

Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland



Music For Your Wedding At Bellshill Central

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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We are delighted that you have chosen to have your Wedding Service at Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland.

This leaflet has been compiled by Alan Mathew, our Organist & Choirmaster, to help you select hymns and music for your wedding service. Please have a read through the hymns and other music, use Google to listen, and please don't hesitate in getting in touch with Alan to talk about things further or to let him know of your choices. We're more than happy to meet you at the Church to talk and hear the music in situé – making sure we get it just right.

You might already have some ideas for your music, the hymns and music on this leaflet are purely suggestions and certainly not exhaustive. It would be very helpful to give as much notice as possible of your final music, as sheet music may need to be ordered (and practised!) - ordered music sometimes takes some time to be delivered.

You might be thinking about other musicians taking part in the service – a singer or piper perhaps? Please talk to Kevin the Minister or Alan asap. If the musician(s) need accompanied please Alan know straight away so any practise can be arranged before the wedding service.

We have a fine pipe organ in the Church which will add that something special to your wedding service. We have an excellent church choir as well, who if wished, can be asked to lead the congregational hymns and sing something special during the ceremony or at the signing of the Marriage Schedule.

Wedding Hymns

These are some hymns that are either popular wedding hymns, or hymns that contain words that are suitable for a wedding service.

However, there are a few things to bear in mind when choosing your hymns?

- How many hymns do you want? (normally there are two)
- Pick hymns that your wedding guests will know, think about who will be attending, you want your guests to take part by joining in the hymns.
- Think about the tune you want – sometimes hymns can have more than one tune – speak with Alan to make sure of the right one.

Most of these hymns can be found on the internet, where you can see all the verses and words, and listen to the tunes.

- A new commandment
- All things bright and beautiful
- As man and woman we were made
- As wedding music fills our hearts
- Be still for the presence of the Lord
- Bind us together, Lord
- Come to a wedding, come to a blessing
- Dear Lord and father of mankind
- Give me Joy in my heart
- God in the planning and purpose of life
- God of all living
- Great God your love has called us here
- Let there be love shared among us
- Let's praise the Creator who gave us each other
- Lead us Heavenly Father
- Lord of the dance
- Love divine, all loves excelling
- Morning has broken
- One more step along the world
- Now thank we all our God
- Praise my soul the King of heaven
- The grace of live is theirs
- The King of Love my Shepherd is
- The Lord's my Shepherd
- We come dear Lord to celebrate
- We pledge to one another before the Lord above.

We have various hymn books, and if you would like to look through them, we can arrange for you to borrow a Mission Praise or Church Hymnary 4th Edition.

Music for the Entrance & Recessional

It's customary to have suitable music for the bride walking the aisle as the service starts, and when the bride, groom, family and guests leave the church at the end of the service. Here is a list of some suitable music

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| • Arrival from the Queen of Sheba | E / R |
| • Bridal March (Here comes the Bride) | E |
| • Canon in D Major | E |
| • Finale from Music from the Royal Fireworks | R |
| • For the Love of a Princess (from Braveheart) | E |
| • Grand March from Aida | E / R |
| • Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah | R |
| • Highland Cathedral | E / R |
| • March from Scipio | E / R |
| • Nun Danket Alle Gott (Now thank we all our God) Karg-Elert | R |
| • Nun Danket Alle Gott (Now thank we all our God) Virgil Fox | R |
| • Prelude from Te Deum | E / R |

- Prelude in C Major (Bach) E / R
- Toccata (Dubois) R
- Toccata from Symphony No.5 (Widor) R
- Trumpet Tune (Purcell) E / R
- Trumpet Voluntary (Stanley) E / R
- Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke) E / R
- Wedding March from Mid-summer Nights Dream R

Music for the signing of the Wedding Schedule

It's also normal practice to have music, played quietly in the background, whilst the wedding schedule is signed, and your photographer takes some memorable pictures. Some pieces might be

- Adagio from Clarinet Concerto
- Ashokan Farewell
- Canon in D Major
- For the Love of a Princess
- Jesu, Joy of Man's desiring
- Largo from Xerxes
- Love Changes Everything
- Meditation from Thais
- Panis Angelicus (Franck)
- Selection of Scottish Songs
- Air from Water Music
- Where'er you walk
- St Anthony Chorale

Organis & Music Fees

The current organist fees for wedding services are:

£80.00 if no recording is made

£160.00 if a recording (audio or video) is made

Choir fee – please enquire

Fees should be handed to the Minister or organist at the wedding rehearsal or before the service begins if there is not a rehearsal.

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