

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCT & NOV 2026

OCTOBER

Thurs 1st 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
 Sun 4th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
 Sun 11th 10.15am Cranston
 7.00pm Evening Communion in NMVH
 Sun 18th 10.15am Cranston
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
 Thur 22nd 7.00pm "Bless the Plough" Service in Cranston
 Sun 25th 10.15am NMVH
 4.00pm Messy Church in NMVH



NOVEMBER

Sun 1st 10.15am Cranston
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Village Hall
 Thurs 5th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
 Sun 8th 10.15am Remembrance Sunday Cranston & NMVH
 7.00pm Evening Communion in Fala
 Sun 15th 10.15am Cranston
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Village Hall
 Sun 22nd 10.15am NMVH
 4.00pm Messy Church in Pathhead Village Hall
 Sun 29th 10.15am Fala Village Hall 1st Sunday in Advent



NMVH = North Middleton Village Hall

A Special Service to Bless the Plough

A special service is being held in Cranston Church on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm to bless the plough as the Scottish Ploughing Championships begin the following day at Whitburgh Farms, Pathhead.

Tea and coffee will be served following the service. Participants in the Championships will be there, along with a plough, and everyone will be most welcome.



Pastoral Care

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"Bible Revelation" series October-November @ Cranston



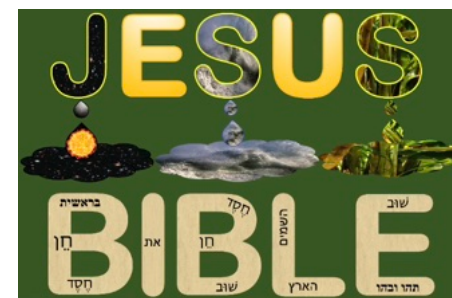
Over the past few months, we have run a series of "Proof of the Pudding" articles in this TVP Newsletter leading in to our exciting Autumn Christian Education sessions, which will use the recently installed new technology at Cranston.

This is your personal invite to our "**Bible Revelation**" sessions starting on **Tuesday 6th October @ 7:30pm.**

Similar to the very successful "**Bible Odyssey**" we ran two years ago, Praise God, this Autumn I'll be leading a series "**Bible Revelation**" where we'll look at what is the Old Testament. It will include a whole toolkit of techniques to clear up common misunderstandings and transform Biblical understanding. We'll use potted plants & an Aspen Grove, Van Gogh & M.C.Escher, a family quilt & the Mona Lisa, Louis Armstrong & Lord of the Rings. That's just for starters, and there'll be no AI.

Focusing on Genesis 1-3, we'll be opening up Jesus' Bible on Tuesday evenings in October & November in Cranston, lasting an hour and preceded by Christine's hospitality. It would be great if you could join us for this free one-off series. Please let me know if you can join us, as we will order some **Bible Revelation** goodies just for you...

Allister Crompton (TVP Lay Pastor)



Important Congregational Letter

A letter and form is on its way to all the members and adherents of our congregation. We have started handing them out at Church and from the 5th October we will be hand delivering or posting them to all the remaining people. This may take several weeks. *Please complete the form and return it as soon as possible to David Richardson, the Minister or any of the Elders.*



HARVEST CELEBRATION AT SAUGHLAND FARM



The Harvest Celebration held in a barn at Saughland Farm on Sunday 27th September was enjoyed by about 80 people, including 20 children. It was led by Louise Spencer and the Music Group and the highlight was a puppet drama featuring Mootilda, the cow, and Baaabara, the sheep, with Robert featuring as a sunflower! Louise gave an interesting talk comparing us to potatoes in that as with potatoes no one but God knows what's going on beneath the surface. After the service there was a big rush to go round the farm on the trailer guided by Ben McClymont, the Farm Manager, after which we all enjoyed the BBQ.



Lots of gifts were donated for the Foodbank and £370.20 was collected for the Pathhead Play Park Project. Our thanks go to Richard and Mary Callander and their team of helpers for hosting this event.



Family Celebration on 4th October in North Middleton

This will be led by Robert Simpson and after the usual refreshments the Impact Young People plan to do a sponsored walk from North Middleton to Cranstoun via Crichton (10.5k) to raise funds for the Impact Groups - to donate go to www.justgiving.com/page/impact-three-churches.

Everyone is welcome to join them - a picnic lunch and stout boots are required. It will end with a short service in Cranstoun Church at about 4.30pm.



POP UP CAFE on Saturday 3rd October 2pm to 4pm in Pathhead Village Hall

We will be serving afternoon tea and donations will be split between Pathhead After School Club and the Thistle Foundation, both of whom help the youngest and oldest in our community. There will be a tombola, some craft makers stalls and crafts for the kids. We are also collecting good quality men's clothing for the Edinburgh Clothing Bank. A star attraction will be the eight class scarecrows made by Tynewater School. Offers of help on the day, baking and tombola prizes would be welcome. *Speak to Louise, Lynsey Roy, Neil Dumbleton, David Lacey or David Richardsson.*

Pop Up Cafe!

Pathhead Village Hall
Saturday 3rd October
2.00-4.00pm

FREE EVENT!
Supporting Local Causes:
Thistle Foundation's Midlothian Wellbeing Service
and Pathhead After School Club by donations
Join your friends for Afternoon Tea,
Tombola, Craft Stalls, Messy Crafts for the kids,
and Much More!

Tynewater School Class
Scarecrow Competition



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

Advent Homegroup Dates

We are very happy to be asked to lead an Advent Homegroup once again. We invite anyone interested to come to our home in Ford at 7.30pm on the four Tuesday evenings in Advent: 1, 8, 15, and 22 December 2026.

As in previous years, we will base our gatherings on a book that will lead us day by day to reflect on the profound meaning of this season of Advent, when we think of the three 'comings' of Jesus: past, present, and future.

We will announce the details of the book in next month's TVP Newsletter, so that everyone can buy a copy before our meetings start. Please do let us know if you have any questions or comments about the group. We hope you will join us in it!

Malcolm & Cati Ramsay

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BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

A simple shoebox packed with love and care can mean so much. Leaflets are now available in church and filled boxes should be returned by the **25th October**. Any questions contact Julia juliab58@icloud.com or Carrie carrie.bennett58@gmail.com

If you are not able to fill a shoebox yourself, you can still remember others this Christmas by gifting two shoeboxes for £28.

For more details go to the Blythswood website:

www.blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/



Messy Church

Our next **Messy Church** is in **North Middleton Village Hall** on **25th October 4-5.30pm**.

This will be a very special event as we celebrate the baptism of one of our Messy Church youngsters. It's the first time we've had a baptism as part of Messy Church, making it a particularly special occasion for us all.

There will be our usual mix of fun, crafts, activities, food and worship and everyone is welcome - *come along and join the celebration!*



The Wednesday Group

The new programme is now out and available at services. Please give one to anyone you think might be interested.

30th September - Talk on Leuchie House

14th October - The Rise and Fall of Coalmining in Scotland

28th October - Hospital at Home

Gladsmuir Church Come and Sing

Sunday 18th October at 3pm

Come and sing some well known hymns and songs.

All Welcome! *Home baking and a cup of tea at the end.*



PEACE: Space Odyssey

A stunning virtual Tour of our local **Solar System** with Allister Crompton



Everyone Welcome - Free to attend
2.30-3.30pm Thursday 22 Oct
Holy Trinity Centre, Haddington

PEACE is a charity providing pastoral care and canine therapy for people in need of support and companionship. 2026 is PEACE's 10th Anniversary, and this is a celebratory event put on in aid of the charity.

The Big Quiz Night!



SAVE
THE
DATE!

for an evening of poverty-beating fun!

7.00pm Saturday 28th November
in North Middleton Village Hall

