

# THE CHRONICLE

*Autumn 2025*



Bellshill: Central Parish Church of Scotland

346 Main Street, Bellshill, ML4 1BA

*Registered Scottish Charity: SC012556*

## **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 YouTube livestream link shared on our Facebook page.

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You can also look on the Church website [www.bellshillcentral.church](http://www.bellshillcentral.church)

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

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.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

On the second Sunday of March, June, September and December we gather as a Church Family around the Lord's Table to share in Bread and Wine, and we use non-alcoholic wine and have gluten free bread available, should you need to know this.

***You are invited to the Sacrament of Holy  
Communion on Sunday 14th September at  
11am in person and online***

## A MESSAGE FROM IAN DOUGLAS

With the glorious spell of weather, we are experiencing just now, there is nothing more pleasant than going out into the garden of an evening armed with a nice glass of wine, and relaxing, particularly after a busy day.

Nothing better – settling down into the lounge, first sip of wine...and then they arrive, en masse.

WASPS!!!!

They seem to detect wine at about 500 yards, and, as often as not, it's a retreat back into the house. I do have a small (very small!!) amount of sympathy for them – after all, they are one of God's creatures. For months they have worked tirelessly keeping the growing youngsters and the Queen wasp happy and nurtured, only to be 'discarded' at this time of year with their purpose fulfilled. And so they crave sugar – if only to give them a slightly better demise as their short life cycle comes to an end.

I do have a solution though!!

In the corner of our garden, I have set up a bowl of very sugary water, complete with fruit and sugar spread around the bowl. The wasps flock to this part of the garden, and once again, I can sit out in the back garden with my wine without any undue attacks from the wasps. There are, as always, the odd 'rogue' which will sense an opportunity to get something different, although they are few and far between.



They do have a purpose though. Wasps are pollinators, and as with many an insect, they are essential in fulfilling the magnificent biodiversity of our planet.

Unfortunately, the more we wave our hands and try to evade them, the more aggressive they become, sending out a signal to their pals to come and help. Difficult though, just to let a wasp crawl over you without flinching!!

However, spare a thought for the wasp, and set up that sugary drink for them!!

Whilst I am not fearful of a wasp, they are simply annoying, I do have one great fear – snakes!! Harmless snakes, poisonous snakes. If it's a snake – I am not happy. I have yet to find anything of use that a snake provides!!

Looking out at our world, there is so much colour at this time of year, and we are very fortunate in this small country we live in, that we do not suffer from the 'extremes' being experienced throughout Europe just now.

God has given us a diverse, bountiful, and beautiful world in which to live. Exploitation of the resources we have been gifted is leading to nature 'biting back'. Climate change is not just a figment of the imagination (although there are some world leaders who seem to be in total denial of this fact), and the more we exploit these resources, the more fragile our world becomes.

This is not God's fault. He has provided for all, and given the ability through science and nature, to gain more. We can all play our part in

ensuring we leave the world we have been gifted in a fit state for future generations, no matter how small that part is.

As we head into September and October, we see the beauty of the changing colours of autumn, we will celebrate harvest at our services. All too soon though, we will be bombarded on our TV screens as to the number of days until Christmas!!! Head down into the Clyde Valley in a few weeks' time, and the Christmas stock will start to be rolled out in the garden centres.

The weeks and months fly by.

However, we cannot complain. This summer has been a good summer for weather compared with last year's grey and dismal skies, and we should be grateful for these blue skies and warmth.

Alas – no more trips on the Waverley – she heads south on the 26th August for the remainder of the season to the south coast and Thames. Despite the odd storm, I think it has been a good season for Waverley, and the Douglas family has supported a couple of enjoyable trips.

Enjoy the rest of the summer season as we look forward to Autumn, and the commencement of many of our church activities during the next few weeks.

Now, where's that wine?!!

Blessings to you all,

Ian

## **PRESBYTERY MISSION PLANNING UPDATE**

Since the last Church Magazine, there have been meetings between the Kirk Session, Congregational Board and the Presbytery Implementation Committee. We have also approached Viewpark Church to explore how we might be able to work together, either in Team Ministry or Union. We have reaffirmed our commitment to serve the people of Bellshill from 346 Main Street. The current allocation of ministries in the Presbytery allow Bellshill Central a 50% minister.

Kirk Session and Congregational Board members met with a representative from the Implementation Committee on 4th August. It was a meeting with positive steps forward for our congregation, that will bear fruit for our mission in Bellshill. We will be getting help from the Mission Officer for the Presbytery to help us pull together our new Mission Plan that will form our Parish Profile when the time comes to seek our new minister. We hope to be able to call a 50% minister to our town and church on a 7-year reviewable tenure, which was the same way that Kevin was called in 2015.

We will keep you all updated of developments and ask for your continued prayers.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN**

Please continue to uphold our office bearers and representatives as we discern our way through this process and how our congregation can continue to reach out into Bellshill.



## MEMBERSHIP LISTS

New instructions have been issued by the Church of Scotland with regard to the details to be included in our Membership Lists. We now need to show when and how members joined our congregation and, as we do not have this information, we have to update our records. I have been trying to collect this information over the past few weeks but I have not spoken to everyone. So, if you have not already told me, it would be helpful if you could let me know:

- The date you joined this congregation; either when it was known as Orbiston, Macdonald Memorial or Bellshill Central
- How you joined; if it was by Profession of Faith or did you transfer from another church

You can let me know either by: ·

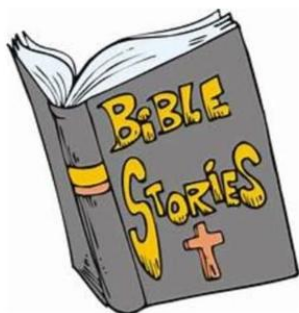
- Email to: [margaretnswalker@gmail.com](mailto:margaretnswalker@gmail.com)
- Text or WhatsApp to 07474 535 728
- Tell your Elder when this Chronicle is delivered

Thank you for your co-operation and help.

### DEUTERONOMY 31:6

Be strong and of good courage,  
do not fear nor be afraid of them;  
for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you.  
He will not leave you nor forsake you.





**Come and join us at**

# **YOUNG CHURCH**

**We start back on Sunday 31st August**

**Meet us in  
the church  
at 11.00am  
before we go  
into the hall.**



**Learn  
grow and  
together  
with Jesus**

**If you haven't been before, why not give us a go.  
Let us learn more about the Bible and have some fun**



**Bellshill Central Church, 346 Main Street, Bellshill, ML4 1BA**



# **CHURCH NOTICE BOARD!**

## **NEWS FROM AROUND OUR**

### **CONGREGATION**



#### **COIN BOXES**

Between 25 May and 8 August 2025, a total of £190.27 was received via the coin boxes, which is more than double what was received in the same period last year. Thank you so much to everyone who contributes their small change to the Church. If anyone has a coin box at home which they no longer use, maybe it could be returned to us. It might be that someone else could drop their small change into it. Thank you!

#### **LIFE AND WORK**

Peggy Walker

In the last Chronicle, I was encouraging you to buy Life and Work. However, at the General Assembly in May, it was decided that Life and Work would come to an end and it has now sadly ceased publication.

The first edition of Life and Work was published in January 1879; the brain child of its first Editor, Rev Professor Archibald Charteris. This was the same Professor Charteris who established the Church Guild which remains very active in the Church.

Life and Work kept everyone up to date with what has happening in the Church and was always full of bit and pieces of news from various congregations. Bellshill Central appeared several times in recent years. The magazine had contributed significant surpluses to the Church of Scotland prior to 2020 but, like other printed newspapers, reader numbers have been falling.

Life and Work website and Facebook remain active at the moment and, hopefully, it will continue in some form. The final edition can be read free of charge here:

<https://digital.lifeandwork.org/magazine/reader/281729?pageNumber=1>

## **PRAYER GROUP**

We meet most Monday nights via Zoom, and remember those in our prayer book, our community and the wider Church. Anyone can join us, either regularly or just whenever you are free. Speak to Stanley or Alan for more information.

## **BOWLS**

Wednesday afternoon meetings will resume on Wednesday 10th September. New members would be made most welcome on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm. It's always an enjoyable afternoon. Speak to Bobby Walker or Bert Batty for more information.

## **CHOIR**

Alan Mathew, Organist

The choir enjoyed a lovely social evening to mark the end of term on Tuesday 24th June, with a lovely spread courtesy of the Alhambra, Leo's and Dominos. Rev Margaret came along and it was a lovely time of fellowship as we enjoyed each other's company outwith the usual practice time.

On Monday 8th September we have been invited back to Hattonlea to entertain the residents there. We always have warm and appreciative

feedback from the staff, and the residents do join in and have fun. Anyone is welcome to come along with us.

The new session will commence on Wednesday 17th September at 7pm in the Church Hall. New members will be made most welcome. All current members will testify to the fact that practices are both fun and enjoyable. There is no need to be able to read music, although it is a benefit, as a love of singing and being able to carry a tune is all that is required!

I am off on holiday for two weeks at the end of August into September, and Audrey McKirdy is covering on Sunday 31st August. I hope she enjoys her visit to BCPC. I know she will receive a big BCPC welcome.

## **THE GUILD**

Sheena Bowman, President

The Guild closing social ended on a high note, provided by Peter Gardner and friends. Due to the hall being temporarily out of action, it was necessary to move into the Church where we enjoyed some magic with our members participating as well as dancing in the aisle. This was a really good end to a busy syllabus and a time to look forward to our summer break.

As has been the practice in the past, the first of our monthly outings took place in April to Faraday Park at Coatbridge. It was the intention to meet up at M & S for the obligatory cuppa and a chat, but the tearoom was unexpectedly closed. Not to be put off, we met up at Tesco café.

The venue for the May outing was Gouldings Garden Centre on the busy holiday weekend. We don't have to travel far to enjoy meeting

up, spending money and look forward to a relaxing time spent in the café with some delightful, fattening cakes on offer!

During June our outing venue was Mackinnon Mills where twelve of our members again met up for some retail therapy.

Numbers attending these monthly outings are not usually inclusive of our total membership, but are thoroughly enjoyed by the few ladies who come along. Grateful thanks to the drivers who agree to take part.

It is likely there will be at least one other local outing before our next session starts back in October. Details of which will be announced at Church and via our Guild WhatsApp.

Another full syllabus is planned commencing with our joint Communion Service taking place at Burnhead Church on Monday 6th October. It will be good to see old and new members return then. Please come along and join us.

## **THANK YOU**

We all want to give a massive thank you to our hard working and dedicated Property Convenor, Drew Aitken.

Drew keeps our buildings in tip-top condition and has dealt with a “re-do” of the West side hall’s entrance and organising (from holidays) the repairs to the hall ceiling.

He has also sanded and re-finished our hall floors and co-ordinated the clean up job afterwards. Drew does a lot of the work himself, but he also has a team of helpers. We thank all of them!

## GUILD SUMMER OUTINGS



Lovely day out despite the weather and someone having no money!  
She'd get a piece at any door.



More summer outing pictures – this time at Mackinnon Mills

## **FUNDRAISING**

Jane Aitken

Our Harvest Lunch will take place after the Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October.

This will consist of a choice of soups with a bread roll, tea, coffee and home baking.

Tickets will be priced £5.00 and will be on sale from Sunday 21st September.

There will also be some home made seasonal goods on sale such as jam, chutney, marmalade and home baking.

The Christingle Service and Afternoon Tea will take place this year on Saturday 29th November.

Start looking out those unwanted gifts for our tombola stall and gift stall.

We will be taking donations for this event from Sunday 2nd November.

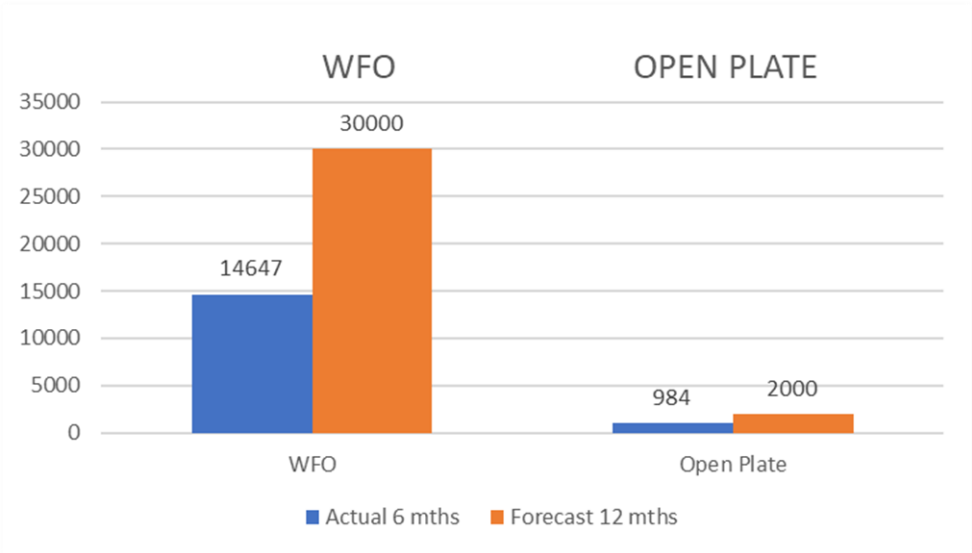
Santa will pay us a visit again where there will be a gift for everyone.

Further details nearer the time.

Thank you everyone that has supported the fundraising this year, no matter how small a donation it all makes a difference.

The Fundraising Team.





WFO for the 6 months ending 30 June 2025 amounts to £14,647, which is £353 short of our target for the period.

Open Plate for the period is £984, almost reaching our forecast of £1000.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the work of our church through their donations.

We also wish to thank Alan for playing our favourite hymn requests, raising £175 during the 6-month period.

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:7**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

# **Bellshill Central Parish Church**

[www.bellshillcentral.church](http://www.bellshillcentral.church)

Charity Number SC012556



**Friday 5th December 2025  
7pm in person and online**

## **TIME TO REMEMBER**

A Service where we listen, pray, take time to remember and light a candle for lost loved ones

**Submit names to be included**  
**[www.bellshillcentral.church/TTR](http://www.bellshillcentral.church/TTR)**

*Xenia B*

## **HYMN AND MUSIC REQUESTS**

Music at Bellshill Central Parish Church is integral to our worship and many of our activities.

Since early 2025 Alan our organist has been taking requests for hymns and music to be part of our Sunday worship.

We have included requested hymns, such as:

- At the name of Jesus
- As the deer pants for the water
- Lord, you have come to the seashore
- All things bright and beautiful

Music played on the organ has included:

- Benedictus from the Armed Man
- Theme from New World Symphony (Going Home)
- Maria from West Side Story
- You raise me up

Those who have requested items have sponsored their choice, for Church Funds. To date more than £175 has been raised, and we thank everyone who has requested and donated so far. Please speak to Alan, our organist, if you'd like to take part.

### **PROVERBS 3:5-6**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.

## PARISH PEOPLE

*Welcome to a new section in the Chronicle, when we will hear from members of our congregation. Thank you to Zandra Swan for “volunteering” to take part first.*

### **How long have you been involved in the church here at BCPC, and in what ways?**

As an adult I joined the church by profession of faith in 1989, was asked to join the Board the following year and ordained as an elder in March 1999.

### **Any special Memories of the Church?**

The creche at Macdonald Memorial (Bellshill Central.) So small I could swing my legs on the small chairs and dropping to the floor seemed like an achievement from a great height. All the children were looked after by the delightful Miss Gallacher; she was like your favourite adopted grandma.

### **Do you have a favourite Hymn (or song)?**

“You raise me up.” It never fails to speak to my heart about God’s love and care, and the very special blessing of the family that raised me.

### **What is the best piece of advice you’ve received?**

“Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46:10.

Often, we try to fix everything ourselves. Let God be God. We are not God but held, loved and led by the One who is.

### **Something People don’t know about me**

I am still fit enough to run a 5k on a Saturday at Parkrun. The volunteer organisation arranges free events every Saturday morning at 9.30am at

your local park throughout the world. You can walk, run or bring along your dog and join 300 other participants on part or whole of the route in our beautiful parks first thing in the morning. Doctors are impressed and recommend Parkrun to aid physical and mental health.

## **TRIBUTE TO MAY WHYTE**

It was with sadness the death of May Whyte was received by Guild members in July.

Although May had not been attending during the last session, she had been a long-term member of the Guild from the time of Orbiston Parish Church. Indeed, she was a member of long standing of Orbiston Church and had been Session Clerk for over 18 years as well as being a Boys' Brigade officer there.

May also had strong links with Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre and was one of the original group who helped to establish the Centre. Her involvement with the Centre did not stop there, but she was a volunteer in the Day Care unit as well as being a Director on the Board. She was the longest serving Director and became the only Honorary Director when she retired from the Board.

At almost 94 years of age, May's last few weeks were spent in Avonhaugh Care Home in Stonehouse. Her funeral service took place at South Lanarkshire Crematorium on Wednesday, 23rd July where a large number of family, friends and Church members attended.

Our sincere condolences to Derek and Graeme, her two sons, and all immediate family.

## **TRIBUTE TO MR JAMES MORROW MACKIE**

No amount of words will ever be able to do justice to Jim, because every one of us will be able to tell of something that Jim has done, or said, or achieved, or been involved in. He was a proud father, grandfather and father-in-law and very much appreciated all that they did for him. Jim touched the lives of many through his working life, personal life and Church life. His has been a life exemplified by love, faith, commitment, dedication, and kindness; and in numerous, different, ways he has been an inspiration to all who have had the privilege of knowing him.

Church always played an important part in Jim's life - he came up through the Boys Brigade with Bobby Walker and it would be where he would meet his future wife Betty.

It was here in Bellshill Central Parish Church that Jim made his spiritual home. Jim was committed to the church and he has served it faithfully with dedication and integrity. He was a man of strong faith, a faith which has been his guide for living. He was Ordained a ruling Elder of the church in 1974 and proudly received his long service certificate at the turn of the new century. He was delighted when granddaughter Emily was also Ordained in June last year. Being able to be at the service to offer his granddaughter the right hand of fellowship meant a great deal to him. He was very proud of the fact that, along with Jane and Drew, there were now three generations serving on the Kirk Session.

We hold all Jim's family and friends in our prayers.  
For the life of Jim Mackie - a faithful disciple and Elder we give thanks to God.



# There's so much going on at Bellshill: Central Parish Church Be part of it!

**Minister: Revd Margaret ES Rose, BD.**

We're a vibrant, active church at the heart of Bellshill where we bring together people of all ages at our weekly Sunday morning service. Our Sunday services are held at 11.00am. In addition to our Sunday morning worship, our Christian fellowship extends to many organisations and groups that make use of our building and we're inviting you to be part of it!

## **Worship and Prayer Opportunities**

Sunday 11am – our weekly service of worship (in person and online)

Tea and Coffee served on the 1st Sunday of each month

Monday 7.30pm – Weekly Zoom Prayer Room

Fridays 12pm to 1pm (fortnightly) – Open Church, for Prayer & Reflection (come and go as you please)

## **For Children/Young Adults**

Sundays 11am – Young Church and Creche

Mondays 7pm – Hope for Autism Tabletop sessions

Tuesdays 6pm – Rainbows (for Girls aged 4-7 yrs)

Wednesdays 10am – Hope for Autism Dungeons and Dragons sessions

Thursdays 6pm – Brownies (for Girls aged 7-10 yrs); 7.30pm – The Guides (for Girls aged 10 yrs +)

## **For Adults**

Mondays 1.30pm – The Church of Scotland Guild (for men and women)

Tuesdays 7pm – Tuesday walking group

Wednesdays 2pm – Indoor Carpet Bowls

7.30pm – The Church Choir

Fridays 1pm (as announced) – The Friday walking group

## **Our Online Activities**

Check out our Facebook, X and Instagram pages for regular updates, inspirational messages and pictures and how you can keep in touch. Sunday services are streamed via YouTube.

We'd love to have you with us, so to get in touch or to find out more please feel do use any of the following:

Minister: Rev Margaret Rose, BD ☎ 01357 671664

✉ [minister@bellshillcentral.church](mailto:minister@bellshillcentral.church)

✉ [hello@bellshillcentral.church](mailto:hello@bellshillcentral.church)

🌐 [www.bellshillcentral.church](http://www.bellshillcentral.church)

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**Harvest Sunday**  
5th October followed by  
Harvest lunch in the hall

As usual we will have our Harvest display at the Communion Table, please bring along as many non-perishable food goods as you can that will be donated to ONC's Community Fridge.



**Sunday 12th October 3pm**  
**Annual Bellshill Pet**  
**Service**

All welcome – two and four legged  
friends!

Our third Annual Pet Service, open to everyone. Please bring along your little friends. It is always a brilliant and relaxed service.

**Make sure everyone knows, and please do come along.**

## MOSSEND PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER SERVICE

We were delighted to host the End of Term service for 2024/25 and it was brilliant to see our church so full to overflowing, and so happy.



# DOORS OPEN DAYS 2025



150 years

## WELCOME TO BELLSHILL CENTRAL PARISH CHURCH!

Come along and see  
our wonderful  
collection of stained  
glass, hear our  
superb pipe organ,  
and find out about  
our history and what  
we do right here in  
Bellshill



## SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 10AM – 4PM

Tea and coffee available all day

Demonstration of the pipe organ at 2pm





**Take time to think...**

**It is the source of power**

**Take time to play...**

**It is the secret of perpetual youth**

**Take time to read...**

**It is the fount of wisdom**

**Take time to pray...**

**It is the greatest power on earth**

**Take time to love and be loved...**

**It is a God-given privilege**

**Take time to be friendly...**

**It is the road to happiness**

**Take time to laugh...**

**It is the music of the soul**

**Take time to work...**

**It is the price of success**

**Take time to do charity...**

**It is the key to heaven**



Author Unknown.

May the faith that gives us hope,  
May the love that shows the way,  
May the peace that cheers the heart,  
Be yours today.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Sadie & George Nisbet thank everyone for their kind wishes as they celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on Saturday 21st June 2025.

## BLYSTHWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Please contribute once again, if you can, this Autumn. We have paper leaflets/checklists in Church on the East side table, and you can also place your filled boxes there when ready.

Jayne Anderson in the choir is more than happy to talk you through things and offer support where she can. The leaflet/checklist is included on the next page too.



# CHECKLIST

Please  items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.  
**Include the essential items highlighted in the red box.**  
**IMPORTANT: PLEASE ONLY INCLUDE NEW ITEMS.**

Tear along the perforation to detach this panel and secure to the outside of your shoebox

☐ **TOOTHBRUSH  
& TOOTHPASTE**

☐ **SOAP**

☐ **UNDERWEAR**

☐ **SOCKS/TIGHTS**

☐ **TOY\*/GIFT**

\*small toy for children such as cars, dolls, balls etc. Please only include new shop-bought toys.

☐ **SCARF,  
HAT, GLOVES**

☐ **SWEETS**

**No chocolate, split multipacks or any other food items.** No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets. Best before date no earlier than 31st March next year.

**Do not include** used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; chocolate or any food other than sweets. Chocolate eclairs and chocolate limes are not allowed; books that are mainly words should not be included.

## TOILETRIES (No talcum powder)

- ☐ Shampoo or shower gel
- ☐ Face cloth/moist wipes
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Moisturising cream
- ☐ Comb/brush
- ☐ Sanitary products
- ☐ Shaving foam/razors

## MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ New make-up
- ☐ Sewing equipment
- ☐ Household candles
- ☐ Screwdrivers/pliers
- ☐ Kitchen utensils

## STATIONERY

- ☐ Pens/pencils/sharpener
- ☐ Notepads/colouring books
- ☐ Rulers/rubbers

## CLOTHES and other items

- ☐ .....
- ☐ .....
- ☐ .....
- ☐ .....

**Please tick** the box next to who you have packed your shoebox for

- ☐ MAN
- ☐ BOY (Teen)
- ☐ BOY (8-12) Age
- ☐ BOY (3-7) Age
- ☐ ELDERLY WOMAN
- ☐ WOMAN
- ☐ GIRL (Teen)
- ☐ GIRL (8-12) Age
- ☐ GIRL (3-7) Age

## **ORBISTON NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

ONC celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a special event on Tuesday 5th August. Staff and volunteers were recognised for all the efforts over the last 3 decades. Proceedings were opened by Rev Martin Johnstone with staff and volunteers being joined by former workers and volunteers enjoying a lovely afternoon tea.

Our Older Persons Service has two new staff members and volunteers. Caroline and Sally Estelle have joined Maureen and Chris in supporting the Wee Friendly and Men's Group.

We had a lot of fun at our Volunteers Picnic and Games afternoon on a Friday in June. A perfect way to end Volunteers Week 2025

Our AGM is on Thursday 4th September 2025 at 1:00pm in Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre. Members should have received their invites. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear about the work we have done over the past year. An afternoon tea will be provided on the day.

ONC will be closed on Friday 26 and Monday 29 September for the holiday weekend.

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## SCOTTISH PLACE NAMES QUIZ – ANSWERS!

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|--|----------------------|
| 1. In Church all day                     | <b>Kirkcaldy</b>     |
| 2. Saucy Harbour                         | <b>Portsoy</b>       |
| 3. Mother and Baby okay                  | <b>Bothwell</b>      |
| 4. Shout!!                               | <b>Yell</b>          |
| 5. The Ned's favourite tipple            | <b>Buckie</b>        |
| 6. Spanish Spirit                        | <b>Elgin</b>         |
| 7. A chef on the cheap                   | <b>Penicuik</b>      |
| 8. Talking about a part of the body      | <b>Tongue</b>        |
| 9. Transport for an aquatic animal       | <b>Otter Ferry</b>   |
| 10. Sounds like trouble far away in 1982 | <b>Falkland</b>      |
| 11. Frank and Bancroft                   | <b>Annan</b>         |
| 12. Shoot new spouse in Lanarkshire      | <b>East Kilbride</b> |
| 13. A very hot, fine little village      | <b>Furnace</b>       |
| 14. A musical instrument                 | <b>Tyndrum</b>       |
| 15. A place for young women              | <b>Maidens</b>       |
| 16. Perhaps vehicles can get up these?   | <b>Carstairs</b>     |
| 17. Attractive crossing                  | <b>Bonnybridge</b>   |
| 18. Handsome Richard                     | <b>Brodict</b>       |
| 19. Heard on the battlefield             | <b>Shotts</b>        |
| 20. Baby sound with a holiday sweet      | <b>Gourock</b>       |
| 21. Bald folk may live here?             | <b>Wigtown</b>       |
| 22. Whipping the young ovine             | <b>Lamlash</b>       |
| 23. A fine example down under            | <b>Bute</b>          |
| 24. People watching                      | <b>Leuchers</b>      |
| 25. Runner Farah has put on weight       | <b>Moffat</b>        |

## 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 £4,646.00 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 2025.

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.

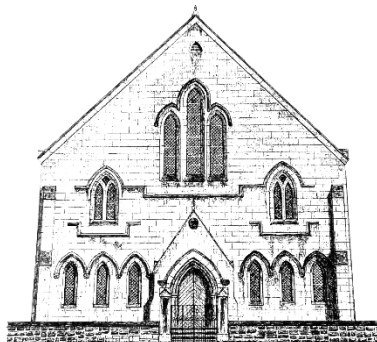
As a famous UK Supermarket's slogan says:

***Every Little Helps***

## PREACHING ROTA

*All services are at 11am unless noted otherwise.*

Sunday 31st August	Rev Margaret Rose
Sunday 7th September	Rev Caryl Kyle
Sunday 14th September	Rev Margaret Rose
Sunday 21st September	Rev Caryl Kyle
Sunday 28th September	Rev Margaret Rose
Sunday 5th October	Worship Team
Sunday 12th October	Rev Margaret Rose
Sunday 19th October	Ian Douglas
Sunday 26th October	Rev Margaret Rose
Sunday 2nd November	Ian Douglas
Sunday 9th November	Rev Margaret Rose <b>(11.30am)</b>
Sunday 16th November	The Guild
Sunday 23rd November	Rev Margaret Rose
Sunday 30th November	Ian Douglas
Sunday 7th December	Rev Margaret Rose





## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday 7th September	Tea and Coffee after Church
Monday 8th September	Hattonlea Singing at 2pm
Saturday 13th September	Doors Open Day 10am-4pm
Sunday 14th September	Communion
Sunday 5th October	Harvest Service followed by our Harvest Lunch in the Hall
Sunday 12th October	3pm – Annual Bellshill Pet Service
Sunday 2nd November	Tea and Coffee after Church
Sunday 9th November	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 10th November	Clothes Show
Saturday 29th November	Christmas Afternoon Teas and Christingle Service
Sunday 30th November	1st Sunday of Advent Deadline for the Winter Chronicle
Friday 5th December	Time to Remember Service
Sunday 7th December	Tea and Coffee after Church

## **GROUP START DATES**

Rainbows	Tuesday 19th August
Brownies	Thursday 21st August
Guides	Thursday 21st August
Young Church	Sunday 31st August
Bowls	Wednesday 10th September
Choir	Wednesday 17th September
Guild	Monday 6th October (at Burnhead)

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Baptisms

None

*Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'*

### New members

We are very happy to welcome seven new members to Bellshill Central Church; all of whom have joined us in the past few weeks:

- Sam Clark; from Mossend
- Jack and Sharon Bonner; from Motherwell
- Robert Ewing; from Coatbridge
- Alan and Jeanette Newman; from New Stevenston
- Andrew Allan; from New Stevenston

We hope that you will feel at home with us.

***All are welcome in this place!***

*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

### Deaths

Sadly, during July, we have also lost Jim Mackie and May Whyte; two of our very long serving Elders. They will both be sadly missed. Tributes to them appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

Please let Peggy Walker our Church Roll Keeper, or your Elder, know of any changes to address and phone numbers so we can keep our list of members up to date.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY WORSHIP takes place each week beginning at 11am in the Sanctuary. We live stream at [www.youtube.com/bellshillchurch](http://www.youtube.com/bellshillchurch)

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

Sundays:	11am Morning Worship Creche and Young Church
Mondays:	1:30pm The Guild (October to March) 7pm Hope for Autism 7:30pm Online Prayer Group
Tuesdays:	6pm The Rainbows 7pm Heart and Sole Walkers (May – October) Kirk Session and Board Meetings (as announced)
Wednesdays:	10am Hope for Autism 2pm Carpet Bowls 7pm Church Choir
Thursdays:	6pm Brownies 7:30pm Guides
Fridays:	12noon to 1pm Quiet Church (usually fortnightly) 1pm daytime walking group (as announced) 8pm Organist Entertains (as announced)

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<b>Board Clerk</b>	
<b>Finance Convenor &amp; Presbytery Elder</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>Gift Aid</b>	
<b>Property Convenor</b>	
<b>Fundraising</b>	
<b>Young Church &amp; Church Flowers</b>	
<b>Guild</b>	
<b>Roll Keeper</b>	
<b>Organist, Choir and Communications</b>	
<b>Rainbows</b>	
<b>Brownies</b>	
<b>Guides</b>	
<b>Bowling</b>	

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