

Welcome to worship today at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 26th July 2026

Minister: Revd. Iain Majcher

Organist: Mr Matt Edwards

Asst. Organist: Mrs Janet Young

Pastoral Ministry: Mhairi Phillipson

Digital Ministry: Stewart Mason



ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Called to be branches in Christ's body,

All: we yearn to be connected to the vine.

Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,

All: we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,

All: we seek God's nurturing presence.

HYMN CH4 172

Sing for God's glory

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 CH4 142

A small thing like a hazelnut

1st BIBLE READING

Psalms 119:129-136

2nd BIBLE READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

HYMN CH4 180

Give thanks with a grateful heart

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 458

At the name of Jesus

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.

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.

After the Amen: Stewart is looking for a few volunteers to share, in just a few words, what you took away from this morning's sermon. Please find him after the service if you are happy to help, or simply say yes if he approaches you!

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.

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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