

Welcome to worship today at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 6th September 2026

Minister: Revd. Iain Majcher

Organist: Mr Matt Edwards

Asst. Organist: Mrs Janet Young

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Digital Ministry: Stewart Mason



ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

GWA 42

We stand if we are able and sing together

God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends

Repeat X3

HYMN CH4 187

There's a wideness in God's mercy

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

Prayer is like a telephone, for us to talk to Jesus,
prayer is like a telephone, for us to talk to God.
Prayer is like a telephone, for us to talk to Jesus,
pick it up and use it every day.

We can shout out loud (JESUS)
We can whisper softly (Shhh)
We can make no noise at all (...)
but he'll always here our call. Repeat

1st BIBLE READING

Jonah 3:10, 4:1–11

2nd BIBLE READING

Isaiah 49:5–6

OFFERING DEDICATION: However we give, whether by standing order, by cash at the door, electronically via the QR code or the contactless machine, we offer it all to God.

As we offer our gifts to you, God,

All: may we remember those we so easily forget:

the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the afraid.

For yours is a kingdom of grace, justice and hope,

and it belongs to us only because it belongs first to them.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN CH4 555

Amazing grace

SERMON

Who is mission for?

Sermon Series - *Sent: What Is Mission?*

Over five Sundays we are asking what mission actually is. Catch up on YouTube

HYMN GWA 69

Come to the table

1. Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

3. Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of love.

This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of love.

2. Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of peace.

This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of peace.

4. Come to the table of joy.

Come to the table of joy.

This is God's table,
it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of joy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Merciful God,

you have given us life, time, abilities and resources,

and you invite us to share in your care

for the world you made and love.

That invitation is a gift,

and we confess that we do not always treat it as one.

We are moved more by fear than by faith,

more by our own comfort than by your promises.

Forgive us for the fear that holds us back,

and for the comforts we put first.

By your Holy Spirit, take away our fear and heal our selfishness,

that we may use what you have entrusted to us

to serve our neighbours

and bring honour to the name of Jesus.

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 543

Longing for light, we wait in darkness

SENDING *We remain standing, if we are able*

God has gone before us.

All: God is already at work.

We are not sent to draw the lines.

All: We are sent to the people God already loves.

Go in the love of the Father,

All: in the peace of Christ, and in the power of the Spirit.

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

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.

Pastoral care meeting. After worship, in the Church Centre. This meeting is for everyone already involved in pastoral care (aka the Visitation Team formally), for those who have recently signed up, and for anyone who would like to join us. If you have been wondering whether this is something for you, please do come along and find out more. Mhairi will be there to answer any questions.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Westblend! Come along to the West Halls in Bellshill from 10:00 am 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.

The Bothwell Art Exhibition is in the Church Centre in Bothwell from Saturday 12th till Sunday 13th. Please go along and support this great exhibition, and who knows, you may see some familiar names hanging on the walls!

Cuppa and a Question Come along to the Manse, (4 Manse Avenue, Bothwell) for tea or coffee and the chance to ask anything you would like to about the life of our congregation. Members of the finance, communications and pastoral teams, along with the Kirk Session, will be on hand. If you helped with the recent Open Church, this is also your opportunity to tell the Kirk Session how you found it. Choose whichever date suits you best:

All are very welcome, and we would encourage everyone to come along either this week or next.

Wednesday 9 September

10am to 12 noon

Finance team - Roy (Treasurer)
Outreach team - David
Joint Session Clerk - Sally
Digital Ministry – Stewart
Property - Val

Monday 14 September

1pm to 2.30pm

Finance team - Roy (Treasurer)
Session Clerks
Joint Session Clerk Sally
Elder - Steven
Digital Ministry - Stewart

Thursday 10 September

7pm to 9pm

Finance team - John (Finance Convenor)
Stewardship - Dougie
Joint Session Clerks - Matt and Sally
Elder - Eleanor
Digital Ministry - Stewart

Tuesday 15 September

7pm to 9pm

Finance team - John (Finance Convenor)
Pastoral Care - Mhairi
Joint Session Clerk Sally
Elder - Agnes
Digital Ministry - Stewart

HOGMANAY @BBCofS

Buy your Hogmanay tickets - £10, £5 for children

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.

CAN YOU HELP? Thank you to everyone who has supported the youth bags financially. Your generosity has allowed us to fill the bags with so many blessings for children of all ages.

One thing we are hoping to add, and to share more widely, beyond the bags, is crochet fidgets. They never run out of battery, they make no noise, and they don't pollute the earth. These are a great outreach tool for us to give to children with a wee message attached to them. The pattern is available today at the door. If you have the skill to crochet and some spare yarn, please make as many as you are able in whatever colour or colours you want.

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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.