

Welcome to worship at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Minister: Revd. Iain Majcher

Organist: Mr Matt Edwards

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ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this time of worship, **All: We feel the presence of God.**

In our words, in our songs **All: We sing the beauty of God.**

In each person, in each soul **All: We see the face of God.**

HYMN CH4 167

Guide me, O thou great redeemer

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which 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

Here we are together

1. Here we are together,
now we can begin
The youngest and the oldest, the
only child, the twin
Some who're feeling left out, and
some who're feeling in
Gathering in this place.

Chorus
Welcome everybody,
it's good to see you here
Welcome everybody,
it's good to see you here
Welcome everybody,
it's good to see you here
Gath 'ring in this place.

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2. Here we are together,
joining in this song,
Even those who feel, that their
singing's not that strong.
And as we sing may ev'ry person
know that they belong,
Gath 'ring in this place.

Chorus
Welcome everybody,
it's good to see you here
Welcome everybody,
it's good to see you here
Welcome everybody,
it's good to see you here
Gath 'ring in this place.

3. Here we are together, with our hopes and fears,
Bringing many feelings, our laughter and our tears.
And now it's time for ev'ry one to tell the world "WE'RE HERE!",
Gath 'ring in this place.

Chorus

FIRST READING

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

SECOND READING

Matthew 14:13-21

HYMN CH4 739

The Church's one foundation

SERMON

HYMN MP CH4 19

Ye Gates, lift up your heads on high

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We remain standing if we are able and pray together the words below.

**Lord, so often we fail to seek Your heart and Your will for our lives.
Instead, we become focused on our own wants,
our own needs and our own ambitions.
We confess that we can be narrow-minded,
self-centred, and slow to listen to You.
Forgive us, Lord, and give us ears to hear Your voice.
Help us tune out the noise of the world
and instead listen for the quiet whisper of Your Spirit,
who faithfully leads us into Your good purpose.
Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. *Please be seated***

COMMUNION

...So with the company of heaven and earth we sing your praises...

All sing: (tune CH4 769)

**Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words
'You are holy, Lord.'**

...The gifts of God for us, the children of God.

Everyone who loves the Lord Jesus Christ is invited to share at His table. For those worshipping with us in the building, the bread and non-alcoholic wine will be distributed in the pews. Please take a piece and pass it on to your neighbour. The bread in the glass dishes is gluten-free. When you have received the bread and the wine, you are welcome to eat and drink prayerfully in your own time, giving thanks to God.

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN CH4 675

Now let us from this table rise

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.

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, 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.

Today we celebrate Communion together. All are welcome at the Lord's table, whether this is your first time with us or you've been coming for years. In the building, the wine is non-alcoholic, and gluten-free bread is available in the small glass ramekins. Whether you choose to take communion or not, please pass the elements along to your neighbour. For those joining us from home, you are warmly welcome to participate too. Have your own bread and wine or juice ready, and we will share in this together regardless of the distance.

Need help? Look for anyone wearing a lanyard; they'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

WHAT'S ON TODAY

Seating: Over the next few weeks, we will experiment with different seating arrangements in the church. Some areas will be closed off each Sunday as we test various setups. In late August, you'll be invited to provide feedback to help us decide how to best use the space moving forward. We invite you to approach these options with an open mind. Since we don't have 400 people attending each Sunday to fill the pews, we need to find the best way to utilise the space for our current needs.

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

West Blend is back! Come along to the West Halls in Bellshill from 10:00am for coffee, tea, cakes, toast and great company.

Music @3pm Sunday 9th August. Join us for a beautiful concert of harp music, as magical tones serenade us for approximately 45 minutes. Entry is free, and we would love to see you there: one concert not to be missed this year!

NOTICES

Inside Out Sunday, 9th August

Sunday 9th August is Inside Out Sunday, when we will be thinking about outreach in both directions: the service we offer one another within our congregation, and the love we show to the world beyond our walls.

Every part of our life together depends on volunteers, from our core teams to the day to day tasks that make Sunday happen: a welcome at the door, tea and coffee after the service, and much more besides. On the day you will have the chance to find out what is involved and to sign up for something, whether that is a regular commitment or an occasional helping hand.

No experience is needed, just a willingness to serve. If you have ever wondered whether there is a place for you to contribute, there is, and we would love to help you find it. Come along on 9th August and see where God might be calling you.

SAVE THE DATE

Church summer picnic: Fancy an afternoon in the sunshine? Join us for our Church Summer Picnic on Sunday 16th August in the Manse garden, straight after morning worship; bring a chair, bring the family, friends or just yourself and come enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Anne L and her team are putting it all together and would love a hand, whether that's a donation of food or a little towards the cost, every bit helps make the day special. Just have a word with her after the service (look for the lanyard!)

Hogmanay at BBCofS... This Hogmanay we have something special planned. We will be holding a ceilidh for the whole church family, with family and friends very much welcome too. More details will follow after the summer break.

STAY CONNECTED WITH BBCofS

Newsletter



Get news, updates, and reflections from across our congregation delivered straight to your inbox. Scan the QR code below to sign up for our regular newsletter.

WhatsApp channel

As we continue to improve how we keep in touch, we have set up a WhatsApp channel to share upcoming news and information relevant to the life of the congregation. To join, simply scan the QR code.



GIVING

Your generosity keeps our doors open and enables us to share the Gospel within our parish and further afield. If you would like to support the work and Mission of Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church, a basket is available at the door. You are also welcome to use the contactless machine or scan the QR code to give digitally. Thank you for your kindness..



Bellshill & Bothwell Parish Church

Music @ 3pm Concerts

A series of light musical interludes...



Matt Edwards - A Night at the Musicals
Organ - Director of Music, Bothwell Parish Church

~~12th July:~~

~~Rachel & Holli - Fiddle & Accordion~~
~~Traditional Scottish Music~~

9th August:

Harp Choir **SAVE THE DATE**
Come and Relax for an Hour of Beautiful Music

13th September: Music for the Soul*

Music for Piano, 'Cello, Violin and Clarinet

11th October:

Arietta Ladies Choir
Directed by Janet Young

8th November:

Pianorama
Bringing the Piano to Life with Four Hands

6th December:

A Christmas Quartet
Festive Music from a String Quartet

Second Sundays at 3.00pm

Entry is FREE

Retiring Collection - All proceeds to Church Funds*

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*Proceeds of the September Concert will be given to a charity nominated by the performers

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