

SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 2021

E-NEWS

*The replacement for our Pews News during
Online Worship, at Bellshill Central Parish Church*

Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland Charity: SC012556 - Welcome to this weeks E-NEWS, we hope that you find this a useful addition to our online services. To access our Sunday services online please visit our website www.bellshillcentral.church/watch-live

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Morning Worship with BCPC – Epiphany Season, the 3rd Sunday

A Prayer to use as you settle down to worship

O God, you called us by name to
come, and we respond with
delight and gladness
**In joyful obedience,
we come to worship our God.**

Rising out of the depths of
despair, we gratefully gather for
worship.

**In joyful hope, we come to
worship our loving God.**

Our God had given us a new
song of praise to sing to our
Awesome God!

**In joyful trust,
we come to worship our God.
Amen.**

Some thoughts on Psalm 40

Psalm 40 is typical of a song of thanks because it:

- Describes the time of crisis and how the psalmist asked God for help (verses 1-3)
- Praises God (verses 4-6)
- Describes the help that God gave (verses 7-10)

In regard to Psalm 40, the opening verse is mistranslated in most versions. It should not say, “I waited patiently.” The prayers for help cry out, “How long?!” “I waited and waited” is both a more literal and more faithful translation.

The other thing that should be noted is that the psalm calls for testimony: “I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation” (verse 10). When we receive God’s aid, the “thank you note” that God desires is that we tell others where they, too, can find God.

The songs of thanksgiving are reorientation psalms because they are the songs of praise that are sung by those who have walked the darkest valleys, stood in the midst of the shaking mountains, experienced life when the bottom drops out.

Life will never be the same. But God met these sufferers in the depths of their sufferings. And they have a simple message: God found me. Praise the Lord.

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Other Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 • 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 • John 1:29-42

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Because we can't physically meet at the moment the Fundraising Team are asking your help.

- Choose a tin, a jar or a piggy bank.
- Start your £2 Summer Fundraiser early!
- Each time you would have attended a church event like the Burns Lunch, the Valentines Tea, or during Lent you give in to a sweet or a cake, pop in what you would normally have given.
- For example, Burns Night, whilst you enjoy your Haggis, Neeps and Tatties take a picture send it back and pop in your usual Burns Lunch ticket money

Once we are able to return to meeting together we will gather in your 2021 Fundraising.

We thank you most sincerely for your continued and generous support.



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Bellshill Central Parish Church



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ZOOM COFFEE CATCH UP

Sunday 7th February 2021

(not Sunday 31st January as noted in the online notice slides)

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