

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH & APRIL 2026

MARCH

Sun 1st 10.15am Cranstoun
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Village Hall

Thurs 5th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala

Sun 8th 10.15am Family Celebration and Communion in NMVH
 7.00pm Evening Communion in Fala

Sun 15th 10.15am Cranstoun
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Village Hall

Sun 22nd 10.15am followed by Stated Annual Meeting in NMVH
 4.00pm Messy Church in NMVH



PALM SUNDAY 29th March

10.15am in Fala Village Hall

Celebration of Christ's Triumphal Entry

a relaxed, welcoming service which includes breakfast



MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd April

7.00pm **Maundy Thursday Supper** in Fala Village Hall

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April

12noon-3.00pm **Prayer Vigil** in Cranstoun Church

3.30-5.00pm in Pathhead Village Hall

Eggsgravaganza *Easter egg decorating for all ages.*



EASTER SUNDAY 5th April

7.00am at Soutra Aisle **Sunrise Service**

followed by bacon rolls in Fala Session House

11.15am in Pathhead Village Hall

Easter Family Celebration *with an egg rolling competition*



APRIL

Thurs 2nd 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala

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 Village Hall

Sun 26th 10.15am North Middleton Village Hall
 4.00pm Messy Church in NMVH

NMVH = North Middleton
 Village Hall



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Isaiah 53:4-5 tells us: "Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed." In this scripture, we see Jesus on the slow road toward the cross.

Isaiah speaks of a servant who bears, who carries, who is wounded and crushed, and through it all brings peace. There is nothing hurried or accidental about that work. It is deliberate. It is obedient, and it displays a love that is expressed not in noise, but in costly faithfulness.

The days lengthen, the light shifts, and the Church turns its face toward the events that stand at the centre of our faith. We do not hurry there. We take the time to look carefully at the One who walks ahead of us.

The six weeks of Lent, begun just a short while ago, give us space to remain with that truth. In our worship, in our prayers, in the ordinary rhythm of parish life, we walk again the path that leads to the cross. We allow the weight and the mercy of it to settle properly, without rushing on to celebration.

Let us keep this season well, and be present to one another, faithful in worship, and attentive in prayer. If we walk this road steadily together, Easter will not simply arrive on the calendar; it will find us ready.

God bless you all.
 Rev Dale London





TVP Summer Holiday Club - SPACE ACADEMY

We have lift off for our TVP Holiday Club, Space Academy, on 27th July 2026 and are looking to recruit some new faces. Do you know any young people who are at senior school or adults (perhaps you?) who would like to help us for the week, or even a few days.

We start about 10am and finish by 3pm from Monday 27th to Friday 31st July. You are guaranteed a great time and the satisfaction that you have helped to introduce young kids to the bible. The theme this year is 'Love for God and God is the Greatest' and is told through the stories of Daniel. Louise Spencer would love to hear from you and answer any questions. David R Carrie, Susan and Robert Simpson are all on the organising team, so would be happy to help as well. We hope to have our team built by Easter because all helpers over 15 have to complete PVG checks which can take several weeks.

Messy Church - Sunday 22nd February in North Middleton Village Hall

The next Messy Church is on Sunday 22nd March in Pathhead Village Hall at 4pm. Being Palm Sunday Robert will have an Easter theme. We hope to welcome our regular families and some new faces. All ages are welcome. The last Messy Church was especially messy with foam flames and pictures can be seen on the TVP web site Messy Church pages.

Hot of the Press News: Our regular team is Louise, Carrie, Susan, Julia, Hilary Lisa, Sophia and Evie, David and Robert, but after 13 years it is time to have someone younger leading the team, so David is passing over challenge to bring fresh ideas and energy to Lisa Hobson. We look forward to Lisa, who is a primary school teacher and Mum guiding us into the future with renewed confidence and energy.



Pop Up Cafe!

Pathhead Village Hall
Saturday 21st March
10am-12noon

FREE EVENT!

Raising Funds for Edinburgh Sick Kids
Hospital Charity by donations

Join your friends for a blether.

Tea, Coffee, Home Bakes, Bacon Rolls,
Kids Crafts and Much More!

School Class Easter Hats Competition

Fundraising Tombola for the
Callander Park
Project!



Also collecting good quality MENS clothes for the Edinburgh Clothing Bank.
Organised by Local Community Members and supported by Local Groups.

Pathhead Pop Up Cafe

The Team of Louise, David L, David R, Lyndsey, and Neil would love to get offers of help on the day, bakes to go with our refreshments (money donations are going to the Edinburgh Sick Kids charity) and tombola prizes (for the Pathhead Playpark project). We are also collecting good quality MEN'S clothing for the Edinburgh Clothing Bank.

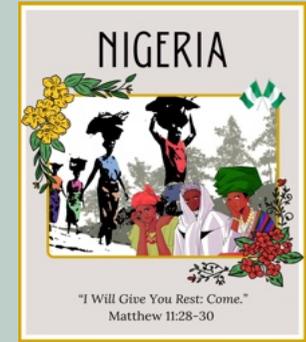
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

11.30am Friday 6th March
in Fala Session House

A time of prayer
followed by a light lunch.

At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.

All Welcome



To everything there is a season . . .

Friday 22nd March will be here all too soon - it will be the first day of spring (the **vernal equinox**)

I love this time of the year when the earth is waking from its winter sleep; green shoots appearing everywhere, birds can be heard in the hedges and the first tentative attempt is made to walk round the garden to see what has survived and what needs to be replaced. We also have a competition with our granddaughters – who is first to spot the first snowdrop, crocus or lamb – I do think there is a certain degree of cheating I must say!



In my musings I got to wonder how often Springtime or the changing seasons are mentioned in the Bible. With the help of Google here are some of my favourites
Genesis 8:22 “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease”

Deuteronomy 11:14 . . . then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil

Hosea 6:3 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

Isaiah 61:11 “For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth . . .

Songs of Solomon 2: 11-13

11 See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.

12 Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

13 The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. . .

When you see a snowdrop or crocus during this coming month smile - Spring is just around the corner :)

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