

## CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL & MAY 2026

### APRIL

Thurs 2nd No Midweek Service in Fala this month

Sun 12th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH

7.00pm Evening Communion in NMVH

Sun 19th 10.15am Cranstoun Communion

6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion

Sun 26th 10.15am North Middleton Village Hall

4.00pm Messy Church in NMVH



### MAY

Sun 3rd 10.15am Cranstoun

6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion

Thurs 7th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala

Sun 10th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH

7.00pm Evening Communion in Cranstoun

Sun 17th 10.15am Cranstoun

6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion

Sun 24th 10.15am NMVH

4.00pm Messy Church in Pathhead Village Hall

Sun 31st 10.15am Fala Village Hall



NMVH = North Middleton Village Hall

### Crichton Collegiate Church

opens to the public on Sunday afternoons during the summer between 2-5pm. The Friends, who organise this, need new volunteers to help provide cover.

*Could this be you?*

Please contact Sharon McHale 07710 515 247



### Pastoral Care

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## Easter with TVP Church

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd April**  
7.00pm **Maundy Thursday Supper** in Fala Village Hall



### GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April

1.30-3.00pm **Prayer Vigil** in Cranstoun Church

The church will be open for private contemplation of Jesus' last words from the cross and silent prayer.

*Come when you can, leave when you like.*

At 2.45pm there will be a short informal communion for those who wish to stay.

In the church there will be seven 'stations', each one reflecting on the words of the dying Jesus. You are invited to move around in silence; this is a time for you to share with God.

*Feel free to use the stations in your own time and way, or just remain in silent prayer.*

There will be suggestions for reflection and prayer if you wish to use them.

**Good Friday Eggsgravaganza 3.30-5.00pm** in Pathhead Village Hall

*Easter egg decorating for all ages.*

**EASTER SUNDAY 5th April**  
7.00am at Soutra Aisle **Sunrise Service**  
followed by bacon rolls in Fala Village Hall

11.15am in Pathhead Village Hall  
**Easter Family Celebration**  
*with an egg rolling competition with a difference!*



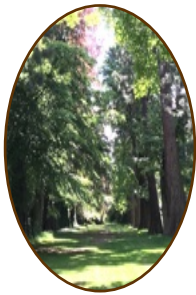
## Messy Church

At the last Messy Church on 22nd March we looked at Jesus' journey to Jerusalem during the last week of his life. One of the activities was to create a map of the journey. The children entered into this very enthusiastically.



**Next Messy Church is on Sunday 26th April in North Middleton Village Hall at 4pm.**

*All are welcome!*



## Church Outdoors – the perfect place for a service on a Sunday in May!

On Sunday 17th May at 10.15am TVP are holding the Sunday morning worship service in the Broadwalk, the beautiful avenue of trees near to Cranstoun Church, on the Oxenfoord estate. This is a lovely setting to marvel at the wonder of creation and to feel a part of it while participating in the special service for the outdoors.

Everyone is welcome to join the service. Toilet facilities are close by in Cranstoun Church where refreshments will be served afterwards. It is recommended that you bring your own seat or a rug to sit on although there will be some seating there.

## Mission for the Future in TVP - Saturday 16th May 9.30am for 10am in Fala Village Hall.

TVP are very fortunate that Rev Peter Wood, Mission Officer for Lothian and Borders Presbytery, is coming to speak to us about mission and with ideas about developing our church further. TVP have the great benefit of our youth worker, Reece Allan and volunteers in our Impact Plus project, funded by the Church of Scotland Seeds for Growth fund, in our mission activities with the young people and others in our community. Peter Wood will offer ideas and thoughts as to how we could develop our project further. After the meeting, there will be a shared lunch.

Everyone is welcome to come along to learn and contribute. For more information contact Fiona Corsar [fiona3004@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fiona3004@hotmail.co.uk) or 07894 463291.

**William McCormack**, who is of course known to us all as Billy, was presented with a long-service certificate and a lapel pin along with a gift on 22 March at our morning service by the Rev Dale London as a mark of our appreciation and thanks for his more than sixty years service to the church both as an elder and church officer. He will be sorely missed in both roles, for his bellringing at Cranstoun Church, his cheery welcome there and his dedication and wisdom as an elder of the church. We wish both Billy and Margaret a well earned rest.



## Help needed!

We are considering reinstating a welcome person on the door at Cranstoun Services. If you would like to join a team to help with this, please contact either Fiona Meikle or Fiona Corsar.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

In the year ended 31 December 2025 there was an excess of receipts over payments for the General and Fabric Funds of £1,095. This was despite the fact that congregational contributions were down by 5% on 2024 figures, and our payments to Church of Scotland were up by 15%. The main reason for the good outcome was the fact that our Fabric expenditure was less than half what it had been in 2024.

Thank-you to all those who contributed financially to TVPC in 2025, through standing orders, WFO or the open plate. Please consider reviewing the level of your contributions in 2026, if you can. This will be very much appreciated.

## Note on Impact Plus funding

Funding for our youth project, Impact Plus, is separate from the General and Fabric Funds. The Christmas charity collection for 2025 was applied to Impact Plus, and there are some further grants to come from Church of Scotland Seeds for Growth over the next year or so. However, these will not cover all of the youth project costs. It was agreed at the Stated Annual Meeting that the Revenue element of the Bequest Fund could be used to support Impact Plus as far as is possible.

*Dorothy Reilly*



## PATHHEAD POP UP CAFE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Pathhead Pop Up Cafe last Saturday. The Cafe had a great buzz and we had a good turnout from the School, the Church, the Gorebridge Choir and many community friends. Didn't the hats that the Tynewater School Kids did look super!

Louise and Pathhead Play Park Project team on the tombola raised a terrific £317. The total for the tea and bakes, which will go to the Edinburgh Sick Kids Charity, was a fabulous £500. We also collected three large bags of men's clothing for the Edinburgh Clothing Bank.

The team of Lyndsey, Louise, Neil and the two David's were really pleased to see so many people helping, and special mention should go to the many

bakers, the Grumpies for their hard work in the back kitchen, Lynsey and the Tuesday and Friday Cafe folk on the bakes and refreshment, Julia's tasty bacon butties and Fiona and Hilary on the Messy Church kids crafts. Naomi from 'Vocal' was very pleased to have the chance to mention what she does and was able to connect with several unpaid carers who were there.

**A big thank you to everyone who was there, helping in some way!**

