Welcome to worship today at

Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church of Scotland

Sunday 29th November 2026

First Sunday in Advent

Minister: Revd. Iain Majcher
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ORGAN PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND NOTICES

ADVENT CANDLE LITURGY

Advent 1

As Advent begins, we gather
In a season of waiting.
The days are short, the trees stand bare,
And the future can feel uncertain.

All: Don't be afraid:
Hope is hiding in plain sight.

Jesus tells us not to be alarmed,
But to keep awake,
To notice what is quietly growing
Even when it is hard to see.

All: Don't be afraid:
Hope is hiding in plain sight.

In the midst of winter and worry,
God is already at work,
Holding the future open before us.

All: Don't be afraid:
Hope is hiding in plain sight.

As we begin this Advent journey together:

All: Don't be afraid:
Hope is hiding in plain sight.

HYMN CH4 273 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

PRAYERS OF APPROACH & THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; they 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, forever. Amen.

ALL AGE TALK

HYMN CH4 304 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Children are welcome to stay with us in church. Busy Bags of Blessings and books are available at the back of the church and by the sofas which have a soft area to play and games. Please feel free to worship in whatever way feels right for you.

1st BIBLE READING Isaiah 64:1-9

2ND BIBLE READING Mark 13:24-37

HYMN CH4 477 Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending

SERMON

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

OFFERING OF 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.

Gracious God,
In this season of waiting
We bring our gifts with hopeful hearts.

We are the clay and you are the potter;
All that we have is the work of your hand.
As we watch for the coming of your kingdom,
Receive these offerings as a sign
That we are ready and paying attention.

All: Use them, God, to bring justice, righteousness and joy to our world.
Surprise us with your presence,
Help us to look up and keep watch,
And to hold fast to the hope you bring.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

HYM CH4 279 Make Way, Make Way

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, and 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 are Duplos, 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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

West Blend! Come along to the West Halls in Bellshill from 10-11:30am 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 and their families and carers. Come from

12:30-2:15pm for tea, coffee, a light lunch, homemade baking, and a nice chat.

Girls' Brigade (Belshill) meets Wednesdays from 6-8:15pm in West Halls. We welcome new girls and young women. Come for fun, friendship, and opportunity.

Boys' Brigade (Bothwell) meets in Bothwell Parish Church on Fridays form 6-9pm. All boys and young men ages 4-18 years old are welcome. Come join the fun!

The Guild meets again in the Chapterhouse at 7:15pm on Monday 30th November. Our guest speaker will be Ian Thomson who will talk to us about the challenges of keeping royalty and other VIPs safe as they undertake their duties. As ever, all are welcome— but please be prepared to be frisked at the door.

Allovus is meeting on Thursday 3rd December. Our speaker will be our local retired post office owner Mario, and we look forward to hearing his story. All are welcome to join us at our friendly group. On 19th November awe all had a lovely time at McKinnon Mills with lots of Christmas shopping. It was a great success!

COMING SOON

A Christmas String Quartet: You won't want to miss it! Sunday, 6th December at 3pm.

A Crackling Feast is coming up on Sunday, 13th December at 5pm. Yule love it! List opening soon.

Alpha is coming to BBCofS!

In the new year we will be running Alpha, a series of relaxed evenings exploring life, faith, and the big questions, each one starting with a shared meal. It is an 11-week course on Monday evenings, starting at 7:30pm.

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 West Halls, first dance at 21:00, last dance just before 01:00. Bring your own drinks (alcoholic or soft) and snacks, and bring our family and friends along for a night of fun as we dance our way form 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.

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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.