

## CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER/JANUARY

### 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  
*"Let the story of Christmas Light up the Night"*  
11.30pm Watchnight Service in Cranstoun
- Thurs 25th 10.15am **Christmas Day Service** in Fala Church
- Sun 28th 10.15am NMVH



### JANUARY 25

- Sun 4th 10.15am Cranstoun led by Allister Crompton
- Sun 11th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH  
7.00pm Evening Communion in NMVH
- Sun 18th 10.15am Cranstoun led by Rev Malcolm Ramsay  
6.00pm Informal Service - venue to be confirmed
- Sun 25th 10.15am NMVH led by Rev Malcolm Ramsay  
3.45pm Messy Church in Pathhead Village Hall



NMVH = North Middleton Village Hall

### The Minister's Sabbatical

During January the minister, Rev Dale K London, is taking a sabbatical. Pastoral Care will be covered by Rev John Hunter but in the first instance contact Aileen Blackwood, Pastoral Care Team Co-ordinator  
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**CHURCH NEWS** ☆

**Dec 25 & Jan 26**

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Let the story of Christmas  
**"Light up the Night"**

**4pm Christmas Eve**

in

**North Middleton Village Hall**

**A warm TVP welcome to all. Join us in our special service of Carols, stories, poems, prayer and fellowship**

**We will discover, using our 5 senses, the story of The coming of Jesus - "The Light of our World"**

**Followed by a short village walk to see:**

**The Walking Advent Christmas Window displays - "Light up the night"**

**There will also be mulled apple juice and lovely Christmas goodies to eat**



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### TVP Carol Service 10.15am on 14th December in NMVH

**URGENTLY SEEKING CONTRIBUTIONS** for the TVP Carol Service on 14th December. It won't be the same without 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 6TH DECEMBER should be sent to Robert [robert@pansmanse.co.uk](mailto:robert@pansmanse.co.uk) **DON'T MISS THE CHANCE!**



### Messy Church - Thank you!

Messy Church won't be meeting in December, but many of the team will be supporting Louise who is organising the Christmas Eve Service in North Middleton at 4pm. The next Messy Church is on Sunday 25th January in Pathhead Village Hall. At the end of another busy year, it is a good opportunity to thank the team and the faithful parents who attend our Messy Church Outreach each month. We have events on nine Sunday's throughout the year and the team of Carrie, Louise, Sophia, Lisa, Maya, Julia, Hilary, Susan, Robert and David take it in turns to organise and lead each month, with inventive and fun programmes. Hospitality is a key part of each afternoon and the Food Team of Catherine, Belinda, Dorothy and Elspeth provide us with yummy food, fizzy jelly and cope with all sorts of food preferences. We have many wonderful and supportive families, who we always enjoy meeting.



#### THANK YOU ALL!

Check out the Messy Church Photo Gallery on the TVP Web Site.

Messy Church Prayer Tree



### 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. To give online click on the link: [:https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tvpappeal2025](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/tvpappeal2025) The link will be live from 1st December to 25th January. Fiona Corsar, Session Clerk and volunteer at the Pathhead Impact Youth Group

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 - suggested £5pp  
Children free. All proceeds to support



### The meaning of Christingle!

Like ribbons wrapped around the world,  
Jesus makes God's love shine bright.  
And every sweet thing that God made  
is saved from darkness by that Light  
As candle, ribbon, orange, fruit  
come together, merge and mingle,  
God desires to make us one,  
*that's the meaning of Christingle!*



### CRANSTOUN COFFEES

Many thanks to all the helpers who provide coffee and biscuits after the services - it is greatly appreciated.

A rota for 2026 will be coming soon so if as a volunteer you would like to come off the rota, or you feel like joining us, please let Fiona Meikle know. (Three to four times a year is the usual frequency.)



### BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025

A grand total of 52 filled shoeboxes were collected this year - 30 from North Middleton and 22 from the Pathhead area. A big thank you to all who donated a box!



### USED STAMP COLLECTION

for C of S charitable projects is coming to an end in February 2026. Thank you to everyone who has contributed over the years, many good causes have benefitted. The next 8 weeks will be your last chance to pop stamps in the box at Cranstoun.



### Burns Lunch in Fala Village Hall

Everyone is cordially invited to a Burns Lunch on Friday 23rd January at 12.30pm for 1.00pm. There will be a sign up list in church in January or just click on the link and fill in your details: <https://bit.ly/48FP8kn> We do hope that you will be able to join us for the celebration!

