

Welcome to worship

at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 14th December 2025
Third Sunday in Advent

Minister: Revd. Iain Majcher

Organist: Mr Matt Edwards

Asst. Organist: Mrs Janet Young

Ministry Student: Aileen Macdonald-Haak



ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Get ready, people of God the time of joy is at hand

All: We watch and wait for the good news.

Come young, come old, come those with much faith and those who question.

All: We watch and wait for the good news.

God waits to gather us in

All: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.

HYMN CH4 323

The first Nowell
Verses 1 and 6 only

LIGHTING OF 3rd ADVENT CANDLE

Christ our Joy, brighten our homes with your presence.

Clarify our vision so that we might see you in the people we cherish.

Make every activity this Christmas

an opportunity to spread your light and love.

All: We await your coming with delight.

HYMN CH4 282

Christmas is coming v1, 2 and 3

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen

BAPTISM

Chloe Elizabeth Jenkins

SUNG BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you:
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.

BAPTISMAL HYMN MP 167

Give me oil in my lamp

1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep
me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me
burning,
keep me burning till the break of
day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

3. Give me joy in my heart, keep
me singing,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me
singing,
keep me singing till the break of
day.
Sing hosanna . . .

4. Give me love in my heart, keep
me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep
me serving,
keep me serving till the break of
day.
Sing hosanna . . .

FIRST READING

Matthew 11: 1-11

ANTHEM

SECOND READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

HYMN CH4 313

See in yonder manger low

SERMON

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

We pause to pray in silence and spend time with God while we listen to the music.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pause to pray to God for the world, our community and one another.

HYMN CH4 301

Hark the Herald Angels sing

SUNG BLESSING

Go in peace

Go now in peace never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go not in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Welcome to worship in Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church. Whether you join us every week, are worshipping with us for the first time, returning after some time away or never been with us before, in person or online, we are delighted to worship with you.

You'll find tea, coffee, juice, and biscuits ready for you after the service in the Church Centre. We'd love for you to stick around for a cup of something warm and a good chat.

A very special welcome to the family and friends of Chloe who is being baptised today during the service.

Our readers today are Vhairi K and Ross M.

This service is live-streamed. If you prefer not to appear on camera, please let our Welcome Team know

WHAT'S ON TODAY

The Creche is open from the start of the service and can be used at any point during the service, please ask at the door for more information.

Sunday School is on for any Primary School-aged children. We leave after the all age song and all children are welcome to join in.

Evening Worship – 5pm (West Halls) A contemporary service with tea, coffee, juice & biscuits served beforehand. Join us as we explore the meaning of the Advent candles together.

Travelling Nativity: Mary and Joseph are on the move around the parish! Thank you to everyone who has already welcomed them. If you would like to host them for a night **there are a few spaces left**, please speak to Aileen, our Student Ministry Candidate.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Hog Roast

Tonight at · 5pm

Tea & coffee provided, please bring any other refreshments you'd like.

Nine Lessons & Carols

Tonight · 7pm · Church

West Blend Café

Tuesday · 10am · West Halls

Pop in for friendship, food, and a warm welcome!

The Guild

Monday 15th December at 7.15pm

In the Chapterhouse for **A Messy Guild**

Bothwell Memory Café

Tuesday 9th December · 12.30–2.15pm

Bothwell Centre

Supporting those living with dementia and their carers.

Allovis Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December 11:00-13:30 Tickets from Heather Duddy

Featuring guest entertainer Maggie D

Bothwell Philharmonic Choir – “Christmas Joy”

Friday 19th December · 7pm · Church

Tickets £12 or pay at the door.

OTHER NOTICES

Our brand-new church website is now up and running at www.bbcofs.org.uk, have a look and explore what's new! We are **looking for a small team of volunteers** to help keep it updated with news, events, and weekly orders of service. **No experience needed**, full guidance and support will be provided. Please chat to Revd Iain for more information.

Flowers

Sponsor a Sunday in memory of a loved one. A new list for 2026 will begin on 1st January. Email office@bbcofs.org.uk to reserve a date.

Handmade Jewellery for Church Funds

Agnes Graham will be selling jewellery after worship today and at West Blend Café on Tuesday.

Church Administrator annual leave.

Sandra is on annual leave until the 5th January. Phone calls and emails will still be monitored remotely, but may take a little longer. For urgent enquiries, don't hesitate to get in touch with Revd. Iain directly.

GIVING

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Bellshill & Bothwell Parish Church. Offerings may be placed in the basket as you leave, or you can give with contactless giving at the entrance. We also have a QR code for secure online giving.



Gift Aid, Increase Your Impact!

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