

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPT & OCT 2026

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 3rd 2.00pm Midweek Service in Fala
 Sun 6th 10.15am Communion in Cranstoun
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
 Sun 13th 10.15am Family Celebration in NMVH
 7.00pm Evening Communion in Fala
 Sun 20th 10.15am Cranstoun
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
 Sun 27th 10.15am Saughland Farm followed by BBQ



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 Cranstoun
 6.00pm Informal Service in Pathhead Pavilion
 Sun 25th 10.15am Cranstoun
 4.00pm Messy Church in NMVH



NMVH = North Middleton Village Hall

A New Constitution for Tyne Valley Parish Church

At a Congregational Meeting held on 9 August, the congregation voted unanimously for Tyne Valley Parish Church to move to a Unitary Constitution. Presbytery Council approved the change at their meeting on 19 August. The matter is now with the law department of the Church of Scotland for their approval. We hope to receive the final paperwork, being a new Deed of Constitution shortly.

The change means that the Congregational Board will no longer exist and the Kirk Session will become responsible for the whole life and work of the congregation. It had been found that much of the work of the church was being duplicated by the Session and Board as it is difficult to separate the work of the Board, being the finance, property and practical matters of the church from the work of the Session, being the worship, mission, pastoral and spiritual matters of the church.

However, the Session will not be undertaking all of the work of the church itself in the future. Five working groups will be set up to deal with five different areas of the work of the church. Each group will report to Kirk Session, which will provide leadership, oversight and support to the groups. Membership of the groups will be open to elders and non-elders alike and it is hoped that this will harness the many talents that exist within our church community.

There will be more information on the groups, their remits and membership as they form and start their work.

Fiona Corsar, Session Clerk



BIBLE Revelation

Following on from the **Proof of the Pudding** series, here's a quote from David L. Baker, "One of the most fundamental questions which has faced theology and the Church in every age is whether or not Christianity also needs an Old Testament. Is the Old Testament to

be thrown away as obsolete, or preserved as a relic from days of yore, or treasured as a classic and read by scholars, or used occasionally as a change from the New Testament, or kept in a box in case it should be needed some day? Or is the Old Testament an essential part of the Christian Bible, with continuing validity alongside the New Testament?"

What about the opening line of the Bible? The modern understanding of the words *Heaven* and *Earth* usually have a clear meaning: the *Earth* is the globe we live on. *Heaven* is typically understood as eternal bliss. Sometimes, this is shared as the "Biblical" view of reality. However, the Bible uses the words "heaven" and "earth" in a way that not only challenges this modern view, but also points to a different Biblical story. Even current knowledge about the make-up of the universe is not the same thing as wisdom about its meaning and purpose.

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 demystify and transform Biblical understanding; using 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.

JESUS BIBLE ???

Focusing on Genesis 1-3, we'll open up Jesus' Bible on Tuesday evenings in October & November in Cranstoun, making use of its tech, lasting an hour and preceded by Christine's hospitality. Please let me know if you intend attending as we will order some Bible Revelation goodies for you.

Allister Crompton (TVP Lay Pastor)

HARVEST CELEBRATION AT SAUGHLAND FARM



Sunday 27th September at 10.15am
led by Louise Spencer from the TVP Holiday Club
and the Music Group.



A lively Community Harvest Celebration in a barn at Saughland Farm, just south of Pathhead. It's going to be a great event and will be followed by a farm or garden visit for those who would like to wander. There will be a Messy Church craft table for the kids.

We will be collecting food for the Midlothian Food Bank on our harvest table and the Richard Callander family are kindly providing a BBQ as well as other refreshments.

There will be a chance to donate towards the Pathhead Play Park Refurbishment Project, the first phase of which is about to start.

To help with the catering please use this link to tell us you are coming and any special dietary requirements <https://forms.gle/FKHvXuXmd6uK4dtZ7>

Messy Church Families: This would normally be a Messy Church Sunday, so we hope you will come to the Harvest Celebration instead.

Important Congregational Letter

We will shortly be writing to everyone currently recorded as a member or adherent of Tyne Valley Parish Church. The letters will be available at the church services for a couple of weeks from Sunday 20th September. From Monday 5th October we will begin hand delivering letters to those members or adherents who have not already picked one up at church. *Please read the letter carefully and respond.*

Rev Dale London



BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

A simple shoebox packed with love and care can mean so much.

Read about who the shoeboxes go to on the Blythswood website: www.blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/

Leaflets will be available at church soon and filled boxes should be returned by the beginning of November. Any questions contact Julia juliab58@icloud.com or Carrie carrie.bennett58@gmail.com

POP UP CAFE

Louise, Lynsey, Neil, David L and David R, are organising another popular 'Pathhead Pop Up Cafe' on Saturday 3rd October, from 2pm to 4pm in Pathhead Village Hall. We will be serving afternoon tea and raising money for Pathhead School 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 a table for kids to make 'messy crafts'. 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.

Could you help on the day or donate tombola prizes and bakes for this great cause? Speak to one of the organising team.



TVP HOLIDAY CLUB

33 Fabulous kids, a Fabulous team of 22 volunteers, and Fantastic fun sums up our Holiday Club in Vogrie Country Park at the end of July.

We enjoyed dry weather at our BBQ site where we had daily stories, songs, games, crafts, challenges, phaser fitness and amazing facts, and all on a strong

Bible based theme. The trainee astronauts were led by Captain Cosmos (Louise) and Buzz Brain (Robert) who as well as creating a lively atmosphere were also a large part of the creative brains adapting existing Scripture Union material. We are grateful to our team of volunteers, some of whom give up part of their holidays to take part and the teenagers who come along to add extra energy.

The Sunday Celebration Service in North Middleton Village Hall showed parts of what we did during the week and the 65 adults and children there were able to enjoy coffee, juice and croissants at the end. **We are also grateful to Tyne Valley Parish Church for funding the event, over and above what the fees from the families. Thank you also for some very generous donations.**



Messy Church Meets Holiday Club!

What a fun afternoon we had at Vogrie Park as Messy Church met up with our Holiday Club families! There was plenty of fun, fellowship and creativity. Rev Robert Simpson continued our journey through the book of Daniel with a message all about "Be Ready!" The young people got stuck into a whole host of activities, including timed challenges, making clocks from pancakes and sweet treats, and even making their very own real working clocks! We finished the afternoon with a fantastic picnic-style tea, which went down a treat! There were lots of happy faces and full tummies!

We're looking forward to welcoming our families to the Saughland Farm service on 27th September, and then to our next **Messy Church at North Middleton Village Hall on 25th October, 4-5.30pm.** We hope to see lots of familiar faces there, and some new ones too! *Everyone is very welcome!*



Family Celebration on 4th October - note change of date

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. Everyone is welcome to join them - a picnic lunch and stout boots are required. It will finish off with a shore service in Cranstoun.

The Big Quiz Night!



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

for an evening of poverty-beating fun!
7.00pm Saturday 28th November
in North Middleton Village Hall

Friends Of Crichton

invite you to an afternoon at Rosemains Steading for a Tour and Tasting at Jump Ship Brewery (non alcoholic), and Introduction to the Steading
£10 for Crichton Restoration Fund.

2pm
on Friday
11th September
All Welcome.

