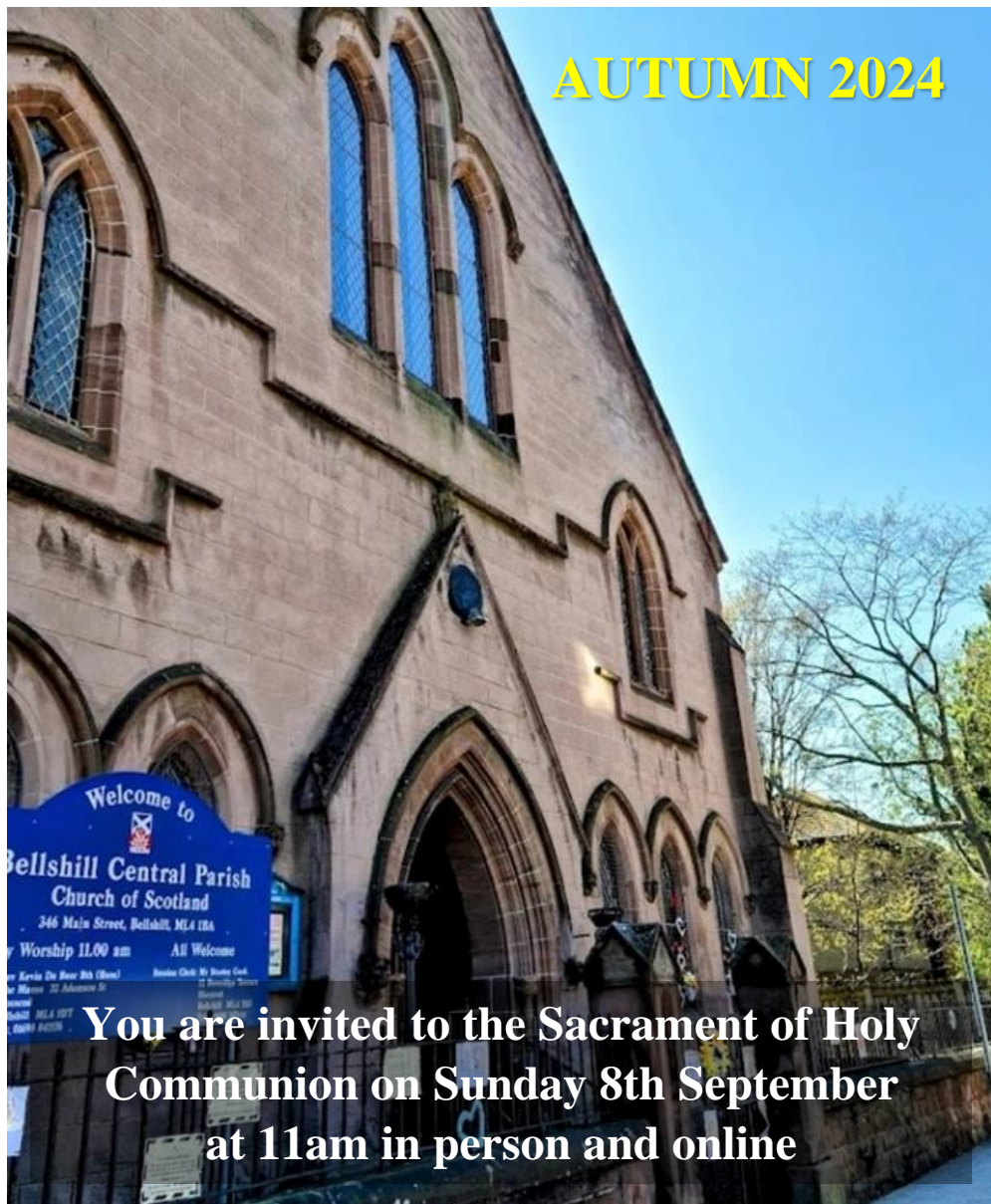


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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday at 11am we meet in the church to worship, pray, praise and learn more about God.

Everyone is invited, and we would love to see you in person.

If you can't come along in person then tune in via the livestream link shared on our Facebook page.



[www.youtube.com/
BellshillChurch](https://www.youtube.com/BellshillChurch)

Church Website

www.bellshillcentral.church

The catch-up service is available afterwards to worship when you are able to sit back and relax.

You can watch on YouTube or through the Church website.



When you worship on-line it would be wonderful for you to say hello in the live chats so we can see who participated and perhaps give you a “shout out” so you feel even more part of our worshipping community.

KIRKIN' OF THE COUNCIL

The Kirking of the Council - a tradition dating back hundreds of years – will be held in Bellshill Central on Sunday 29th September at the 11am morning service.

A committee representing NLC and the BCPC congregation is working closely together to revitalise this historic tradition that was unfortunately stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Kirkin' of the Council is a partnership between local congregations and North Lanarkshire Council that enables churches to bless the work of the elected Members and their officials and for the Council to recognise the contribution of the Christian community within the local area.

We hope that all members and friends of BCPC will come along to this important Civic event, to support the minister and office bearers, and the invited guests from the Council and local organisations.

Our invitation to the local community:

“The congregation of Bellshill Central is proud to host this historic event, which will take place at Bellshill Central Parish Church. We would like to invite all the people in the town of Bellshill, and across North Lanarkshire - of all faiths and of none - to the Kirking service as we celebrate our common life together at this important community event. Whether you come to take part in the worship service within the Church or take part online, you will be made very welcome.”



A MESSAGE FROM IAN DOUGLAS

Last week Margaret, her brother, and I embarked on our first Waverley expedition of the season. We had been scheduled to travel on Waverley two weeks before, on a trip to Campbeltown, with just enough time ashore to visit one of the local distilleries to stock up on my supplies of the ‘Water of Life’.

Unfortunately, Waverley had some technical issues, and the trip had to be cancelled. So, there we were on Largs Pier last week watching the paddle steamer making three attempts to dock because of the howling gale. In the meantime, the rain could not come down any harder, and by the time we got on board, we were, quite literally, soaked to the skin!! Margaret’s brother had given us an ultimatum – if the vessel had not managed to dock on the third attempt – time to go home!!!! It made it. Actually, by the time we reached Ardrishaig, the sun had come out, and we did share in a dram of Campbeltown Loch Whisky. And the Captain remembered me!!!

Not being deterred, as I write this message a week later, we are booked to go on the Waverley for a 7-hour cruise around the castles of the Firth of Clyde, ending up at Inveraray. Sailing on Tuesday 20th August. It seemed a good idea when we booked at the weekend – the forecast looked ok. Sitting here in the warmth of our house, looking at the weather forecast for tomorrow, and out to the garden, I see nothing but torrential rain, winds, and the tail end of a hurricane!!!

Oh well – could be a long day!!! No doubt a story to tell when I next come over to Bellshill Central.

This has been one of the worst summers I can remember for weather. It is also one of the most worrying times for the world with all that is going on in Gaza and Ukraine, the elections in America, and far right riots in England and Northern Ireland. Some of my friends have stopped watching the news, simply because everything is so depressing. Add in

dismal grey clouds, and it is no wonder that people are depressed and struggling just now.

In our Church communities, we pray continually for the world with all its problems. We pray for our Church families, and those who are struggling just now in so many ways. We pray for personal situations because God is always there through the good times, and the more difficult times. In my many years as Parish Assistant over in Motherwell, I often witnessed the power of prayer, and how sharing a prayer with those who are finding things difficult can bring a peace which only God can provide.

Christ himself always talked about the need for prayer. Paul, in his Letters, continually reminds his listeners to pray at all times, particularly during trying and difficult times.

In our prayers on a Sunday, we give prayers of thanksgiving, because in amongst all of the turmoil and troubles of this world, and the dismal weather, there are always beacons of light, hope, and joy.

In the Douglas household, there has been a lot of joy recently with the safe arrival of Baby Grace. There is no better enjoyment than new life in the form of an innocent wee baby. She has brought us so much joy during the last few days since her birth, and there have been many prayers of thanksgiving.

Mind you – parenting has changed since Miriam was born 38 years ago!!! The comment ‘That’s not how you do things now’ has been ringing in our ears a few times!!!

This is our first Grandchild, and we look forward to the first smiles and all the happiness she will bring to us all.

Oh well – the weather out there is still pretty dismal, the wind is still blowing, the rain is battering down, and it is pitch dark already.

A day on the Waverley beckons!!!

God Bless you all, Ian



Baby Grace, granddaughter of Ian and Margaret Douglas

CALLING GOD

Hello God, I called tonight
To talk a little while.
I need a friend who'll listen
To my anxiety and trial.

You see, I can't quite make it
Through a day just on my own.
I need your love to guide me,
So I'll never feel alone.

I want to ask you please to keep
My family safe and sound.
Come and fill their lives with confidence
For whatever fate they're bound.

Give me faith, dear God, to face
Each hour throughout the day
And not to worry over things
I can't change in any way.

I thank you God for being home
And listening to my call,
For giving me such good advice
When I stumble and fall.

Your number, God, is the only one
That answers every time.
I never get a busy signal,
Never had to pay a dime.

So thank you, God, for listening
To my troubles and my sorrow.
Good night, God, I love You too,
And I'll call again tomorrow!



ORDINATION OF ELDERS

We had a wonderful celebration on Sunday 30th June when we ordained and admitted 4 new elders.

It certainly was girl power compared to the last ordination and admission, as this time we welcomed Annette, Emily, Lorna and Lynne with a service conducted by Rev Margaret – with last time more like a boy band when Alan and Ian were ordained by Rev Kevin!

Here are some pictures from a happy day, with the congregation and family members in attendance giving support and prayers as the girls begin their journey and calling to be Elders.



Lorna Watson, Lynne Swan, Rev Margaret Rose B.D., Emily Aitken
and Annette Mather



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEW ELDERS

We thought it would be a good idea to get to know our new elders. Here are some of the answers to the questions we asked them during the summer months.....

1. The first thing I do in the morning is....
2. Cup of tea or G&T.....
3. The best advice I have been given is.....
4. My life motto is
5. What makes me laugh is.....
6. I like to relax by
7. Favourite time of the church year.....
8. Your favourite Hymn/Worship song
9. Your hopes for the future as an Elder.....

ANNETTE MATHER.....

1. Put the kettle on
2. Cup of tea and cake
3. Sometimes Peace is better than being right.
4. Do everything with a good heart and expect nothing in return and you won't be disappointed.
5. T.V Still Game and my dog Deezeel.
6. Walking my dog, Keeping fit and Aerobics.
7. Christmas 🎄
8. See him lying on a bed of straw
9. Looking forward to meeting everyone and help wherever I can



Deezeel

Lorna

1. Look out the window to determine the weather and what I'm wearing
2. Cup of tea
3. Never stay within your comfort zone for too long and always keep an open mind!
4. Do what makes you happy
5. Many things in life and being around upbeat people
6. Swimming outdoors and lying in the sunshine
7. Easter and Christmas
8. Shine Jesus Shine or most upbeat hymns
10. To get to know our church community better, share in their experiences and celebrate their wins

LYNNE SWAN

1. Open my eyes 🎭
2. I don't like tea, so it's got to be G&T!
3. It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice
4. In a world where you can be anything, be kind ♡
5. Home Alone movies
6. Spending good quality time with my family 👨👩👧
7. Christmas time, celebrating the birth of Jesus
8. Ooh, that's difficult there are so many to choose from. A few of my favourites are Here I am Lord, Lord of the Dance and Hark the Herald Angels Sing
9. To learn, grow and be the best that I can



PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN UPDATE

Since the last magazine The Presbytery Mission Plan (PMP) was agreed at all levels within the Church of Scotland and confirmed that for ourselves the three churches – Bellshill Central Parish Church, Bellshill West Parish Church and Bothwell Parish Church – should move towards becoming a single unit. There will be two full-time Ministers of Word and Sacrament. There will be two worship centres, one in Bothwell and one in Bellshill. The buildings decision in Bellshill is currently deferred (no decision has been made).

What is next?

The Implementation Team from The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale (FVAC) now have the task of implementing the PMP.

For ourselves we don't see any immediate change. However, the three congregations with the team from FVAC have much to do.

Church union is a complex and lengthy process. On the legal side of things, church law requires a document called the "Basis of Union" to be prepared and approved; other formalities are required to comply with charity law. Practically, there are many, many aspects of everyday church life which must be merged. And, emotionally, members face the challenge of adapting to a changing congregational community.

As a congregation, our Interim Moderator, along with our Kirk Session with the team from FVAC and cluster churches, will eventually agree a **Basis of Union** which will include

- Name of United congregation
- Places of worship
- Parish area
- Type of governance (Kirk Session)
- Ministry arrangements
- Manses

Our Interim Moderator and Kirk Session with the team from FVAC and cluster churches will also eventually agree a **Basis of Team Ministry**, that defines how the proposed Team Ministry will operate. This will also agree which of the two Ministers of Word and Sacrament will be the Moderator of the Kirk Session.

All three congregations will then vote to accept or not accept these two documents.

If the **Basis of Union** is rejected by any of the congregations, then it is not approved, and Union cannot proceed at this time. However, it will not prevent the Union because Presbytery has already taken that decision; it will only delay the Union.

Likewise, a congregation can reject the **Basis of Team Ministry**. This will not prevent the Team Ministry, just delay how it might look.

The congregations of Bellshill Central and Bellshill West will also vote to accept the **Revd Iain Majcher**, if he wishes to be a Minister of the Ministry Team. (This is a similar vote to when a congregation “calls” a Minister to a vacant charge.) Neither Bellshill Central nor Bellshill West have ever accepted Revd Majcher as their Minister so each need to vote on this matter. Both congregations need to vote to accept Revd Majcher. If he is rejected by either of the two congregations then this portion of the Union cannot proceed. Again, it would only delay the Union process.

If any part of the process is rejected by one or more of the congregations, it would be very likely that FVAC would begin conversations with the three Kirk Sessions and Congregations, separately and together, to devise a positive way forward.

THE GUILD

Sheena Bowman

Nothing much happens with Guild members during the summer, other than monthly outings to local places to either spend money or enjoy a cuppa and a natter, which is always a necessity!

The first of our outings was in June to the local Mackinnon Mills - the ladies always looking for a bargain. We are fortunate to have several drivers and numbers attending are usually low, but nevertheless still go ahead for the few ladies who enjoy the outing.

The August outing was to Gouldings at Rosebank, where the cream cakes are to die for and are high on the list of “must haves.”

A suggestion was made by one of our members to have a pre-session get together with a meal at Wishaw Golf Club in September where on Thursdays, they cater for a three course “Recycled Teenage Menu” for an amazing £8.50! More details will follow in the next Chronicle.

Our new session commences on Monday 7th October at 2 pm with a Joint Communion Service with Guild members from Burnhead Parish Church, which Rev. Margaret Rose will be leading. This has been a long-standing arrangement with friends from Burnhead going back to the time of Macdonald Memorial, Orbiston and Burnhead Guilds and is a lovely way to meet up with old friends.

The Guild session then begins on Monday 14th October when the syllabus for the following six months is presented. A very full and varied syllabus is planned, and we look forward to meeting up with old and new members.

It is with sadness I mention the death of Jenny McEwan in July. Jenny was a long-standing Guild member of over 57 years and will be missed by her Church family as well as her own family and friends.

Please come and join us any Monday from October and enjoy the fellowship and friendship on offer.

7th October	2pm	Opening Communion at BCPC
14th October	1.30pm	Welcome/Syllabus update
21st October	1.30pm	Wartime Evacuation: Anna Magnasson
28th October	1.30pm	Hallowe'en Party
4th November	1.30pm	Guild Project UNDISA Hear My Voice
11th November	1.30pm	Musical Bingo
18th November	1.30pm	Glasgow City Mission: Jack Geddes
25th November	1.30pm	Preparation for Guild Service (1/12/24)
2nd December	1.30pm	Beyond Srebrenica: Julie Adair
9th December	1.30pm	Mince Pies and Carols

COIN BOXES

During June, July and August we received £88.38 via the Coin Boxes which compares with previous years:

2023 - £55.43

2022 - £28.54

2021 - £49.43



Every coin is much appreciated; so 'Thanks!' to everyone who contributed.

Peggy

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our annual Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 6th October at our morning service. This service will be led by a Church worship team and will be followed by our Ploughman's lunch in the hall.



As usual we will seek donations of non-perishable foodstuffs to be brought along on the day, or throughout the preceding week which will be donated to our partners at the Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre and their much-needed Community Fridge initiative.

DOORS OPEN DAY 2024 – Saturday 28th September

Once more we will take part in North Lanarkshire's Doors Open Day initiative, when our marvellous church building will be open to all who want to come and see inside.

We need some volunteers between 10am and 4pm to act in a meet and greet capacity. If you can manage even a few hours please let Peggy and Alan know, so we can ensure we are covered all day.

Leaflets and information cards will be in place, so you don't have to study our church history and be a master of all the dates and facts!

At 2pm Alan will offer a short organ concert.

The tea and coffee pots will be filled for anyone wanting a cuppa whilst they are visiting.

CHURCH HISTORY - Information taken from: ‘Annals of Macdonald Memorial U.F. Church’ (1924)

Last year (2023) was an important year for us as we marked the 150th Anniversary of the inception of our Church. There were various significant dates which we celebrated last year:

January 1873: The Free Church Presbytery of Hamilton thought that, due to the spiritual destitution in the area, there was need for a Mission in Mossend/Bellshill. At the time, there was a population of around 7,000 and there were three Churches in existence:

- the E.U., which is still a place of worship on the Main Street at Mossend
- the Methodist, which is now used by the local Orange Order
- the United Presbyterian, which is now known as St Andrew’s United Free

August 1873: A new Minister had been appointed at Holytown Free Church (now known as Wrangholm) but some of the congregation were not happy with the appointment. They held a meeting somewhere in Bellshill with a view to setting up a Mission Station. Messrs Neilson offered the use of Mossend School Room and Mossend Mission Station was established.

October 1873: The Lord’s Supper was observed for the first time when Rev Ogilvy, from Motherwell Dalziel Free Church, conducted the service. There were 63 communicants present. This date is commemorated in one of the windows above the organ pipes where a communion cup and the date can be seen in the stained glass.

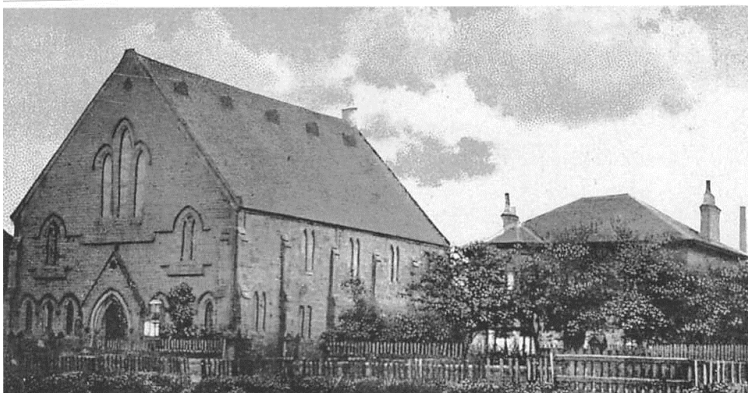
December 1873: By the end of 1873, no less than 300-450 people assembled to worship God each Sunday at both diets of worship. By this time, Mossend Mission Station was under the care of Rev McKenzie from Chapelhall Free Church.

We still have things to celebrate in 2024 as we look back on the 150th anniversary of important events in 1874:

May 1874: It was agreed that Mossend Mission should become a Ministerial Charge.

October 1874: Negotiations took place regarding how much should be paid to Edinburgh. Offers of £52 and £78 were refused before the congregation finally agreed to pay £100 per year so it was approved that a Minister could be called. With agreement reached on financing, Presbytery agreed to proceed with a Call to Mr William Macdonald, who was then a Probationer of the Free Church of Scotland and who was willing to accept the invitation.

31 December 1874: Presbytery met in Mossend School room for the Ordination and Induction of William Macdonald as the first Minister of what would now be Bellshill Free Church. A large and enthusiastic congregation was assembled. As it turned out, due to normal rotation of responsibilities, it fell to the Minister of Holytown Free Church (Wrangholm) to preach the sermon at the Ordination. (This must have been the same minister that had caused the original group to leave Holytown (Wrangholm) and set up the Mission in Mossend! His name is not mentioned.)



TWO RELATIVELY OLD MEN IN A CAR

Yes, we are back. No prizes for guessing who we are. I know it is a long time since I put anything on paper but here I will concentrate on our latest trip.

We left Bellshill and headed up towards Newhouse where we took a right turn heading for Newmains and then Carluke. It all sounds rather boring, just sitting in a car but that is when we do most of our talking. What do we talk about? That is the million-dollar question. We talk about anything that comes up. Topics vary from the colour of the car to that is where we'd done someone's funeral or on this occasion, we passed a building just coming into Newmains that we both decided would make a good Funeral Parlour.

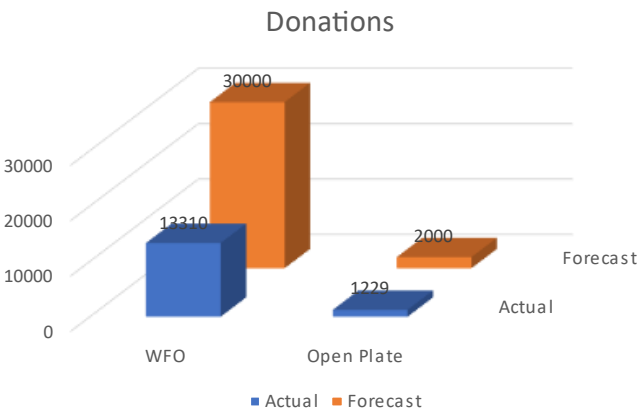
So, on we go into Carluke heading for Peebles. Now we are heading on through the village of Kilncadzow where they used to have the best bakery/café in the area. Here you could buy a bridie or sausage roll which could feed at least two people each. Their chocolate eclairs were massive. Now it is time to look for the white stick. Why, you ask? Because we're coming to a BLIND SUMMIT. (Think about it). At the top of the hill, we have decided that the council needs to put in a lay-by or small car park. On a clear day the view you can get from here is fantastic. While the driver keeps an eye on the road the passenger can look all around. Our next puzzle is to decide on a flavour as we approach the HIDDEN DIP.

Down the hill we go until we come to a roundabout and here, we turn left toward Forth. A mile along this road we come to Hickety Pickety tearoom, and this is our stop for lunch. We have tasted some fantastic soups on our travels but today was a first for PIGS in BLANKETS BROTH, and it was good. On leaving the tearoom if you turn right, you head toward Forth and Climpy, if you turn left, you head back to the roundabout. We turned left. At the roundabout left takes you to

Carnwath, right takes you back to Kilncadzow and Carluke and straight through takes you to Lanark, coming in past the fire station. We decided to go straight across. This road takes you to the level crossing at Cleghorn and guess what, that’s right it was closed to let a train through. Crossing the level crossing the road takes a very sharp right turn heading for Lanark but there is also a road to the left that we had never travelled before, so here we go again, into the unknown.

This road took us through the quaint village of Cleghorn and then into a junction with the A743 at Ravenstruther where we took a right turn and headed for Lanark. From here it was a straight run down the Clydeside and home.

FINANCE UPDATE



WFO for the 6 months ended 30 June 2024 amounts to £13,310 which is £1,690 short of our target for the period. Open Plate, however, at £1,229 has exceeded our target of £1,000 for the six-month period.

Although we are currently £1,461 below our forecast, your generosity has brought us this far. Let's continue to work together, as every contribution, big or small, makes a significant impact.

Thank you to every member and visitor of our congregation for your generous donations.
Zandra Swan

ANNUAL PET BLESSING

Following on from the success last year, we will once again hold a Pet Service in the Hall – taking place on Sunday 13th October at 3pm.

We will welcome, celebrate and give thanks for our pets; remembering all the joy and companionship they bring into our lives.

Please spread the word and invite you friends, your neighbours, and make sure their pets come too!



THE CHOIR

Our practices resume on Wednesday 18th September at 7pm and we look forward again to our time of singing together.

We need to hit the ground running as we have the Kirking Service, Harvest and Worship with the Moderator all to get ready for in just a matter of weeks, not to mention Remembrance, then the busy Advent and Christmas Season.

We enjoyed a lovely end of term lunch at Alba restaurant on 16th June, where it was great to enjoy some lovely food and company.

We made a return visit to Hattonlea Care Home on 24th June. It was lovely to use music to unlock memories of the residents and see smiles on their faces. We hope to have visited Hattonlea again on 26th August, then will arrange to go back before Christmas as they have requested some Carol Singing, and we also have our annual Christmas visit to Beechwood Care Home in Wishaw.

The choir is open to all and, if you want to come along and try us out, you would be made more than welcome. Bellshill Central is very lucky to have a choir as many churches have seen theirs dwindle to nothing or have had them disbanded. We know just how important music is in our worship and the choir is an integral part of that. Please prayerfully consider if you might join us, or simply pray for us to flourish and make beautiful music.



ORBISTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

A Bingo Afternoon took place in the Main Hall on Wednesday 14th August, where Prizes and gifts were shared by all who attended. Autumn bingo sessions run on 11th September, 9th October and 6th November from 1.00pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Theo's Cafe. Contact 01698 842215 for information.

Older Persons Service – the autumn programme started in August with Boat Trips, Men's Group outing and Movie Days. Looking ahead outings and high teas are planned for September. More Movie Days and a Hallowe'en party will take place in October. Remember OPS activities now run 5 days a week. The Men's Group meets Mondays 12.00pm to 3.00pm and Fridays 10.00am to 1.00pm. The Wee Friendly Club runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 10.00am. For enquires about activities and places phone 01698 573250 or email daycare@oncbellshill.org.

Community Garden Open Day - Home-Start held a community event in ONC on Friday 23rd August. For more information phone ONC on 01698 842215.

Volunteer Community Day - BeFriend In Bellshill hosts a volunteer information event on Wednesday 28th August from 10am to 12.00pm. The event is open to anyone to find out how to get involved. Free breakfast rolls, board games and bracelet making are offered, making it a fun event. For more information phone 01698 573251 or email befriend@oncbellshill.org.

Clothes Show – The Autumn Clothes Show will take place on Monday 14 October from 7pm. Refreshments will be available. Tickets cost £3. For more information contact ONC on 01698 842215.

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 16th November from 12.30pm. Posters and leaflets are displayed in the centre. For more information contact ONC on 01698 842215 or follow our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Holiday Closures - ONC will be closed for the holiday weekend; Friday, 27 September to Monday, 30 September; both dates inclusive. Reminders of dates will be posted our Facebook and Twitter pages.

LORNA'S 2024 CHALLENGE. THE GREAT GLENCOE CHALLENGE!

Those who know me, know that I do a challenge or two each year for charity depending on what and how big the challenge is.

I have done several of these over the years from freefall abseiling, canoeing almost 100 miles in 3 days, running and muddy obstacle events so when my friend asked if I fancied doing The Great Glencoe challenge I thought, absolutely and signed up to The Dangleberries team (yes, my friend has a worse sense of humour than me!)

My friend's daughter who is 33yrs old was diagnosed with terminal cancer in her blood, spine and lymph nodes.

To say the family and close friends were devastated was an understatement however the support that the Maggie Centre has given the family and kids is nothing short of phenomenal so raising money for them was the least that we could do to show our appreciation.

The event itself was to walk 26.6 miles in under 12hrs. The route took in the Devil's Staircase, part of the West Highland way, up over Kinlochleven, finishing at Glen Nevis.

In my head I thought it's walking.... I can do this easy....I've done Ben Nevis, Ben Lomond and other Munros.....not thinking for a minute that this was over 10 years ago where now I am slightly older with a few added pounds that sneaked on! but...My determination and positive mindset (aka stubbornness) would not let me fail!

So, on Saturday 6 July 2024 we set off at 6am in the beautiful sunshine full of laughs, taking in the scenery, discovering new areas where I could safely cold water dip and generally find myself 'loving life'.

We arrived at the first check point...Quick toilet and water stop before we were on our way again, heading for the Devil's Staircase.

The organisers however had different ideas and rather than walking the path our route took us across the peat bogs...I was up to my knees in mud, stepping in areas that looked and felt hard but on moving across from one area to the next was not! We slipped, fell, laughed at each other and cursed...well I did as I thought I wasn't getting my leg out at one point 🤡

Eventually we reached the bottom of the staircase for the long climb up. The views were spectacular once we reached the top.... we really do live in a beautiful country.

The rest of the walk to the halfway point at Kinlochleven was on a path which gave the bottom half of my clothing time to dry out and I ignored the squelching in my boots!

It was just before lunchtime that we reached Kinlochleven, I changed to dry socks thinking I would be fine for the rest of the walk; had a quick bite but didn't feel overly hungry.

We made our way out of Kinlochleven, starting our ascent back up into the hills and countryside.

I had heard people saying the Devil's staircase was a breeze compared to what I was currently climbing and at that moment I thought nah this is lovely and not too bad.... boy how quickly was I agreeing with them!

I felt as though I was climbing forever, happy when I saw the path level out, only to turn and see the next part of the ascent....I could have cried real tears at that point however God decided he would cry for me and opened up the waterworks instead and kept that tap on for the majority of the last leg.

We trudged along the path dodging the streams. The chat and laughter quickly stopped as the path turned into a river. There was no escape from the elements...even the sheep in the hills wanted the rain the stop!

We made it to the next check point, replenished our supplies as we passed by the sign telling us 6 miles to go.

By this time, I was feeling tired, my legs and hips were screaming at me but I was completing this challenge even if I had to crawl over that finish line.

The last few miles felt like the longest part of the challenge. As we got closer to the finish, we could hear the music coming from the tents which perked me up although I couldn't have walked any faster if my life depended on it lol.

We had another climb out of the valley before the two mile descent to the finish line....I could feel the wave of emotion coming over me as we got closer, swallowing hard to keep it in check.

As we broke through the tree line the finish line was 500 metres away.....we did it....as we crossed that line I cried like a big girl, hugging my friend as he laughed at me (true pal right there).

I made the fatal mistake of sitting down to have a much needed cuppa....you can imagine the state of me trying to get back up and walk to the car afterwards haha.

Anyway, I (we) achieved this year's challenge and as a collective The Dangleberries raised around £6000 for the Maggie Centre.

Let's see what next year's challenge is but for now Lorna's 2024 challenge is complete.

Over and out!



WHAT IS GIFT AID?

Gift Aid is a government scheme which allows a congregation, as a registered charity, to claim 25p from HMRC every time an individual donates £1. The donor must have made a Gift Aid declaration giving the congregation permission to claim on their offerings and donations.

The donor must be a UK tax payer and have paid as much or more income tax and/or capital gains tax in the tax year than will be reclaimed through Gift Aid on their donations.

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Common Myths

You need to tell us your income – **NO**

You need to tell us what you donate – **YES**, but we will know that through your FWO envelopes or bank transfer. Only Zandra, June and Donis know these details.

What does Gift Aid do to your offerings?

If your weekly offering was £5, that would turn it into £6.25 at no additional cost to you.

Last year we were able to reclaim £5012.80 in Gift Aid from the UK Government. If you were able to join the scheme or increase what you are able to donate to the work of our church, we would be able to increase our reclaim amount in 2024.

If you want to fill in a Gift Aid declaration form, please speak to Zandra Swan or Donis Hudson. If you want to check you are still part of the scheme, again speak to Zandra or Donis.

As a famous UK Supermarket's slogan says:

Every Little Helps

GIRL GUIDING AT BELLSHILL CENTRAL PARISH CHURCH



Rainbows

Tuesdays at 6pm



Brownies

Thursdays at 6pm



Guides

Thursdays at 7.45pm

WORSHIP WITH THE MODERATOR

Join us at 11am on 20th October 2024



AND FINALLY

A Short Story

This is a story about 4 people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about this, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. But hopefully not at Bellshill Central!



Squirrels

Age 4-6
5:45 - 6:45 PM



BEAVERS

Age 6-8
7:00 - 8:00 PM

What do you do on a Friday night?

1st Bellshill and Mossend Scouts

Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre

For boys and girls ages 4-14

Returning for the new session on Friday 23rd August

cubs

Age 8-10.5
7:00 - 8:30 PM



scouts

Age 10.5-14
7:00 - 9:00 PM



SUNDAY MORNING PREACHING PLAN

Sunday 1st September	Ian Douglas
Sunday 8th September	Rev Margaret Rose (Communion)
Sunday 15th September	Ian Douglas
Sunday 22nd September	Rev Margaret Rose
Sunday 29th September	Rev Margaret Rose (Kirkin' of the Council)
Sunday 6th October	Church Worship Team (Harvest Sunday)
Sunday 13th October	Ian Douglas
Sunday 20th October	Rev Margaret Rose with the Moderator
Sunday 27th October	Rev Margaret Rose
Sunday 3rd November	Ian Douglas
Sunday 10th November	Rev Margaret Rose (Remembrance)
Sunday 17th November	Rev Margaret Rose
Sunday 24th November	Ian Douglas
Sunday 1st December	The Guild (Advent 1)

CHURCH GROUPS START DATES

Brownies	Thursday 22nd August at 6pm
The Guides	Thursday 22nd August at 7.45pm
Young Church	Sunday 1st September at 11am
Bowls	Wednesday 4th September at 2pm
Church Choir	Wednesday 18th September at 7pm
Rainbows	Tuesday 27th August at 6pm
The Guild	Monday 7th October at 2pm
Heart and Sole	Continues on Tuesdays until October

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1st September	Tea and coffee after church
Wednesday 4th September	7pm Quiz Night with Hugh and Nicky
Sunday 8th September	11am Communion Service
Saturday 28th September	10am – 4pm NL Doors open day 2pm Organ Music
Sunday 29th September	11am Kirkin' of the Council
Sunday 6th October	11am Harvest Service followed by our Ploughman's Lunch
Sunday 13th October	3pm Pet Blessing Service
Sunday 20th October	11am 150th Thanksgiving Service with The Right Revd Dr Shaw Paterson

Also, in October we will have a final congregational celebration over food and fellowship, making the end of our 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Please listen out to weekly intimations and an eye on the weekly Pews News.

Sunday 3rd November	Tea and coffee after church
Monday 4 November	7.30pm Clothes Show
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Sunday 10:45am at the Cenotaph 11:30am at Bellshill Central
Saturday 30th November	12noon Shoppers Carol Service 1pm Christmas Tea
Sunday 1st December	Tea and coffee after church
Friday 6th December	Time to Remember Service (TBC)



Genesis

Bible Word Search

ABEL
ABRAHAM
ADAM
ARK
BABEL
BEGINNING
BENJAMIN
BROTHERS
CAIN
COVENANT
CREATION
DREAMS
EGYPT
EVE
FAMINE
FLOOD
GARDEN OF EDEN
ISAAC
ISRAEL
JACOB

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JOSEPH	SERPENT	STARS
LIGHT	SEVEN DAYS	TREE OF LIFE
MAN	SIN	WOMAN
MOON		
PHARAOH		
RAINBOW		
SABBATH		
SARAH		



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY WORSHIP takes place each week beginning at 11am in the Sanctuary. We live stream at www.facebook.com/bellshillchurch/

Teas and Coffees are generally served in the Hall after the Morning Service on the first Sunday of the month.

Sundays: 11 am Morning Worship
Creche and Young Church

Mondays: 1.30 pm The Guild (October to March)
7:30 pm Online Prayer Group

Tuesdays: 6 pm The Rainbows
7.30 pm Heart and Sole Walkers (May – October)
Kirk Session and Board Meetings (as announced)

Wednesdays: 2 pm Carpet Bowls
7 pm Church Choir

Thursdays: 6 pm Brownies
7:45 pm Guides

Fridays: 8 pm Organist Entertains (now quarterly)



CHURCH CONTACTS



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Board Clerk		
Finance Convenor & Presbytery Elder		
Treasurer		
Gift Aid		
Property Convenor		
Fundraising		
Young Church & Church Flowers		
Guild President		
Roll Keeper		
Organist, Choir and Communications		
Rainbows Brownies Guides Bowling		

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