burden lies at the heart of faith. Christ took what we could not—our guilt, our sorrow, our distance from God—and bore it to the end. He didn't fight his way through it or call for escape. He simply carried the weight until the work was done. That is what love looks like when it costs everything. So, we remember the fallen, and we remember the One who fell for us all. Their courage and His mercy tell the same truth: peace is never cheap, and grace is never easy. Our remembering should make us quieter, steadier, and more willing to bear one another's loads. Christ showed us what that means, and the world still needs people who will follow his lead.

*God bless you all, Rev Dale London*



### Choose Christmas With A Cause This Year

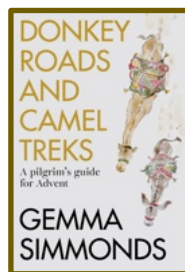
Caring Christmas Trees is a charitable initiative in Edinburgh that sells ethically sourced Christmas trees, with all proceeds supporting the Bethany Christian Trust's efforts to combat homelessness in Scotland.

For more information or to place an order, you can visit the official Caring Christmas Trees website or the Bethany Christian Trust's page dedicated to this initiative. [www.caringchristmastrees.com/](http://www.caringchristmastrees.com/)



### 'Donkey Roads and Camel Treks – A pilgrim's guide for Advent'

The Bible readings for Advent speak of making a straight path towards God, but many of us find our own route decidedly winding. This book (by Gemma Simmonds) offers user-friendly encouragement to explore what helps and what hinders us in this journey. We will read it and discuss it together in this year's Advent Group. As we do so we hope and pray we will be led to a deeper encounter with the flesh and blood God whom we find in Scripture, in our lived experience, and in the least of his sisters and brothers. The book's recommended price is £9.99, but various internet bookshops may offer discounted prices.



Everyone interested is warmly invited to join our Advent Group. All the meetings will be in our home, Ford Cottage, in Ford, and will start at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26 November. If you plan to come it would be helpful to let us know in advance. But you will be equally welcome if you just turn up! We hope to see you here.

There is one important explanation to give in advance. The book's sections are dated, and start with 1 December. However, our group starts on 26 November. This means we need to disregard the printed dates in the book. Instead, before our first meeting, please read up to the end of the section 'Hungry for God', (ending page 40). Then, at the end of our first meeting, we will agree how to divide up the remainder of the book for the remaining three meetings: Wednesdays 3, 10, and 17 December.

Malcolm & Cati Ramsay [amalcolmraysay@gmail.com](mailto:amalcolmraysay@gmail.com)

### TVP Christmas Charity Appeal

This year TVP Church are making a Christmas appeal for the Impact Youth Groups in the parish. Impact Youth Groups have been running for a number of years and are attracting ever increasing numbers of children and young people. There are three different groups – one in North Middleton Village Hall, one in Pathhead Pavilion and one in Cousland Village Hall. The groups are all run by TVP Youth Worker, Reece Allan, with the assistance of volunteers and consist of games, fun and a short look at different Bible stories. In addition to running the three Impact Youth Groups, Reece helps with PYP in Pathhead, at the monthly Family Film Night in Fala and regularly at Tynewater Primary School. TVP receives grant funding to run the Impact Youth Groups but, in common with many such grants, the expectation is that TVP Church will raise a proportion of the necessary funding.

There is a huge benefit to the young people of the parish in having a youth group to attend locally with their friends run by an experienced youth worker and we ask for your generous support in this project by donating to our Christmas Charity Appeal.

A Just Giving link will be in the next newsletter and on the website.

Fiona Corsar, Session Clerk and volunteer at the Pathhead Impact Youth Group



### Harvest Celebration

This was held on Sunday 12th October in North Middleton Village Hall and was led by Louise and Carrie. There was a good attendance and it was enjoyed by all. A good amount of food was given for the Gorebridge Foodbank and also £148 in cash. A big thank you to all who donated so generously.



### Messy Church - what is it?

Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It's Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. At TVP we include a time of meaningful **Worship**, **Creativity** through crafts, challenges and science, and we finish with **Hospitality** and a meal together for building relationships. You don't have to have children to come along, why not come with a friend?

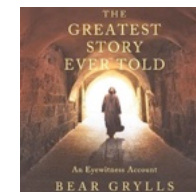


### Oh No! Not Christmas already! YOU choose a Carol!

The TVP Carol Service on 14th December will have something for everyone. In particular for YOU! Let us know your favourite Christmas song - a traditional carol or a more modern song - and a few words about why you choose it. The most popular choices will be included in the service. Anyone can vote! Young, old, families, home groups ... Everyone should vote! Entries by November 30th should be sent to Robert [robert@pansmanse.co.uk](mailto:robert@pansmanse.co.uk).

### A Good Read?

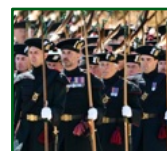
Bear Grylls has brought out a book entitled 'The Greatest Story Ever Told, an eyewitness account'. In 280 pages it takes you through the events of the life of Jesus from birth to death in a very readable way, and it includes a lot of the main features of his life from the view of an eyewitness. Good to give as a present to someone who would like to read about the events in the bible written in a different way?



### FALA FILM NIGHT

We had a full house at the last Fala Film night - twelve children and their parents enjoyed the family friendly film of Hotel Transylvania. Pop corn, hot dogs and cheese toasties were munched throughout the film.

The next film night is on **Saturday 8th November** at 5.30pm in Fala Session House and the film will be The Croods. Everyone is welcome.



### The Wednesday Group

much enjoyed a very interesting talk from Richard Callander mid October about the history and activities of The King's Bodyguard of Scotland, The Royal Company of Archers. Thank you Richard and Mary.

Join us for an evening of quizzing fun!

**7pm Saturday 6th December** in North Middleton Village Hall

Come on your own, or bring a team,  
Entry by donation. All proceeds to support

**tearfund**



### FALA, SOUTRA & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

27 November Body Snatchers - Dr Sandy Sutherland, Oxton in Fala Village Hall at 7.30pm. Website: [www.falahistsoc.org.uk](http://www.falahistsoc.org.uk)

