

Bellshill Central Parish Church

1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday 29th December 2024 at 11am



We hope you enjoy worshipping God with us and feel at home in our Christian community. Worship is led by Mr Ian Douglas.

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Please stand as the Bible is placed in the pulpit

Introit **Bethlehem, a noble city** **(Hymn 325 vs 1 and 3)**

Welcome and Intimations

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 306 **O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant**

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

ALL AGE TALK

HYMN 324 **Angels from the realms of glory**

Reading Matthew 2: 1-12 Visitors from the East

HYMN 326 **As with gladness men of old**

SERMON

HYMN 331 **Unto us a boy is born! King of all creation**

Offering and Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

HYMN 323 **The first Nowell the angel did say** **(vs 1, 2, 4, 6)**

Benediction and Sung Amen

HYMN 316 **Love came down at Christmas (v3)**

Please remain standing as the Bible is removed from the pulpit

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT BELLSHILL CENTRAL PARISH CHURCH whether you are here in person or online, you're here every week, are here for the first time or the first time in a long time, we bid you a very warm welcome to you today. Services are livestreamed, www.youtube.com/bellshillchurch

PULPIT SUPPLY – Today: Ian Douglas. Sunday 5 Jan: Rev Margaret with Baptism. Sunday 12 Jan: All Age Service (Church Led)

BIBLE READERS – today: Elspeth Dornan. Next Week: Hugh Ainsley

2025 DUTY ROTA – available on the shelf outside the vestry.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SUNDAY – our last jumper Sunday is today, please wear your best Christmas Jumper, Tie, Cardigan etc.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE is on the table outside the vestry. Please write the names of loved ones or a prayer and place the star on the tree.

TEA AND COFFEE are served after the service next week. On duty are: Lesley Marshall; Chemaine Jarvie; Jane Aitken; Sheena McKeown.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - Sat, 18 Jan 2025 – Sat, 25 Jan 2025

OFFERINGS – if you wish to change to bank transfer speak to June or Zandra.

GIFT AID, if you're a UK taxpayer, we can claim back 25p for every £1 you donate. Please see June for more info to take part.

PASTORAL ISSUES – Rev Margaret Rose resumes as our Locum from the 1 January. You can contact Margaret via minister@bellshillcentral.church or by calling her home number on 01357 671 664. Home and Hospital visits are welcomed, as are Home Communion.

MISSION PLANNING SUB GROUP - meets on Tuesday 7 January 7pm.

FULL KIRK SESSION AND BOARD - meets on 14 January at 7:30pm.

BOWLS – resumes 15 January at 2pm. **CHOIR** – resumes 15 January at 7pm.

2025 DATES – please pass group start dates to Alan and Drew ASAP.

PRAYER BOOK is at the front door of the Church, please write any names or situations that need a prayer. **ONLINE PRAYERS** – resumes 6 January.

GUILD RESUMES on 13 January with lunch at the Golf Club.

BURNS LUNCH – 26 January after Church – tickets on sale soon.

ONC DONATIONS – There is a box in the vestibule if you want to drop off non-perishable food stuffs for the Neighbourhood Centre.

PRAYERS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN – please continue to uphold our officer bearers and representatives as we discern our way through this process and how our congregation can continue to reach out into Bellshill.

TODAY'S PRAYER: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?' We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents. We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?' We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free. We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?' We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy. Amen.

	DOOR/OFFERING	FLOWERS	COUNT
29/12/24	Annette Mather Zandra Swan	Liz Morton Sheena Bowman	Zandra Swan Ian Gibb
5/1/25	Zandra Swan Lynne Swan	Helen Daly Jessie Bence	Donis Hudson Lorna Watson

The Interim Moderator, Locum minister, Kirk Session and all office bearers wish all members and friends a very Happy New Year, and good wishes for 2025.