

TVP CHURCH NEWS - JUNE SUPPLEMENT

Proof of the Pudding: Part One

Have you ever enjoyed a beautifully cooked multi-course dinner at a special event, perhaps a wedding? Possibly the chef may have treated you to an *Amuse-bouche*, followed by a starter course, then the main course, and after a suitable pause the dessert and finally, a cheese board and coffee.



I recently shared an interesting question with two TVP Bible Study Groups and wondered how you might answer; we never shared answers. How would you describe the Old Testament in a sentence? We allowed ourselves a minute to think about it. Then I shared what Jesus said, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then in a sentence Jesus said, "Thus it stands written that the Christ would suffer and would rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." (Luke 24:44, 46-47 NET)

Was Jesus' sentence anything like your answer? How did Jesus see that in the Old Testament? Where does a multi-course dinner fit in? Catch you next month for Part Two!

Allister Crompton (TVP Lay Pastor)

Truth or Lie

A little bit of fun in this month's newsletter; a chance to test your Bible knowledge by answering simply "truth" or "Lie" to the following questions. If you have access to the internet you can check there for any answers you don't know; alternatively answers and explanations will be given next month.

Lets get started . . .

1. Emeralds and diamonds are mentioned in the bible
2. Goliath was 8ft 8ins tall
3. Bacon is mentioned in the bible
4. Cain was younger than Abel
5. The shortest book in the Old Testament is Haggai
6. Sa ron and Cinnamon are mentioned in the bible
7. Josiah became king at 18
8. There are 65 books in the bible
9. Phoebe is mentioned as a deacon
10. King Agrippa 11 almost believed Paul's testimony
11. Paul was a tentmaker
12. Luke was a doctor



Polar Academy at Pathhead Youth Project

Peter, from Edgehead gave an inspiring talk at a recent Pathhead Youth Project night. You may not have got the open invitation because it was a last minute advert. Thank you to the seven church members who came along. Peter talked about his school life, with bullying, a head injury with a hockey ball, and Covid, which all contributed to a disrupted school life and many missed months. The chance to train and then be picked to go on an expedition to Greenland was



a turning point and although he still has problems, he says he now has life goals to get involved in environmental work. His message to people of all ages is to take any opportunity that you can Wow!

He showed us with slides and words how hard the training was: 24k towing a car tyre on grass, extreme physical training, weekends expeditions etc and then how their Arctic adventure unfolded. It was life changing. Peter would like another opportunity to talk to people as an ambassador of Polar Academy.

Every little helps our Pathhead Youth Project

As you know, Reece our TVP Youth Worker, spends one evening a week at the Pathhead Youth Project. Tesco's in Dalkeith have PYP as one of their nominated charities until the end of July, and YOU can ensure that they get a good grant by voting for them with the small blue tokens you get at the check out.



Kevin Bruce, the Treasurer, says "this mini project is to help the young people learn to bake easy healthy recipes when they arrive at the drop in, then enjoy the food together or take it home, to boost skills, confidence and wellbeing.

Gorebridge Jumble

Spring clear out? Gorebridge Parish Church run a great jumble sale every Tuesday morning during term time. They sell goods of all sorts, pass some on to local good causes and the money raised is recycled into church and community projects. Our own Dot Taylor can be seen in the church doing the sorting. Coffee, delicious scones etc in the hall as well.

TVPC Budget for 2026

The Budget proposed by the Finance Committee and agreed by the Kirk Session and Congregational Board took into account known increases in items such as ministry costs payable to the Church of Scotland, presbytery dues, insurance and council tax. We assumed a small increase for other areas of expenditure. In order to produce a break-even outcome, assuming that we make use of our facility to draw down from funds held at Church of Scotland, we require congregational income to increase by approximately 5%. Your help in our achieving this target would be very much appreciated. Please take this opportunity to review the level of your contributions and increase these, if you can.

Thank-you.

(Please note that the funding of Impact Plus, our youth project, is separate and is not taken into account above.)

