

The 1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday 22 February 2026 at 11am



Bellshill Central Parish
— *Church of Scotland* —

We hope you enjoy worshipping God with us and feel at home in our Christian community. All are welcome in this place. Worship is led by Ian Douglas

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Order for Worship

Please stand, if you are able, as the Bible is brought in

CHOIR INTROIT: Lord Jesus,
think on me (v 1&2)

Welcome and intimations

Call to worship

**HYMN 112: God, whose
almighty word**

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's talk

**HYMN 692: Jesus puts this
song into our hearts**

Readings:

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

ANTHEM: Safe in the shadow
of the Lord

SERMON

**HYMN 360: Jesus Christ is
waiting**

Offering

Aria, Wilson Manhire

Prayers of dedication and
intercession

**HYMN 167: Guide me,
O though great Jehovah**

Benediction and Sung
Three-fold Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

May the Lord, Mighty Lord

*Prelude and Fugue BWV 555
JS Bach*

Please remain standing as the Bible taken out

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 BCPC. Whether you're here in person or online, a regular or visiting today, we warmly welcome you. Livestream via: www.youtube.com/bellshillchurch

EASTER EGG APPEAL – please start bringing your Easter eggs to church and leave them on the East Side tables. Eggs will be distributed to our community before Palm Sunday.

THANK YOU – we raised £270 on Tuesday for Hope for Autism.

PREACHERS – Today and 1 March 2026: Ian Douglas.

READERS – Today Hugh Ainsley; next week Sheena Bowman.

CHURCH FLOWERS – are gifted by the Flower Fund. To donate financially, place your gift in the offering marked "Flower Fund". If you'd like to contribute flowers, speak to Susan McGleish.

SPRING CHRONICLE is ready for uplift on the West tables for district elders. **Grateful thanks to ONC for the printing of this edition.**

WFO ENVELOPES are available, along with Church Magazines, to deliver.

PRAYER GROUP meets tomorrow at 7:30pm on Zoom. **Prayer Book** is at the church front door for any names or situations to be added.

THE GUILD meets on Monday at 1.30pm; for Las Vagas - Jimmy Young. All are welcome, even men are made welcome.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Bowls – 2pm; **Choir** – 7pm. All welcome to come along and join in.

OPEN CHURCH takes place on Friday 27 February between 12noon and 1pm. Please pop by for some peace & reflection.

FRIDAY WALKERS meet on Friday 27 February at 1pm at the church – all are welcome.

KIRK SESSION AND BOARD meet on Tuesday 3 March at 7:30pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 6 March – local details not to hand yet.

CHEESE AND WINE NIGHT – takes place on Saturday 7 March. Tickets on sale soon. It's always a fun night – please come along.

COMMUNION – Sunday 8 March. There will be a retiring offering.

The official opening of **ORBISTON COMMUNITY HUB**, will take place on Tuesday 10th March at 3.30pm. Register here – <https://bit.ly/3O6Wtlo>

REQUESTS – Alan is happy to play a requested piece of music or slot in a favourite hymn, raising funds for the Church.

ONC DONATIONS – There is a box in the vestibule to drop off non-perishable food stuffs for the Community Fridge.

PASTORAL CARE – during the month of February please contact Stanley Cook or your elder if you need any pastoral support.

OFFERINGS: If you'd like to switch to bank transfer, speak to June or Zandra. **GIFT AID:** If you're a UK taxpayer, we can claim back 25p per £1. For details, please see June or Donis.

PRAYERS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN – for our office bearers and our ongoing call to reach out into Bellshill.

If you wish to join our church family — by profession of faith or transfer from another church — speak to Stanley Cook.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY – Lent invites us to slow down and listen for God's quiet call. In the wilderness moments of life, Christ walks beside us, strengthening our resolve and renewing our hope. May this season draw us closer to grace and purpose.

	Door Duty	Counting	Flowers	Screens
22/2/26	M Martin L Watson	L Marshall S McKeown	L Morton S Bowman	Peggy
1/3/26	J Baird A Mather	J & D Aitken	J Bence H Daly	Zandra

Our mission statement:

*"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."*