

Welcome to worship today at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 20th September 2026

Minister: Revd. Iain Majcher

Organist: Mr Matt Edwards

Asst. Organist: Mrs Janet Young

Pastoral Ministry: Mhairi Phillipson

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ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all you weary ones, you hopeful ones, you hurting ones.

Bring your grateful hearts and your tender wounds.

All: You are welcome here.

Rest in the grace of God, who invites you.

Breathe in the love that surrounds you.

All: You are welcome here.

Come, Spirit of God,

playful and wild, truth-teller, change-bringer.

All: You are welcome here.

Make space in us for what you are already doing.

ALL AGE TALK

HYMN CH4 153

Great is thy faithfulness

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 HYMN CH4 142

A small thing like a hazelnut

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

1st BIBLE READING

2 Corinthians 4:7–12

2nd BIBLE READING

John 12:20–26

HYMN GWA 24

Your labour is not in vain

1. Your labour is not in vain
though the ground underneath you
is cursed and stained.
Your planting and reaping are
never the same,
your labour is not in vain.

2. Your labour is not unknown,
though the rocks they cry out
and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil
may not seem like a home,
your labour is not unknown.
I am with you, I am with you.
I am with you, I am with you.
For I have called you, called you
by name,
your labour is not in vain.

3. The vineyards you plant
will bear fruit,
the fields will sing out
and rejoice with the truth.
For all that is old
will at last be made new,
the vineyards you plant
will bear fruit.
I am with you, I am with you.

4. The houses you laboured to
build
will finally with laughter and joy
be filled.
The serpent that hurts and
destroys shall be killed,
and all that is broken be healed.
I am with you, I am with you.

SERMON

What does Mission Cost

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.

You are the God of full pockets and the God of pockets zipped shut,
the God of empty pockets and pockets with holes,
the God of inside-out pockets and pockets stuffed with treasures.
You are the God of our pockets.
And you came and lived among us to show us
that life is not to be pocketed but to be given:
freely, joyfully and sacrificially.

**All: Take all we have given, and take all we have held back,
and use it all for your mission, here and wherever you send us. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

HYMN CH4 392

When I survey the wondrous cross
(Tune CH4 234)

SENDING *We remain standing, if we are able*

God has gone before us.

All: God is already at work.

We are not sent because we are strong.

All: We are sent because the treasure is not ours.

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.

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.

Children are welcome in worship. Busy Bags of Blessing 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. Please return the bags to the table as you leave.

The Boys' Brigade are hosting morning coffee after the service in aid of YoungMinds, the children and young people's mental health charity. There will also be a raffle, please support them if you are able.

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.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Allovis meets on the 1st and 3rd of the month. Our next meeting is on 1st October with a film, if you are free please come along we start at 11am till 1.30 and you will be very welcome.

Harvest Sunday, 4th October. Help us keep the food larder shelves stocked this Harvest by bringing a gift of food on the day. Please see the separate sheet for the items we need, and please give what you can.

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 are £10 and are available from Mary and Graham, who will be wearing lanyards or email hogmanay@bbcofs.org.uk.

DID YOU KNOW?

It costs around £100 EVERY week to keep the food larder stocked. Could you help? Your gift could be money or food. If giving money, please mark it clearly "Food Larder". Gifts of food are also very gratefully received. Please see the separate sheet for the items we need.

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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.

Bellshill & Bothwell Parish Church

Music @ 3pm Concerts

A series of light musical interludes...



~~12th July~~

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

~~9th August~~

Rachel & Holli - Fiddle & Accordion
Traditional Scottish Music

~~12th September~~

Harp Choir
Come and Relax for an Hour of Beautiful Music

11th October:

Music for the Soul*
Music for Piano, 'Cello, Violin and Clarinet

Arietta Ladies Choir
Directed by Janet Young

SAVE THE DATE

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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