

Welcome to worship today at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 13th September 2026

Baptism of Sophia Alexandra Thompson

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

God is with us. **All: We come to worship the living God.**

God meets us before we know it. **All: Open our eyes to your presence.**

The reign of God is among us. **All: Open our hearts to your purpose.**

Christ calls us to follow him. **All: Lead us in your way.**

The Holy Spirit gathers us as one people. **All: Renew us for your service.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN CH4 160

Praise my soul the King of Heaven

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

BAPTISM

Sophia Alexandra Thompson

SUNG BLESSING

We stand if we are able and together we sing a blessing over Sophia

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

BAPTISMAL HYMN CH4 251

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Any children who wish to go to Sunday are welcome to leave with the leaders.

1st BIBLE READING

Luke 4:16-21

2nd BIBLE READING

John 1:14

HYMN CH4 532 NOT 162

Lord you have come to the seashore

SERMON

What does Mission look like?

Over five Sundays, we are asking what mission actually means and what it is.

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

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

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

We walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith.

**All: God of great gifts,
you have given us so much,
accept these gifts from our hands,
our faithful response to your abundant grace. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

HYMN CH4 622

We sing a love that sets all people free

SENDING *We remain standing, if we are able*

God has gone before us.

All: God is already at work.

We are not sent with a programme.

All: We are sent to live as Jesus lived.

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 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. A very special welcome to little Sophia and all of her family and friends who are here to celebrate her baptism today 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, 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 help.

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.

Children are welcome in worship. *Bags of Joy* for different ages are available by the entrance. Books for older children are on the table behind the AV desk, and there's Duplo, magnets, cars and a soft play area by the sofas at the front. Please feel free to do whatever works for you and your family.

Music @3pm. Join us today at 3pm for a great free concert "Music for the soul." Come and hear the sounds of the chello, piano, viola and clarinet. Donations this month are for Hope for Autism.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Westblend! 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.

Wednesday Welcome Join us in our West Halls THIS Wednesday 11.00 am to 12 noon for worship. Come in for tea, coffee and a short service of well-loved hymns, prayer, a Bible reading and a brief reflection on the text.

Zoom Prayer meeting Saturday 19th September from 09:00 to 09:30. To get the link please email smason@churchofscotland.org.uk

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. Just 2 dates left this week.

Monday 14 September

1pm to 2.30pm

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

LOOKING AHEAD

The Boys' Brigade are hosting morning coffee after the service on Sunday 20th September in aid of YoungMinds, the children and young people's mental health charity. There will also be a raffle on the day, so please bring some cash along and support them.

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.

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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.