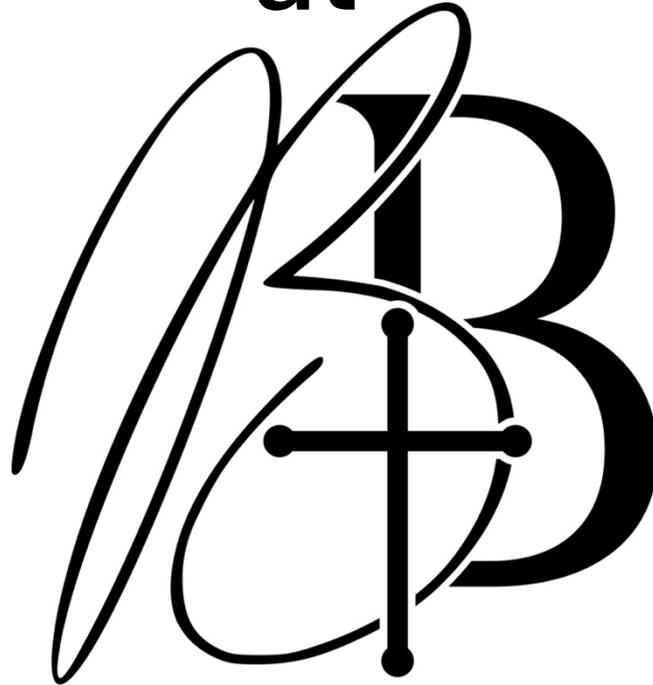


# Welcome to worship

at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish  
Church of Scotland

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026*

*Third Sunday of Lent*

*Baptism Élara Lorena McGibbon*

**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**

Psalm 95

### **HYMN CH4 167**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.

**All: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**All: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

### **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**

Élaria Lorena McGibbon

### **BLESSING SUNG TOGETHER**

**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 CH4 154**

How Great Thou Art

## FIRST READING

Exodus 17: 1-7

## SECOND READING

John 4: 5-15

## HYMN CH4 161

O God, our help in ages past

## 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 540

I heard the voice of Jesus say

**BENEDICTION** We remain standing if we are able for the blessing.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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**Welcome to worship** in Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church. Whether you join in person or online, come every week, or are here for the first time or the first time in a long time, a very warm welcome. A special welcome to all the family and friends of Élaría as we celebrate her baptism today.

**Join us tonight** and every Sunday evening in our West Halls at 5pm for a contemporary service with tea, coffee, juice and biscuits before the service.

**This service is live-streamed.** Should you not wish to appear in the recording, please speak to our welcome team.

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 Word of Thanks to Sandra**

We want to express our sincere thanks to Sandra, who has intimated that she will be stepping down from her role as Church Administrator. Sandra's last day will be Friday 13th March.

The role of Church Administrator often happens quietly in the background, and yet is essential to the life and running of a congregation. Sandra has carried out this work with dedication and care, and we are deeply grateful for everything she has given to us as a Church. We wish her every blessing, and we ask you to join us in thanking Sandra for her faithful service.

### **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.

### **WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

**The Guild:** meets again at 7.15 on Monday 9th March when we will have the privilege of listening to our Guest Speaker, Joy Gillespie, CEO of Survivors of Human Trafficking in Scotland(SOHTIS). This is not a ticketed event but in order to cater appropriately, would you please add your name to the clipboard in the Narthex. The cost to non-members is £5.00

**West Blend Café:** meets every Tuesday at 10am in our West Halls, we would love to see you for tea, coffee, toast, cake and GREAT company.

**Bothwell Memory Café:** meets every Tuesday in our Bothwell Centre for those living with dementia. The weekly activities include art, musical entertainment, fun quizzes, and baking. The café is open from 12:30 to 14:15, offering tea, coffee, a light lunch, and homemade baking.

**Messy Church Saturday 14th March:** from 3:00pm–5:00pm in the West Halls, Bellshill, ML4 3DS for an afternoon packed with: Loads of food. Loads of fun. Loads of faith...And yes... loads of mess! Messy Church is for all ages, a relaxed, creative way to explore faith together. Come ready to get stuck in, get a little messy, and enjoy the fun! And you get your Tea provided. We would love to see you there.

## **ADVANCED NOTICE**

**Allovus:** meets on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 11am-1.30pm with Guest Speaker, William, reaching out, regarding the Homeless.

**Saturday 21st March:** from 10:00am–12:00pm come along to Bellshill and Bothwell Church, Narthex, for a wonderful Home Baking Stall, raising funds for the life and work of the Church. Stock up on delicious cakes, traybakes, scones and more! Mark the date in your diary and bring a friend! Orders may also be placed with Allison H (Mob: 07788521000).

## **NOTICE**

**Newsletter Reminder:** If you are not receiving the almost-weekly newsletter, please email [minister@bbcofs.org.uk](mailto:minister@bbcofs.org.uk) so we can make sure you're on the list.

It would also be helpful to add this email address to your contacts or address book. Some email providers can be quite strict and occasionally filter the emails into spam or junk folders. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

## GIVING

**If you wish to make an offering** today to Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church, please use the basket at the top of the steps on your way out. Contactless giving is also available at the entrance. All financial gifts go towards the church's work. Alternatively, please use the QR code to give via our secure online giving platform.



**Gift Aid:** Maximise Your Impact! When you're using the contactless machine, why not unlock the power of your generosity? By selecting the option to gift aid your donation, you can make an even bigger difference! If you're a UK taxpayer, it won't cost you a penny extra; for every £1 you contribute, we'll receive an additional £0.25!

### **\*Help Us Fill the Food Larder !\***

Next time you're out shopping, why not grab an extra item or two? You can drop off your donations in the trolley anytime outside the Chapterhouse Café. This will help stock out shelves at both our buildings to support our community.