

Welcome to worship today at



Bellshill and Bothwell Parish
Church of Scotland

Sunday 27th September 2026

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ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the One who calls us.

All: Here we are, ready or not, called by the One who lived and died and rose to live again among us.

Here we are, ready or not, bringing our everyday selves to praise and to pray, to know the Holy One in the midst of our lives.

All: Let us worship the One who calls us and sends us.

HYMN CH4 680

You are called tell the story

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 HYMN CH4 204

I am the Church! You are the Church!

Children are welcome to leave at the end of the next song to go to Sunday School, or to stay with us in church. Busy Bags of Blessings and books are available at the back of the church and by the sofas, where there is a soft area to play and games to enjoy. Please feel free to worship in whatever way feels right for you.

1st BIBLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

2nd BIBLE READING

Acts 1:6-11

3 MINUTES TOGETHER. *Discuss with those around you*

Who are you already an ambassador for Christ to, without having noticed? Think beyond Sunday: your street, your work, your family, the places you go every week.

HYMN

You've called us together
(Tune To God be the Glory)

1. You've called us together,
O God, by your grace;
In grateful obedience,
we've come to this place.
Our new common mission
has only begun;
We're learning the blessings of
serving as one.

Refrain:

We are called! We are freed!
We are baptised as one.
In the Church, all we need
Can be found in your Son!
With Christ to unite us,
and born from above,
We witness together
to your wondrous love.

2. We're one in the faith,
and in creeds that we share,
In worship and sacraments,
scripture and prayer.
We're one in our seeking
to follow Christ's way,
In Spirit-led ministry, day after
day.

Refrain

3. There's much to rejoice in,
yet much to be done;
While some are excluded, we
can't live as one.
May we as your churches uniting
now see
That justice is needed for true
unity.

Refrain

SERMON

Who does Mission?

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 give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

In the upside down world of the gospel,

we measure our wealth not by what we have, but by what we give away,
for we are ambassadors for Christ, and nothing we hold is ours alone.

**All: Generous God, take what we give in this offering, and use it to
bless your church, your people and your creation. In Jesus' name.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

HYMN GWA 82

Here and now (tune Hyfrydol)

1. Here and now we're bound
together:
held in one divine embrace.
Help us see, in one another,
difference as a gift of grace.
As each passing generation
worships you in fresh new ways,
join our songs with all creation,
lift our voice to sing your praise.

2. Lord, affirm our shared
vocation:
may we bring your plans to birth,
build your Church on sure
foundations,
fit to serve a troubled earth.
Growing, praying, sharing,
learning,
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,
love-revealing, truth-discerning,
living out the gospel hope.

3. In your work of transformation
you are making all things new.
Stir our hearts' imagination,
call us now to work with you.
Send us out to share your mission;
show us each our part to play
as we live the Great Commission
joyful in the world today.

SENDING *We remain standing, if we are able*

God has gone before us. **All: God is already at work.**

We are not sent to send others. **All: We are sent, all of us, as we are.**

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.*

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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.

Sunday school is on for primary school-age children. All children are welcome to join in, and they leave after the all-age hymn.

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.

Allovis meets this Thursday, 1st October, for a film. If you are free, please come along; it runs from 11 am to 1.30 in the Church Centre in Bothwell, and you will be very welcome.

COMING SOON

Messy Church is on in the West Halls on Saturday 3rd October at 3pm to 5pm in our West Halls Bellshill (ML4 3DS)

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.

NOTICES

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the BBs coffee morning last Sunday. Your help has helped to raise £500 for YoungMinds.

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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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.