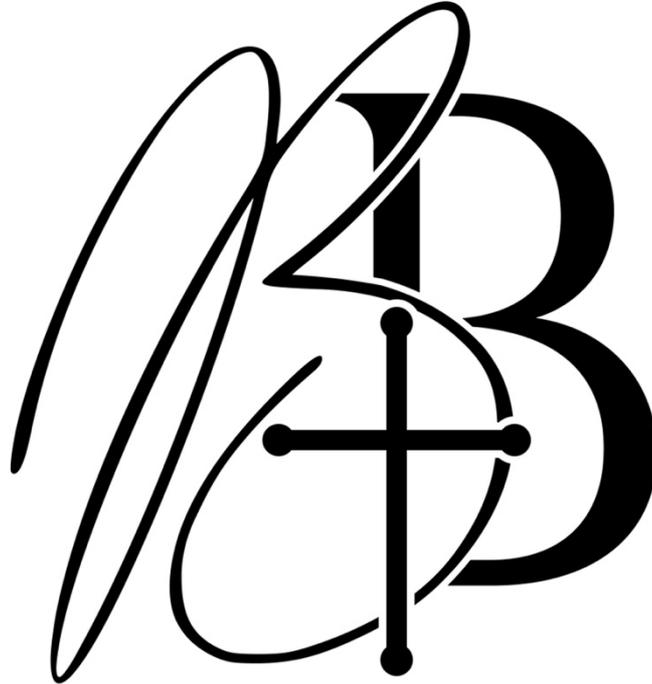


# Welcome to worship

at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish  
Church of Scotland

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026*

*Mothering Sunday*

**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

We've come to worship God,  
who loved us before we were yet born,  
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,  
whose presence never leaves us,  
and whose love for us never ceases.

**This is our God.**

**Let's worship together!**

## HYMN MP 1072

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm.  
What heights of love,  
what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone  
who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones  
he came to save  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied,  
for every sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain,  
then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am His and He is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of  
Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
till He returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## **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**

## **ALL AGE TALK**

### **ALL AGE SONG GWA 113**

God, we praise you for the women

1. God, we praise you for the women who have taught us to be strong, who have held us, who have raised us with a prayer and with a song.

2. Sarah laughed to hear the promise - God would bless her with a son; Sarah laughed and Sarah doubted till she saw what God had done.

3. Pharaoh's daughter, like a mother, lifted Moses from a pool, brought him safely to the palace where a slave would go to school.

4. Mary watched the senseless slaughter, as her son died on the cross; she who knew the joy of childbirth, now was torn by bitter loss.

5. As her life drew on toward evening, after she had raised her own, Lois held her baby grandson, told him of God's love made known.

6. God, we praise you for the women who have taught us to be strong, who have held us, who have raised us with a prayer and with a song.

### **FIRST READING**

Micah 4:1-5

### **SECOND READING**

Matthew 12: 46-50

### **HYMN CH4 502**

Take my life

## **SERMON**

### **PAUSE FOR REFLECTION**

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

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Led by Mary

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

## **HYMN CH4 182**

Now thank we all our God

**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, are here for the first time or the first time in a long time, a very warm welcome.

**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. Tonight, Aileen explores 'God in the Silence' with us....

**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.

**Our reader today** is Graham M

## 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

**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.

**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!

**We are delighted to share** that, following a competitive round of interviews, the Congregational Digital Ministry Worker post has now been filled. More information to follow.

### **Goodbye Sandra**

Today we say goodbye to Sandra, who has given so much to us through her work in the office.

**Please note that the office will not be staffed** for the time being. Phones and emails will continue to be monitored and answered remotely when possible. Please be patient, and if any printing is required, a minimum of 1 week's notice will be required. For any queries, please contact Revd. Iain.

### **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.