

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025

SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 4th 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
- Sun 7th 10.15am Cranstoun Communion
6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
- Sun 14th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH
7.00pm Evening Communion in Fala
- Sun 21st 10.15am Cranstoun
6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
- Sun 28th 10.15am NMVH
3.45pm Messy Church in Pathhead Village Hall



OCTOBER

- Thurs 2nd 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
- Sun 5th 10.15am Cranstoun
6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
- Sun 12th 10.15am Harvest 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
3.45pm Messy Church in NMVH



NMVH = North Middleton Village Hall

Save the date!
**Saturday 6th
December**
in North Middleton
Village Hall



Wednesday Group

A reminder that the
Wednesday Group starts again
at 2.00pm
on 3rd September.

Pastoral Care

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Life... unexpectedly reassuring... worryingly challenging!

There's always change in life. Sometimes it's unexpectedly reassuring and sometimes it's worryingly challenging. All of us know what a tortoise is, many of us will have experience of them as pets. Ironically, we don't see them in TV wildlife. We see Killer Whales and Eagles, Elephants and Crocodiles, occasionally a Galapagos Giant Tortoise. However, a few weeks ago I saw a wild tortoise in a peaceful ravine slowly chewing on tree debris; unexpectedly re-assuring.



What reassures you? What is behind your life plans? How do you cope with change? What does the Bible say about life? From the start of October, we are running a series of Life Explored experiences, looking through the Bible starting in Genesis and ending in Revelation. We're using interactive sessions centred around a collection of silent films from across the world creating "Nathan Moments"; as the prophet Nathan did for King David in 2 Samuel 12... worryingly challenging.

Life Explored offers the opportunity to consider varied questions that help us understand our search for fulfilment, and Jesus's offer of life in all its fullness. It's for confused Christians, convinced atheists, and everybody in between, providing a time to discover what Jesus has to say about the big questions of life that we wrestle with.

Lasting about an hour, from 7.30pm in Cranstoun, we'll watch a short Nathan Moment video and share our reaction to it, watch a video commentary on it, and then share a reading and discussion questions contrasting the God of the Bible with "gods" we all too easily give our lives to instead. Could this help someone you know? Could this help you? Please come and join us to be reassured and challenged; send me an e-mail at... tynevalleyparish@hotmail.co.uk

"I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

Allister Crompton, TVP Lay Pastor

Soutra Aisle

On a beautiful evening on 17th August, a service was held at Soutra Aisle. Everyone gathered at the Aisle itself from where there was a panoramic view all around and over the Firth of Forth to Fife.

Henry Borthwick provided music on the accordion which blended with the birdsong. It was a truly memorable experience. The photograph says it all!



TVP Holiday Club 2025

What a great team and kids we had again this year and the weather in Vogrie Country Park was warm and dry. What better setting for the Great Glen Green Welly Garden Show. You can read about it in the latest Grapevine issue, or why not go to the TVP website and enjoy a few of the photo's of the fun we had: <https://tynevalleyparish.co.uk/2025-holiday-club-1>

Holiday Club meets Messy Church

We tried something different after the Holiday Club this year and invited the Holiday Club families to a special event in Vogrie Country Park on Sunday 17th August. Nearly 50 young people and adults enjoyed hearing the story of Noah, with a twist, making a craft, playing a game and singing some of our favourite songs before enjoying a magnificent picnic feast at the end. The Food Team Ladies enjoyed an afternoon off and sat in the sunshine, watching for a change.



Friends of Crichton

A private tour of Arniston House, in Gorebridge, has been arranged for Friends of Crichton on Monday 1st September at 3pm. Pay on door £15 pp. All are welcome.



Film Nights in Fala Session House

Two great family film nights have taken place in Fala Session House now. In July and August, we watched Toy Story and How to Train Your Dragon, both fabulous films enjoyed by everyone. The next film being shown is The Iron Giant on Saturday 6th September at 5.30pm. Beforehand, from 5pm, there will be popcorn, hot dogs and toasties, tea and coffee. This animated film tells the tale of a young boy befriending a giant robot from outer space that a paranoid government agent wants to destroy. A review states of the film: "Tender moving and exciting for kids (and their secretly tearful parents)."

There is no charge for the evening but donations are welcome. Future film nights are 11th October, 8th November and 13th December. Watch announcements for the films to be shown!

The Past. The Present. The Future.

The rich season of Advent will be with us once more in a few months, when we reflect on 'the three comings' of Christ. We've been asked to lead an Advent Group again, and we hope and pray that together we will find encouragement and challenge as we meet together.

We'll give more details nearer the time, but for now, here are the proposed dates: Wednesday evenings on 26 November, and 3, 10, and 17 December. The venue will be our home in Ford Cottage. If you are interested, please make a note of the dates, and do come!

Malcolm & Cati Ramsay amalcolmrmsay@gmail.com



Edinburgh Kiltwalk for Christian Aid

Margaret Riddell and I will be doing The Big Stroll (10k) on 14th September for Christian Aid. We will be joining a team of walkers from Lothian & Borders Presbytery. After a worship service in St Andrew's High Parish Church, Musselburgh, we will all set off from the Links in Musselburgh hopefully to complete the challenge! We have JustGiving pages and ask that you kindly donate something towards Christian Aid:

www.justgiving.com/page/fiona-corsar-1

www.justgiving.com/page/margaret-riddell-2



Autumn Pop Up Cafe

There is another 'Pop Up' Cafe being held in **Pathhead Village Hall on Saturday 4th October from 9.30-11.30am**. As well as a warm welcome, delicious refreshments and home bakes we will be serving bacon rolls. It's free, but we would ask you to be generous and make donations to the Midlothian Food Bank. We are planning a Scarecrow Competition and you will be the judges, plus there will be crafts for the kids to do. Also, we will be a collection point for good quality MEN'S clothing which will be taken to the Edinburgh Clothing Bank. **Save the date and join us with your family and friends for a good blether, coffee and cake, all in a good cause.** More details soon from Facebook and posters around the village.

FALA HISTORY SOCIETY

7.30pm Thursday 25th September

Fala Village Hall

AGM followed by

A Walk down the Canongate

Tom Harrison, West Lothian

Website: www.falahistsoc.org.uk

ECO NEWS

Thanks for all the pill blister packs you have been collecting. It has kept me busy 'posting' them at the big boots branches, and if I had an advantage card I could have earned some shopping discounts! Why not take your own and get the benefit? Otherwise pop them into the box in Cranstoun Church.

David Richardson

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025

Leaflets will be available at church soon and filled boxes should be returned by end of October. Any questions check out the Blythswood website: www.blythswood.org/shooboxappeal/ or contact Julia Baker jab@juliab2.plus.com

