

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE & JULY 2025

JUNE

- Sun 1st 10.15am Crichton
6.00pm Pathhead Pavilion
- Thurs 5th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
- Sun 8th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH
7.00pm Evening Communion in Fala
- Sun 15th 10.15am Cranstoun
6.00pm Pathhead Pavilion
- Sun 22nd 10.15am NMVH
3.45pm Messy Church in NMVH
- Sun 29th 10.15am Fala Village Hall



JULY

- Thurs 3rd 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
- Sun 6th 10.15am Cranston
- Sun 13th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH
7.00pm Evening Communion in NMVH
- Sun 20th 10.15am Cranstoun
- Sun 27th 10.15am NMVH



NMVH = North Middleton Village Hall



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Messy Church - Sunday 22nd June

Do you know anyone who wouldn't go to 'traditional church'? Then do let them know about our TVP Messy Church. It really is for all ages. Parents are there with their children and there is the leadership and food teams as well. Each month we have a simple Bible story and a couple of songs for worship, we explain the theme through crafts, challenges and games. A warm welcome and fellowship are part of the Messy Church way of doing Church, and we always enjoy a simple meal together at the end.



Our last Messy Church before the summer break is on Sunday 22nd June, starting at 4pm. This month we are in North Middleton Village Hall. We have a great team who take it in turn to lead and the food is always great, but it really helps if you get your booking in early, so we can get the activities and meal ready for you and we can save on waste.

The booking link is:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9SnanQjhlSWwdnfofPm-DqozjabWyA9T-y7Pwa-mFM4WtTA/viewform>

TVP Summer Holiday Club, 28th July to 1st August

We are pleased to say that we now have enough leaders for the Holiday Club but there are still spaces for children so please pass this on to friends and family with primary school kids so that we can reach as many young people as possible. *And don't forget to pray for the Holiday Club!*



Mr & Mrs Wallaby... to err is Human!

Some images of animals almost seem to require speech bubble (s), and those that do so successfully can make us roar with laughter. We invite you to provide us with some funny ones for this image, and if they're good enough we may be able to put them into our July Newsletter. Overlaying human character onto animals is something that goes back into the mists of time. The Bible authors have reflected actual animal to human communication, both evil and good, cf. Genesis 3:1, Numbers 22:28. Both of these events ironically reveal deep flaws in humanity (Hebrew *adam*).



The people of Israel experienced God's miracle after miracle after miracle, as we read in Exodus, and yet even they did wrong. They:

- ☐ were literally freed from centuries of slavery;
- ☐ had the opportunity to take the Egyptian's gold, silver, clothing;
- ☐ followed a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night;
- ☐ escaped across a sea by walking over its bed;
- ☐ watched the incredibly powerful Egyptian army chasing them brought to nothing;
- ☐ were provided with food, water, and clothing that did not wear out; (Deuteronomy 8v4, Nehemiah 9v21)
- ☐ saw and heard God's glory at the top of Mount Sinai;
- ☐ agreed to do all God commanded and become a nation of priests;
- ☐ agreed to God's Ten Commandments and ordinances about life;
- ☐ were sealed with the Blood of the Covenant...

... then—despite all the above—forty days later they broke the Covenant!

Most of us are all too familiar with this painful disobedience of the people of Israel. Following this deep betrayal, fewer of us may be aware of the amazing character description that God speaks to Moses (Exodus 34v6); which is so important that it is re-quoted in scripture more than any other. I have put together a Bible study, with short videos and articles, on this amazing description of God's character based on material from the BibleProject. I am sharing this with two Home Groups; one of which is a brand-new Home Group. The study also tackles some challenging and intriguing questions such as: "If God Hardened Pharaoh's Heart, Did God Cause the Evil?", "Can We Trust God in Difficult Times?", "The Sins of Our Fathers!", "God is Like a Nursing Mother!"

If you are not in a Home Group yet and have wondered about joining one, then we have a couple of places in the new one. So, why not try this study and let's open God's living word together, just let me know.

Allister Crompton (TVP Lay Pastor)

New Evening Service in Tyne Valley Parish

Our new evening service in the Pathhead Pavilion continues to meet on the first and third Sunday of the month at 6pm, with tea, coffee and chat both before and after the service. The next services will be held on 1st and 15th June. We have now done a leaflet drop round most of the houses in Pathhead advertising the service.



Eco News

Oh no you don't - Oh yes you do!

Do you know what you can recycle in your blue bin? It can be very confusing! Recently we had heavy plastic and paint tins put in ours. Not good!

Full details are at: https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/1054/bins_and_recycling/377/blue_bin/2 but in brief you **can only recycle clean containers** such as:

Food tins and drink cans - YES TO: Soft drink cans - Soup cans - Food cans e.g. baked bean tins - Large metal tins (such as empty biscuit and chocolate tins).

Plastic food and drink packaging, YES TO: Plastic bottles, plus lids - Plastic tubs, pots, trays and punnets. **BUT NOT:** Hard plastic items such as coat-hangers, toys, plant pots, CD/DVD/video cases, nor plastic bags.

Lord there are times...

At our morning service on 9th March Cati Ramsay introduced us to this song written by Nick Fawcett and several people said they would like a copy of the words.



Lord, there are times when I have to ask 'Why?'
Times when catastrophe gives faith the lie.
Innocents suffer and evil holds sway,
Grant me some answers, Lord, teach me your way.

Lord, there are times when I have to ask, 'What?' –
times when your love is not easy to spot.
What is life's purpose and what of me here?
Grant me some answers, Lord, make your will clear.

Lord, there are times when I have to ask, 'How?' –
times when what's preached doesn't square with life now.
Wrestling with doubt I ask, 'How can this be?'
Grant me some answers, Lord, help me to see.

Lord, there are times when the questions run fast,
times when I fear that my faith may not last.
Help me, support me, Lord, help me get through.
Lead me through darkness till light shines anew.

