

Welcome to worship today at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 23rd August 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

Listen all those who seek righteousness

All: We come to seek the Lord

Look to the Rock from which we are cut

All: The Lord our God is that Rock who has compassion on his people.

Listen for the Lord, you who are his people

All: For revelation flows from Him and He is our salvation

Look to the heavens and the earth, they are only temporary

All: Yet His salvation will last forever and His righteousness will never fail. Amen

HYMN CH4 198

Let us build a house where love can dwell

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 GWA 200

One church, one voice

*Great is our God,
Great is our God.*

1. We come to worship you,
to bring you praise, to hear your truth;
one Church, one voice, one song
to thank you Lord
for all you've done.

2. We come to worship you
as different people joined as one.
One Church, one voice, one song,
all saved by grace in Christ alone.
*Great is our God,
Great is our God.*

3. We come to worship you
in times of trouble, times of doubt.
One Church, one voice, one song,
and in our weakness you are strong.

4. We come to worship you,
to celebrate when life is good.
One Church, one voice, one song
to honour you, our faithful one.
*Great is our God,
Great is our God.*

5. We come to worship you
with all the gifts you give to us.
One Church, one voice, one song
to see your will on earth be done.

1st BIBLE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

2nd BIBLE READING

Romans 12:1-8

HYMN CH4 502

Take my life and let it be

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 251

I, the Lord of sea and sky

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 the building 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.

Have You Noticed the Lanyards? You may have spotted some people around wearing lanyards. Anyone who is helping or mentioned in the notices will be wearing one, making them easy to find. If you have any questions, please ask anyone wearing a lanyard, and they will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Your Feedback Matters

In recent months our congregation has seen much change: a growing ministry team, new seating arrangements on Sunday mornings, and the reopening of our West Halls. With so much happening at once, we want to hear how these changes are being felt, not only the seating but the wider life of the church. Change, even good change, can feel unsettling, and we want to hear that too. We ask that all feedback be offered constructively, with a view to building up, and with the whole body of the church in mind rather than personal preference alone.

Only a small number of responses have come in so far, and we would really value hearing from you. The more voices we have, the better the picture we will have of where we are and where God may be leading us. The survey closes TODAY at 11 pm.

Please complete the form online if possible, using the QR code or the link below. Every paper response has to be typed up by hand, so completing it online saves a great deal of work. A limited number of printed copies are available at the back for those who cannot manage online, and if you would like a hand with the online version, please do ask: someone will gladly sit with you and go through it.

Paper copies must be handed back no later than during tea and coffee today, to allow us to fill them in online.



<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/T10e74pRHV>

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 this morning! Any children of primary school age are warmly invited to leave with their leaders after the all-age hymn. They will be based in the Church Centre and can be collected there at the end of the service.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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

Bothwell Memory Café: meets every Tuesday in our Bothwell Centre for those living with dementia from 12:30 to 14:15, offering tea, coffee, a light lunch, and homemade baking.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Join us in our West Halls on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 11.00 am to 12 noon for Wednesday Welcome. Come in for tea, coffee and a short service of well-loved hymns, prayer, a Bible reading and a brief reflection on the text. All are welcome, and we would love to see you there.

HOGMANAY @BBCofS

Buy your Hogmanay tickets - £10

See in the Bells with us! Live music, a ceilidh, and a floor waiting for you. Doors open at 20:30 at the West Halls, first dance at 21:00, last dance just before 01:00. Bring your own drinks (alcoholic or soft) and snacks, and bring your family and friends along for a night of fun as we dance our way from one year into the next. Tickets £10, available from Mary and Graham, who will be wearing lanyards or email hogmanay@bbcofs.org.uk.

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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 congregation's life. 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. We ask God to bless all that is given and to guide us in using it for his will rather than our own.

If you would like to support the work and mission of Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church, a box is available at the door today for any coins or notes. You are also welcome to use the contactless machine or scan the QR code to give digitally.

If you would prefer to give regularly by standing order, or to add Gift Aid to your giving at no cost to yourself, please speak to a member of the Finance Team or email finance@bbcofs.org.uk.

To all who already give, thank you for your kindness and faithfulness.

THE STAINED GLASS BOOK LAUNCH

Friday 4 September 2026, 6.30pm, in Bothwell Church

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new illustrated guide to the stained glass of our church in Bothwell, produced and generously gifted to the congregation by architectural photographer Colin McLean. Colin will join us on the evening to say a few words about the collection, and refreshments will be served. All are warmly welcome, and please do bring friends and neighbours.

The booklet will be available from the church starting next Sunday for £5.00, with all proceeds supporting the life and mission of the congregation.

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
Come and Relax for an Hour of Beautiful Music~~

13th September: Music for the Soul* **SAVE THE DATE**
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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