

Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland



Wedding Information

We seek to look forward in faith, to worship God and to serve him in the community. To offer hope of a better future and to encourage people of all ages to know and love Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

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The Church of Scotland

We are very pleased to offer the use of Bellshill Central Parish Church to anyone wishing to get married.

The form of the Wedding Service can be large, small, informal or formal and it is expected that Bellshill Central's Minister (Rev. Kevin de Beer) will officiate.

ARRANGING THE DATE

As soon as you have chosen a provisional date for your wedding, the Minister should be consulted. This is very important and should be done before you make any final arrangements for a reception.

MUSICAL REQUIREMENTS

These should be discussed with the Minister and the Organist. Bellshill Central's Organist has produced a separate leaflet to help you select suitable hymns and music. If you wish someone else to play music at the Wedding Service permission must be sought from the Organist & Minister.

We have an excellent Church Choir, who can be asked to help lead the singing of Congregational hymns and sing an appropriate item during the ceremony or during the signing of the marriage schedule. Please ask as soon as possible for their availability.

FLOWERS

Flowers can be placed in the church for your Wedding Service. Arrangements to let florists into the church should be discussed with Kevin. Please also let Kevin know if flowers you are going to be left in the church.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING

Any photographic or recording arrangements should be discussed with the Minister. Plenty opportunities for photographs are possible: during the processional, as the vows are taken and rings exchanged, in the church during the signing of the Marriage Schedule and after the Wedding Service. Video and sound recording is acceptable throughout the Wedding Service.

WEDDING REHEARSAL

This normally takes place in the church a few days before the Wedding Service. The Bridal Party normally attends. The following should be brought to the

rehearsal:

- The Marriage Schedule which should be given to the Minister
- Printed Orders of Service which should be given to the Minister/Duty Beadle
- The balance of any costs/fee due – these should be given to the Minister/Organist or Duty Beadle

THE REGISTRAR

Notice of your intention to marry must be given to the Registrar at least 28 clear days before the date of the wedding. There is a small fee and the registrar will require birth certificates. If there are complications, i.e. previous marriages, non UK residents, lost birth certificates the registrar should be informed as soon as possible. The Registrar prepares a Marriage Schedule which must be picked up before the wedding. A Wedding Service cannot take place without a Marriage Schedule.

THE WEDDING DAY

USHERS

Ushers should arrive at least one hour before the Wedding Service to familiarise themselves with the church. Ushers should welcome guests to the wedding, hand out Orders of Service and guide guests to seating near the front of the church. Ushers should reserve the front two pews for close family of the Bride and Bridegroom.

BRIDEGROOM

The Bridegroom and Best Man should arrive at the church at least 45 minutes before the Wedding Service begins. They may want to welcome guests at the door, but should make their way to the Minister's Vestry at least 10 minutes before the Wedding Service begins and wait there until the Bride arrives.

BRIDE

The Bride should arrive on time and enter the church at the main door. The Minister greets the bride, then informs the guests that the service is about to begin. The Bridegroom and Best Man will be waiting on the chancel. The Bridal Party enters into the church down the left hand aisle. The Bride takes the left arm of her Father or appointed escort who takes her to the Bridegroom. The Bride's

Father or appointed escort may then sit with the rest of the guests and family.

LEAVING THE CHURCH

After signing the Marriage Schedule and taking photographs the Bridal Party led by the Bride and Bridegroom leave the church by the opposite aisle to the entry. Wedding guests are invited to leave the church by the main door after the Bridal Party, or by the Hall door where you can come around avoiding any delays at the main door.

CONFETTI

The throwing of confetti is permitted outside the church buildings.

SIGNING MARRIAGE SCHEDULE

This takes place following the Wedding Service and is normally signed at the Side Table in the side aisle by the Bride, Bridegroom, Best man, Chief Bridesmaid and the Minister. The Bride and Bridegroom's parents and some guests may join them also for the signing. If preferred the signing can take place in private, in the vestry.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Organist - £80 (with no recording)
£160 (with recording)

Choir- Please enquire

Other- There may also be costs for the duty beadle and for use of the church.

Except in exceptional circumstance it is expected that the Minister of Bellshill Central will officiate at all wedding ceremonies. There is no charge or fee for the Minister.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Minister	Rev Kevin de Beer	01698 841176
Church Organist	Mr Alan Mathew	01698 361080
Registrar	North Lanarkshire Council Bellshill	01698 346780