

CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST 2026

JULY

Thurs 2nd 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
 Sun 5th 10.15am Cranston
 Sun 12th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH
 7.00pm Evening Communion in NMVH
 Sun 19th 10.15am Cranstoun
 Sun 26th 10.15am NMVH

AUGUST

Sun 2nd 10.15am Holiday Club Celebration in NMVH
 Thurs 6th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
 Sun 9th 10.15am Cranstoun
 7.00pm Evening Communion in Fala
 Sun 16th 10.15am Cranstoun
 4.00pm Messy Church in Vogrie Country Park
 Sun 23rd 10.15am Cranstoun
 Sun 30th 10.15am Fala Village Hall

* Please note there will be no informal evening services in July and August

NMVH = North Middleton Village Hall

Pop Up Cafe - save the date

Another of the Pathhead Village Hall Pop Up Cafe's will be held on Saturday 3rd October in the afternoon. We will be serving afternoon tea and again we hope to have a Tynewater Primary School Class Scarecrow competition. Can you help in some way?

Baking, help on the day, raffle prizes, partner with other community groups. David Richardson, David Lacey and Louise would be pleased to hear from you.



North Middleton Hall Service set up

We are looking for a couple of people to help set up tables and chairs in North Middleton Village Hall for services and welcoming people at the door. The rota would be for once every two months. Please contact David Richardson at d.richardson170@btinternet.com

Pastoral Care

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A Proud Moment for TVP Church

"Simply outstanding." Those were the words used to describe the TVP website by Peter Wood, Church of Scotland Mission Officer, as he led the recent meeting at Fala to discuss our mission plan. Hearing such praise from someone in his role was a real accolade for our church community.

While every website needs someone to manage updates and keep things running smoothly, it truly is a team effort. Articles don't appear by magic — they come from the members and friends of TVP who share news, stories, and information. Your contributions keep the site fresh, relevant, and reflective of who we are. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who plays a part.

Following that meeting, I joined a Zoom session focused on how churches can best use their websites to express their identity and mission. Fourteen people took part, and it was both encouraging and inspiring. Even more gratifying was seeing screenshots from our own website used as examples during the presentation.

Well done, everyone — this recognition belongs to all of us.

Sana Forrest, Web Manager



A Bible based Holiday Club for the outdoors for P1-7 organised by Tyne Valley Parish Church in **Vogrie Country Park** 11am-2pm Monday-Friday 27th-31st July

Please remember to pray for the Holiday Club!

There are still some places available if you know any children who would like to come!

Booking link: <https://forms.gle/wC5Su2d5abdN5GVB8>

Proof of the Pudding: Part Two

Where does last month's multi-course dinner fit in? We read how Jesus shared that the scriptures, i.e., the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms were about Him (Luke 24:44). Our Old Testament (OT) is about three quarters of our Bible, i.e., 929 chapters v 260 chapters in the New Testament (NT). How familiar are we with the OT? Do we meditate on it day and night, or miss the blessing? (Psalm 1:2)



Back at our multi-course dinner... then if the Amuse-bouche is Genesis 1-9, the rest of the Pentateuch the "starter", the History & Poetic books the main course, and after a suitable pause the Prophets are the dessert; this leaves the NT as the cheeseboard and coffee. How many of us miss out on the Amuse-bouche, starter, main, and dessert part of our Bible meal, as we focus too much on the cheese board and coffee?

Our OT is Jesus' Bible, although in a different order! Jesus' order was the TaNaK: the Law of Moses (Torah), our Pentateuch; the Prophets (Nevi'im) including most of our History and Prophets; and the Psalms starting the Writings (Ketuvim), with the Wisdom literature, Daniel and Chronicles... <https://bibleproject.com/videos/old-testament-tanak/>

In Luke 24 Jesus said that the OT says He would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:46). Do we see that in the OT? In Matthew 12:38-42 Jesus shared an incredibly rich TaNaK-hyperlinked statement and the Pharisees saw... "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you." Jesus answered, "An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish for three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be... The people of Nineveh will... condemn [this generation]... The queen of the South will... condemn [this generation], because something greater... is here!"

Jesus had healed a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute... and they asked Jesus for a sign! Jesus first quotes from the "Law of Moses" (Deuteronomy 32:5, etc.) addressing the coming rebellion of the Israelites "An evil and adulterous generation..." Jesus then prophesies of His death (Jonah 1:17)... adding a condemnation from the people of Nineveh... "The Prophets". Jesus completes the TaNaK trio by adding the condemnation of the queen of the South (1 Kings 10:1-13) and the Wisdom of Solomon; the hyperlink to "The Psalms". So, how did you describe the Old Testament in a sentence?

Jesus' Bible (and Matthew, John, Paul, even Peter's) is richer in teaching and spiritual insight than we can ever imagine; and permeates the NT with insights. We should set aside time to balance our Bible diet. The Amuse-bouche (Genesis 1-9) is the place to start, everything else through to Revelation replays those themes adding clarity... over and over. So, enjoy the full meal and don't settle for just the Cheese Board & coffee... Jesus invites us to the great banquet at the wedding celebration of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9).

Allister Crompton (TVP Lay Pastor)

Breast Cancer Tea 1-3pm Saturday 15th August
in Pathhead Village hall

A great charity to support whilst having a fun afternoon with friends.



OCTOBER
BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH

Answers to last months Truth or Lie Quiz

Emeralds and diamonds are mentioned in the bible	TRUTH: the stones listed in Exodus 28:17-20 include sardius, topaz, emerald , turquoise, sapphire, diamond , jacinth, agate, amethyst, beryl, onyx, and jasper.
Goliath was 8ft 8ins tall	LIE: Goliath, the Philistine warrior, is described in the Bible as being six cubits and a span tall. A cubit is about 18 inches (45 cm) and a span is around 9 inches (23 cm) if you do the maths it translates to approximately 9 feet 9 inches (2.97 meters).
Bacon is mentioned in the bible	LIE: Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14, specific dietary laws were established for the Israelites, these prohibited eating pork, as pigs were considered unclean animals.
Cain was younger than Abel	LIE: Cane was the elder brother
The shortest book in the Old Testament is Hagai	LIE: Consisting of a single chapter with 21 verses or 440 Hebrew words, Obadiah Old Testament prophet and friend of Elijah who served in the court of King Ahab wrote the shortest OT book
Saffron and Cinnamon are mentioned in the bible	TRUTH: in the Song of Solomon 4:14, they are listed among other precious spices. Saffron , symbolizing beauty and luxury. Cinnamon , associated with God's holiness. Together, they reflect the themes of love, beauty, and divine favour in biblical narratives.
Josiah became king at 18	LIE: A very interesting character read about him in 2 Kings 22-23 and 2 Chronicles 34-35 ; became king aged 8; sought God aged 16; initiated spiritual reform aged 20; died aged 31.
There are 65 books in the bible	LIE: 66
Phoebe is mentioned as a deacon	TRUTH: (Ladies take note) Phoebe was a first-century Christian woman, a deacon and benefactor of the church in Cenchreae, commended by Paul in Romans 16:1-2.
King Agrippa 11 almost believed Paul's testimony	TRUTH: we read "to some extent, you persuade me to become a Christian." Acts 26:28
Paul was a tentmaker	TRUTH: For the apostle Paul, who studied under Gamaliel (Acts 22:3), tentmaking would have been a natural part of his vocational training, allowing him to earn a living wherever he traveled. In 1 Corinthians 4:12, he writes, "We work hard with our own hands."
Luke was a doctor	TRUTH: Luke was a physician from Antioch. He may never have met Jesus in person, but he encountered Him deeply through faith and friendship with the Apostles especially St. Paul. Their travels together are documented in the Acts of the Apostles, which Luke wrote as a continuation of his Gospel. Paul referred to him in his letters as "the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14),

Sunday Service on 14th June led by the Impact Young People

This was a very enjoyable service and everyone who was there was very impressed by the enthusiasm of the Impact young people who very ably led the service assisted by Reece who has obviously done a great job in leading and encouraging the group. It was followed by a BBQ cooked and served by Geordie and Fiona Corsar.

Messy Church

We have come to the end of another successful year of Messy Church, with a wonderful range of Bible stories and themed activities enjoyed by all. We have been delighted to welcome our regular families as well as some new faces throughout the year, and it has been encouraging to see our Messy Church community continue to grow. Thank you to everyone involved in helping to make Messy Church such a positive Christian experience for those in our community. Your time, enthusiasm and support are greatly appreciated.

Following the success of our combined Messy Church and Holiday Club session last August, we are pleased to be doing the same again this year and look forward to seeing everyone in Vogrie Country Park at 4pm on **Sunday 16th July**. In the meantime, we wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming you back soon.

