

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE & JULY 2026

JUNE

- Thurs 4th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
 Sun 7th 10.15am Crichton
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
 Sun 14th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH followed by BBQ
 7.00pm Evening Communion in Fala
 Sun 21st 10.15am Cranstoun
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
 Sun 28th 10.15am NMVH
 4.00pm Messy Church in NMVH



JULY

- Thurs 2nd 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
 Sun 5th 10.15am Cranston
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
 Sun 12th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH
 7.00pm Evening Communion in NMVH
 Sun 19th 10.15am Cranstoun
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
 Sun 26th 10.15am NMVH



NMVH = North Middleton Village Hall

ELDERS CONFERENCE

The Church Elders met on Saturday 25 April in Fala Village Hall to discuss a number of matters that are important in our journey forward as a Church. Action points arose from the Conference, generally these being to hold further Elders' Conferences on individual topics to allow for a full discussion on each topic. In due course, we will be looking for the views of the congregation on a number of matters. We are grateful to Ray Christie for facilitating the conference and to all of the Elders for attending.

Fiona Corsar, Session Clerk

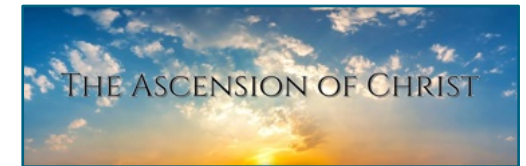
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

"Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'" (Acts 1:11)



Ascension Day is one of those moments in the Christian year that often slips quietly past us. Christmas and Easter are easy to recognise, but the Ascension can feel almost forgotten. But Christ's ascension matters enormously. When He returned to heaven, Jesus did not simply depart from His disciples and leave them behind. He sat down at the right hand of the Father. That matters. Kings sit when the victory is won. Priests sit when the sacrifice is complete. If you aren't done, you don't sit. But Jesus returned to the Father not defeated, not diminished, and not uncertain, but triumphant. And he sat. It's what Jesus is doing right now - sitting at the right hand of God the Father. This tells us His work is complete. Nothing more needs to be added to His sacrifice.

His Ascension reminds us, too, that the Father accepts Christ's sacrifice completely. Jesus did not return to heaven rejected or unfinished. He was received into glory because His work is perfect, and we don't need to live wonder if God truly accepts us. Jesus does still work on behalf of His people. He is not distant or absent. But now He intercedes for us before the Father. Even in our weakness, failures, and doubts, Christ Himself speaks for us.

But he didn't leave us alone here. He sent us the Holy Spirit. God is not merely beside His people but within us — strengthening, guiding, comforting, and sustaining us day by day.

All this gives us confidence and hope. Christ reigns. Christ intercedes. Christ has not abandoned His people. And the same Jesus who ascended into heaven will one day return. That is a truth worth holding onto.

God bless you all.

Rev Dale London

Messy Church Gathering

TVP Messy Church hosted a gathering of other Messy Churches, in North Middleton last week. Ministers and other leaders from 9 Churches gathered, including 7 of your own Messy Church team. The evening started with Pizza and salad, coffee and bakes (thanks Catherine and team) and then Peter Woods the Presbytery Mission officer led with worship and ideas to get us talking and sharing. Michelle Brown, who is the Family Worker at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, told us the story of their Messy Church journey over the last 16 years and all the other strands of her job as Family Worker. She sprinkled the chat with lots of ideas. It really was good to get together, share ideas and learn from other churches, and I noticed one or two people taking loads of notes.



New Messy Church Leader

Lisa Hobson took over the leadership of the Messy Church team after Easter. Being a Mum and teacher, who many of you will know, you can be assured that Messy Church is in good enthusiastic hands. We look forward to fresh ideas. We still have the same hardworking team who faithfully turn up every month, and not forgetting Catherine and the Food Team, the key to Messy Church hospitality that sends everyone home happy!.



**Next Messy Church is on
Sunday 28th June at 4pm
in North Middleton Village Hall.**

All are welcome!



Impact is now running in Cousland!

A youth project run by Tyne Valley Parish Church alongside parents in the village, it is open to young people from Primary 1 through to high school. Sessions cost £1 to attend and we run every fortnight. Sessions include a variety of activities such as games, crafts, a short Bible message, village projects and team-building exercises.

For more information about Impact or the wider youth work at Tyne Valley, please visit our website: www.impacttvp.com.



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

Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

<https://forms.gle/wC5Su2d5abdN5GVB8>

Mission for the Future in TVP

On 16th May, Rev Peter Wood, Mission Officer for Lothian & Borders Presbytery, led our Mission Day in Fala Village Hall. It opened with some worship songs, prayer and a Bible passage about Jesus sending the disciples out to spread the message of the Good News. This was followed by a video with some stories of mission taking place now in some other parishes within the Presbytery. We were each invited to create a figure from plasticene to represent ourself and place these together on a table to symbolise our journey together as a church on our journey in mission. With post it notes, we were invited to write down and then post what we have noticed is happening within our parish, what we consider might be the holy spirit working in "our place" and what might cause us to be locked in fear.



Reece Allan, our youth worker, gave a full update of the Impact Plus project in TVP and we were then invited to consider together what our next steps in mission might be in Tyne Valley Parish remembering that each parish is unique.

We finished with a prayer and a song before enjoying lunch together. Grateful thanks to Rev Peter Wood and to all who attended and helped to prepare for the day.

Fiona Corsar

Impact North Middleton Day Out at Scoughall

At Easter 2024 the North Middleton Impact group entered a Presbytery competition to produce a video on the meaning of Easter and won the first prize. Flushed with their own success, they took third prize in the similar competition at Christmas 2025. Flushed now by £400 to their credit, the group agreed to Reece's suggestion of a day out at the Scripture Union camp at Scoughall, (official pronunciation is 'Skole') which took place on Sunday 3rd of May and was an enormous success.

Nine of the ten regular members of the group were able to join us for the day along with the usual team of leaders and two chefs – Fionas Corsar and Mickle. The site is superb – beautiful situation, lots of space, magnificent beach, fine facilities and a great range of equipment. Moreover, the weather smiled on us, despite an unpromising forecast. Squeezed into three cars we made for Scoughall, arriving well ready for our pack lunches.

A well-thought out programme of activities went only partly to plan. In the event the young people were so happy to enjoy the place and its possibilities that careful organisation gave way to care-free organic entertainment. Thus in addition to planned games, activities and a short teaching session, the beach proved irresistible, as did the pedal go-carts. The chefs provided a delicious dinner which even the pickiest ate with gusto.

This was a thoroughly happy day and nine happy children were among the 18 exhausted people returning home in the evening. If the opportunity arises there would surely be a unanimous vote to repeat the exercise.

The North Middleton subset of Impact is a most happy fellowship, and we can expect and pray that their fellowship and learning will bear lifelong fruit.

