

# THE CHRONICLE

*Summer 2026*



Bellshill Central Parish  
Church of Scotland

Bellshill: Central Parish Church of Scotland

346 Main Street, Bellshill, ML4 1BA

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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 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.

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 14 June 2026 at 11am in person and online,  
led by Rev Jonathan Lyall***

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO REV JONATHAN LYALL**

Greetings friends,

I hope this finds you all well. Please allow me to take a few words to introduce myself for those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet.

I am Jonathan Lyall and I am currently working as the Change and Transition Facilitator for the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale. I live in Uddingston and have done for the past 20 years. I was born in Dumbarton and lived there for 9 years before moving to Keith in the Northeast of Scotland where I spent 10 years. I am married to Emma, and we have three children between us, Nancy age 13 and Mark and Sarah twins aged 10.

My home church is Viewpark Parish and during my training I have been on placement in Motherwell & Craigneuk, Moodiesburn and a summer placement working with the Chaplain in Barlinnie. I then did my probationary placement at Burnside Blairbeth before serving for a year as Assistant Minister in Law. During my training I studied at Highland Theological College and was very blessed by my time there and at each placement.

With three young children most of my spare time is taken up by family. When I do get some time to myself, I enjoy most sports, although it tends to be watching rather than playing these days, reading, and walking.

Looking to the future I have been invited to preach as Sole Nominee as part of the Team Ministry in Carluke and Law on the 31st of May. If the

congregation accepts me, I expect to start my new position there within the next few months, probably toward the end of summer.

May I also offer my profound thanks for the incredibly warm welcome I have received from all those I have met so far. I am looking forward to getting to know you all a bit better through the coming weeks.

I leave you with a word of encouragement. In a world that is often critical and fast-paced, the church is meant to be a sanctuary of grace. Hebrews 10:24 urges us to "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works."

Encouragement doesn't require a grand speech; it often comes in the form of a simple, heartfelt "hello," a handwritten note, or a prayer offered in a moment of need.

When we encourage one another, we become the hands and feet of Jesus, reminding each other that we do not walk this journey alone. This week, look for someone who needs a word of hope. A single act of kindness can uplift a weary spirit and strengthen the entire church family. Let us be a community known not just for what we say, but for how we build each other up.

God bless you all,  
Jonathan.

## UPDATE ON PRESBYTERY PLANNING

I am sorry to say that we are no further forward in the Presbytery Planning process. The current situation is that we await the Planning and Implementation Group bringing new proposals to the congregation. They are currently reviewing the position of Bellshill Central along with several other congregations and clusters and we hope to have a more substantial update soon.

I know what a difficult time this is for everyone at Bellshill Central and want to assure you that you are all in my prayers as we all try to navigate the way ahead. Please also continue to hold each other in prayer and especially those tasked with the negotiations and possible implementation.

The future may be uncertain at present, but God is faithful. Again and again throughout the Bible we see what great things He can achieve with a small, committed group of followers. One passage that I have drawn great hope from recently is the words of the prophet Haggai who addressed those who returned to Jerusalem after the exile. The people looked at the newly constructed temple, much smaller than the previous one that had been destroyed and felt despondent, felt like their best days were behind them. Then the prophet spoke these words:

“This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear. This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be

greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty.  
'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty."  
Haggai 2:5 NIV

Although the days ahead may be uncertain, God is always doing much more than we realise. I firmly believe that the glory of the present house will be greater than the glory of the former. So, let's cling to that hope and hold each other in prayer as we walk the road ahead together and partner with God to fill His house with more of His glory.

Yours in Christ,

Jonathan

## **THANK YOU FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM**

A massive thank you to our friends at the Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre (ONC) who very kindly printed the Spring edition of the Chronicle as our usual printing provider was not available. Martin and the team at ONC provided their printing services, equipment, paper and ink for free, and we are extremely grateful for their help and support.

In return we ask our members and friends to support the work of ONC, their activities and fundraising events. A List of events is included along with an article from Martin and the team.

Please remember we collect non-perishable food stuffs each week and you are invited to help fill the box at the church front doors that supports the ONC community fridge project.

## APPRECIATION TO REV MARGARET ROSE

When Margaret's official term as locum came to an end earlier this year, we posted an online thank you. This can be viewed via this link, or if you don't have online access, we can print one for you. Just ask.

<http://bellshillcentral.church/2026/04/07/an-appreciation-of-the-revd-margaret-rose/>

Margaret was overwhelmed and sent the following reply:

Wow! I don't know what to say. I am deeply moved. Being with BCPC has been a privilege and pleasure. You are such a hardworking congregation with a generosity of welcome and hospitality the likes of which I haven't met before. I look forward to meeting up with you again when I cover some of the services for Jonathan. I wish Jonathan every blessing in his Ministry and am sure he will lead you to where you need to be to call a new Minister. Meanwhile I am keeping you in my prayers.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret 🙏



*Revd Margaret ES Rose*

For two and a half years, the Revd Margaret Rose has served Bellshill Central Parish Church with a diligence, steadiness, and wholehearted commitment that has blessed us more than words can fully express. At a time when we needed stability, Margaret became that steadying presence – guiding us with wisdom, gentleness, and a pastor's heart.

## THANK YOU TO IAN DOUGLAS

Likewise we'd to say goodbye to our other locum preacher Ian Douglas, who has so ably led us in worship, fellowship and times of great happiness. You can read the online thank you to Ian via this link, and again if you need a printed copy, please just ask.

<http://bellshillcentral.church/2026/04/08/a-thank-you-for-ian-douglas/>

Ian sent his own thank you, included below.

Many, many thanks for the kind and thoughtful words expressed about my time with you all at Bellshill Central. It has been a real joy and privilege to have truly been part of the Church family. You welcomed me, encouraged me, and shared in so much of my family life over these last 2 years.

Blessing to you all as you go forward in confidence. Best wishes to Jonathan and his family as he prepares to lead you all in the next stages of God's wonderful journey for BCPC.

I'll look forward to seeing you all at the occasional service in the future.

Best Wishes and Blessings to you all.

Ian

Today we want to express our heartfelt thanks to Ian Douglas, who has served as our Locum Reader at Bellshill Central Parish Church for over two years. What began as a simple chance meeting at a funeral at Crosshill Church in Motherwell, where Ian had served as Pastoral Assistant – and a kindly offered lift for Alan – has grown into a wonderful relationship that none of us could have predicted.



# **CHURCH NOTICE BOARD! NEWS FROM AROUND OUR CONGREGATION**



## **COIN BOXES**

Peggy Walker

Between 16 February and 12 May 2026, a total of £120.71 was received via the Coin Boxes which compares with £214.27 in the same period last year. Many thanks to everyone who contributes their small change to the church. Every penny is much appreciated and each one helps to keep my brain ticking over as I count them.

## **PRAYER GROUP**

Alan Mathew

We gather most Monday evenings on Zoom, lifting up those in our prayer book, our community, and the wider Church. Everyone is welcome — whether you'd like to join regularly or simply when you're free. We do not take a summer break, although we may have the odd week off, so please know our prayers continue throughout the year. For details, please speak to Stanley or Alan.

## **RAINBOWS**

Chemaine Jarvie

Another busy session is nearly wrapped up at Rainbows, with the girls working hard to finish their badges before we break for the summer. We've packed in so many different activities, and the girls have loved every minute.

Our older Rainbows who joined at Christmas have now been enrolled, and they've completed a special badge that will go into their memory folder — the folder each girl takes with her when she moves up to Brownies. We fill it with photos and bits and pieces from their time at Rainbows, and hopefully, if it survives the years and they come across it again someday, it'll bring a smile.

Those same older girls have also completed their Pot of Gold badge, which helps prepare them for Brownies. They'll get a lovely badge to sew onto their Brownie uniform to show they were once Rainbows.

We've done so much this term: Mother's Day gifts, Easter cards, chalk and bubbles outside, dressing up for World Book Day, and even a night learning about money — coins, notes, and what they're used for. We also had our annual sponsored event, and this year the girls chose a sponsored silence... and they all managed it. It was lovely, lol!

Our end-of-term party was on 26 May, complete with a bouncy castle and plenty of snacks, including ice cream.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer — may the sun truly shine for us all this year!

## **CHURCH MUSIC**

Alan Mathew

The Choir resumed rehearsals in January and quickly found ourselves in full flow preparing music for the spring season — especially the busy Easter period. From Palm Sunday right through to 12 April's Easter Songs of Praise, it was a joyful but intense few weeks of singing, rehearsing, and leading worship.

Due to circumstances out with anyone's control, we entered a short extended break until late May, before gathering again for a final few weeks of music-making prior to our summer finish in June. Even in this shorter window, we still have several lovely items to prepare, including:

- 31 May Songs of Praise
- June Communion – a gospel style piece
- A beautiful setting of “Be Thou My Vision” to a melody from the musical Chess
- Additional planned pieces that will now carry forward into the 2026/27 session

The choir will next resume after summer on Wednesday 23 September at 7pm, and new singers are always welcome.

### *Other Music News*

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who supported the Christian Aid Concert with the Cantabile Ensemble on 15 May. It was a well-attended and uplifting evening of music, and after expenses we raised £500 for Christian Aid/Church funds — a wonderful result.

Special thanks also go to May Nardone, who kindly covered at the organ for two Sunday morning services in April. Her support was greatly appreciated.

I am arranging a summer Organ Recital between myself and Christopher Powell. Christopher plays the organ locally and is also a member of the Lanarkshire Society of Organists. This will take place on Wednesday 15 July at 7pm in aid of the Organ fund.

## *Organ Updates*

The organ continues to show its age and needs careful handling at present:

- The swell diapason bottom octave remains blocked off following issues that arose at the Christingle service.
- Ongoing fluctuations in temperature and humidity — caused by boiler problems — have led to wind leakage, sticking keys, and contact issues at the console.
- The main bellows are now in a delicate (one might say “critical but stable”) condition. They were last re-leathered around 50 years ago, and a full re-leathering will be required soon to ensure the organ remains playable.
- Summer tuning took place on 25 May and a report was made to board and session to consider.

Despite the challenges, the organ continues to serve the congregation faithfully. We remain grateful for its unique voice in worship.

## **ONC DATES FOR YOIR DIARY – please support our partners at ONC**

- Saturday 11 July – ONC Summer Fayre. Stallholders are invited to hire a table for £15, and are asked to donate a raffle gift.
- Wednesday 12 August – ONC Clothes Show, beginning at 1pm. Tickets will be on sale or you can pay at the door.
- August sees a Zip line fundraiser at Strathclyde Park, where 4 members of staff will take part. Please sponsor these brave souls! More details to follow.
- Please speak to Sheena Bowman for more info.

## THE GUILD

Sheena Bowman, President

From March to October the Guild have a well earned rest with only monthly, local outings to look forward to.



Before the first trip took place, I spent a couple of hours at the Scottish Bible Society in Edinburgh wrapping gifts for children. Bibles for Bairns is one of the four organisations the Guild is supporting nationally. It offers every baby born in Scotland a free Share a Story Bible on their first birthday. Every birthday after that, the Scottish Bible Society will send a Bible-related gift and on their fifth birthday, every child receives an early reader Bible.

Further details can be obtained from Jen Robertson, Children's Resource Manager, Scottish Bible Society, 7 Hampton Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5XU, Telephone 0131 337 9701 or email: [jen.robertson@scottishbiblesociety.org](mailto:jen.robertson@scottishbiblesociety.org).

Our first outing took place on the last Monday in April to Brookside Garden Centre at Larkhall. A number of drivers were unable to attend, but five members thoroughly enjoyed the drive, the scenery and especially the food!

Further outings are planned for the last Monday in May and June and possibly August. Details will be relayed via the Guild App or intimated in Church.

The new session is due to start on the first Monday in October. Bellshill Central will host the joint opening Communion Service

conducted by Rev. Jonathan Lyall with our friends from Burnhead Church Guild.

It would be great to welcome some new members on Monday afternoons. Please come along.

## **FUNDRAISING TEAM**

Jane Aitken

Once again, I send a huge thanks to everyone for supporting the fundraising and social events, whether you buy tickets and attend the event, or help by donating goods or home baking; your time and talents are truly appreciated.

We held a really successful Cheese and Wine in March where a wonderful social evening was enjoyed by all, there was some great music, table games just in case anyone got bored and a fab sales table with some seasonal goodies. Thanks to everyone we raised around £500 for Church funds.

By the time this reaches you, we will have had the Summer Celebration which took place on Saturday 30 May. We prepared some lovely summer treats in the form of cakes and sandwiches. There was a seasonal tombola stall along with a gift stall containing beautiful summer themed gifts. As I write this, I hope the weather holds out for us and we have a great social get together and a wonderful time enjoying and celebrating the summer season.

We are also looking forward to the young church summer BBQ that will finish the end of their term. This takes place on Sunday, 21 June. Everyone in the congregation is invited and we hope everyone will come along and help us celebrate our young people.

Keep watching the screens and listen out for intimations for upcoming events.

Once again, a huge thanks goes to the fundraising team and all our helpers that offer their services to deliver tea, coffee and wash dishes and sell the tickets for the events. They spend many hours planning and preparing for each event and we could not do it without their skills and talents.

Please get in touch if you think you can help with or at any of the events as many hands make light work.

## **HYMN AND MUSIC REQUESTS**

Alan Mathew

You can still send in Hymn and Music requests to help raise funds for the church. We've already got a lovely wee list building, and we'll be working our way through it over the coming weeks. Your request or dedication will be included in the Sunday service where your chosen music is played or sung. If you'd like to add yours, just let us know.

## **GROUP START DATES – NEW SESSION 2026**

Brownies: Thursday 27 August

Guides: Thursday 27 August

Young Church: 30 August

Rainbows: Tuesday 8 September

Bowls: Wednesday 9 September

Choir: Wednesday 23 September

Guild: Monday 5 October

## **THANK YOU FROM MARY MATHEW AND FAMILY**

Mary and the whole family would like to express their heartfelt thanks for the kindness shown following Jim's sudden passing in April. Your words, thoughts and prayers, cards, notes, flowers, visits, and every act of support — both emotional and practical — have brought real comfort during an incredibly difficult time.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who came along to Jim's funeral service. Your presence meant so much to us, and together you helped raise £400 for Headway, supporting vital work for people living with brain injuries. Thank you for giving so generously in Jim's name.

Your care, compassion, and love have been a source of strength, and we will always remember the support you have shown.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The 2026 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met in Edinburgh, focusing on a new 2026–2031 strategy. The event highlighted a shift in focus from managing structural decline toward proactive congregation growth, financial sustainability, and reducing administrative burdens on local parishes.

Zandra Swan attended as a Commissioner of The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale, and had hoped to write a short report on her experiences. She'd be happy to speak to anyone in the congregation who might be interested.

## MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB

Mary had a little lamb  
His fleece was white as snow  
And everywhere that Mary went  
The lamb was sure to go.

He followed her to school each day  
'Twasn't even in the rules.  
He made the children laugh and play  
To have a lamb at school.

And when the rules all changed one day  
Illegal it became;  
To bring a Lamb of God to school  
Or even speak His Name.

Every day got worse and worse  
And days turned into years.  
Instead of hearing children laugh,  
We heard gun shots and tears.

What must we do to stop the crime,  
That's in our schools today?  
Let's let the Lamb come back to school,  
And teach our kids to pray!



**IF YOU AGREE, PLEASE PASS THIS ON!**

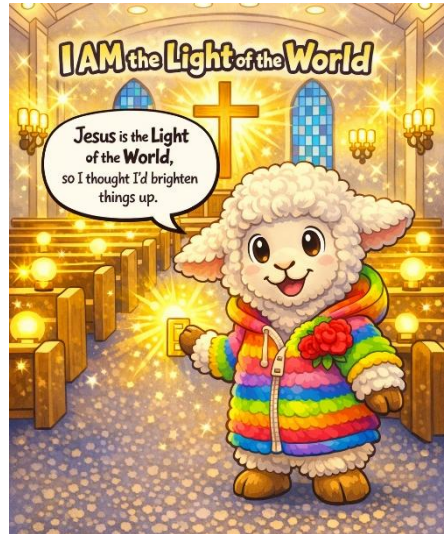
## **I AM the Light if the World – from Esther the BCPC Lamb!**

Esther managed to switch on every light in the sanctuary — including the ones nobody has touched since 1987.

When asked why she'd turned the church into something resembling a small airport runway, she replied,

“I'm helping! Jesus is the Light of the World, so I thought I'd brighten things up. You're welcome.”

The electricity bill disagrees.



## **BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Jayne Anderson

As we turn our thoughts to the 2026 appeal, this is a great time to pick up bargains such as hats, scarves and gloves. You can also help by adding small toiletries to your weekly shop — soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and similar essentials.

Please just come and speak to me on a Sunday if you need a hand or pointed in the right direction — you'll find me in the choir.

This project is a Labour of Love for me, and I've been involved for many years, going back to when I worked in schools for the local authority. Let's help make a difference to someone in need this Christmas.

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG APPEAL

We just want to say a huge thank you to our hard working and generous congregation. We donated over 240 easter eggs for the Potts appeal. John and Simon were overwhelmed when they visited on 22 March. We know that those in our community are very grateful for the thoughtfulness of each egg donated. Thank you.





## PARISH PEOPLE

In this section of the Chronicle we hear from members of our congregation. Thank you to **Mags Terras**.

We asked Mags the usual questions and she happily provided the following “resume” which you will find an interesting read.

- How long have you been involved in the church here at BCPC, and in what ways?
- Any special Memories of the Church?
- Do you have a favourite Hymn (or song)?
- What is the best piece of advice you’ve received?
- Something People don’t know about me

I first visited Macdonald Memorial when I first came to Bellshill in 2010 and returned in 2022, but on this occasion I stayed. Your welcome was rewarding and encouraging. Since then, I have joined BCPC by transfer.

I became a member of the Guild and more recently the Carpet Bowls.

Carpet Bowls, what a challenge!

Although I am a complete novice, I was encouraged to persevere. I am slowly improving. Don't have the expertise but thoroughly enjoy my afternoon. The group is a mixture, men and women, who enjoy each other’s company and talk about anything. It's social, although game play is more important.

The Guild may sound boring to some, but some of the speakers have been extremely entertaining. On the other Mondays, the entertainment is provided by the members. And we do entertain, lovely chats and laughter, not to mention the compulsory “afternoon

tea". The social events are totally hilarious, and the summer jaunts also have their highlights.

I highly recommend these activities to you.

The Church provides various fund-raising events and without doubt they are a must to attend. Everyone is most welcome. Once again, you will feel involved.

My favourite song/hymn is "Go now in peace, never be afraid" - the whole melody makes me feel very calm and content. As for music it's got to be Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen, although Alan has been known to give a very fine rendition on the organ.

On retirement an elderly client gave me a piece of advice, when you awake in the morning, say thanks, and plan 3 things to do that day, that you didn't do the day before. It works!!

But being kind and patient goes a long way. Also just letting someone sit with you and allow them to chat, your listening ear can be just enough for them to feel comfortable in your company.

I was adopted during WW2 to the most adoring parents, who unfortunately were older, so I lost my Dad in my teens, and became my Mum's sole carer. I became very resourceful and independent. I was taught always to give back to others who were not as fortunate as you.

So, from a very early teenager I became a "volunteer" . Firstly, with YW and YMCA in a Gorbals project helping deprived young girls then transferring to Castlemilk as their Advisor to form a safe hub for the girls. I have continued this ethos throughout, ending with Citizens

Advice Bureaux as a Legal Advice Advisor (I sat my final SVQ at 72 years of age).

While I was working as LAA with Argyll & Bute Bureau, (during my regular 6-month holiday transfer, which lasted for over 15 years) I was fortunate to be presented to the Princess Royal.

Remember the BCPC needs to grow as a family, so let others know “we always have the kettle on to welcome you,” so come along in.

### **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.

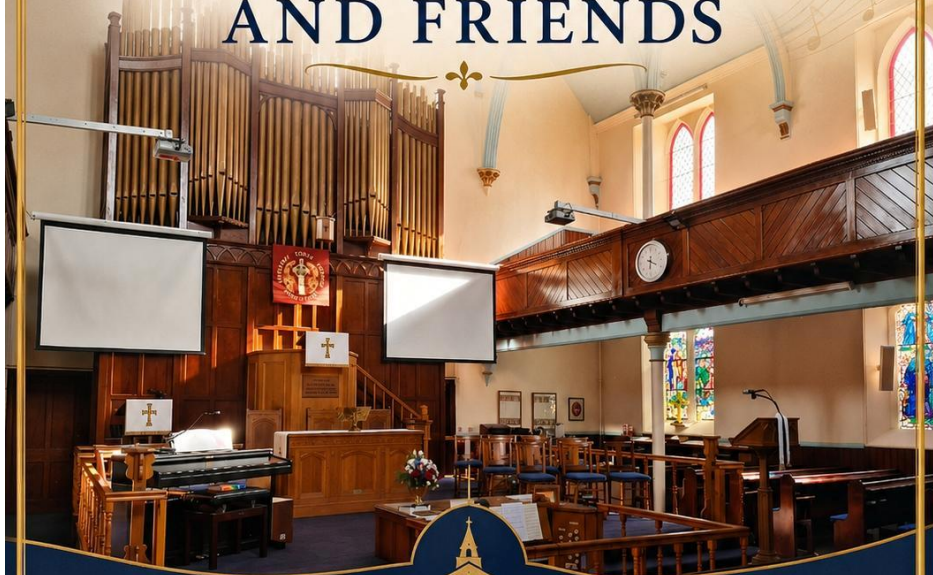


### **CORRECTION/APOLOGY**

In our last Chronicle, we mentioned the Baptism of Cora Dornan. Unfortunately, her name was incorrectly spelt. Cora’s name is Cora Méabh Elizabeth Dornan. It is no fun having your name shown incorrectly and we are really sorry. Our sincere apologies go to Cora and her family.

P Walker

A  
*summer evening*  
— WITH THE —  
**ORGANIST  
AND FRIENDS**



  
**BELLSHILL CENTRAL  
PARISH CHURCH**



**WEDNESDAY  
15<sup>TH</sup> JULY**



**7PM**



**FOLLOWED BY  
REFRESHMENTS**



**ENTRY BY DONATION  
IN AID OF THE ORGAN FUND**



## WHAT IS GIFT AID?

Gift Aid allows charities to claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you donate. To join, simply complete a Gift Aid declaration. You must be a UK taxpayer and have paid at least as much income or capital gains tax as the church will reclaim.

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## What Difference Does It Make?

A £5 weekly offering becomes £6.25 at no extra cost. Last year we reclaimed £5,057 through Gift Aid. More participants—or increased giving—would raise this further in 2026.

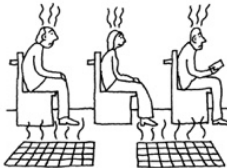
## Want to Join?

To complete a form or check you're already signed up, please speak to Zandra Swan or Donis Hudson.

## THE SUMMER



EARLY MORNING SERVICES BECOME POPULAR



THE HEATING FINALLY STARTS WORKING



A RELIEF CONGREGATION IS BROUGHT IN TO COVER ABSENTEES



PARISH PICNICS TAKE PLACE



THERE ARE NOT AS MANY E-MAILS



MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH SEND POSTCARDS

## 150 ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION STONE

(information taken from Annals of the Macdonald Memorial U F Church)

On Monday 19 June 1876, the laying of the Foundation Stone of our church building was performed by Provost Swan, a prominent figure within the Free Church at that time. A silver trowel, which had been prepared for the occasion, was the gift of the Deacons' Court to the Provost as a memento of the occasion; with the inscription:

*Presented  
To  
Provost Swan  
On the occasion of his laying  
The Foundation Stone  
Of the  
New Free Church  
At Bellshill  
19<sup>th</sup> June 1876*



(The trowel was returned to the church around November 2017)

The customary convention of inserting in the walls some record of the congregation was followed. A bottle was filled with:

- Three Glasgow Daily Papers
- The Hamilton and Airdrie Papers
- The Free Church Record for June 1876
- A copy of the Communion Roll
- A List of the Office Bearers
- A Short Statement on the Progress of the Congregation

The bottle was placed in the north-east front corner of the building.

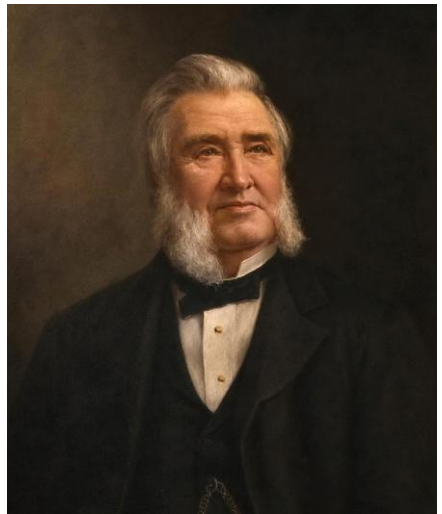
The occasion was marked with great enthusiasm by all those interested in the new church and lunch having been served to the officials and leading people of the day, the whole proceedings terminated in happiness and hopefulness.

There is no information about Provost Swan in the “Annals” but this might be the right person:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick\\_Don\\_Swan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_Don_Swan)

Patrick Don Swan of Springfield FRSE DL (1808–1889) was a Scottish shipowner and shipbuilder who served as Provost of Kirkcaldy. He was a friend of Thomas Carlyle

At the Disruption of 1843 he joined the Free Church of Scotland and sat on their Committee representing Presbyterian churches in the Colonies. In 1876 he donated a site in Kirkcaldy for the erection of a Free Church (now known as St Bryce Kirk).



You can read a bit more if you follow the link to Wikipedia

On 19 June 2026 we see the 150 Anniversary of the laying of our church buildings foundation stone. That day falls on one of our Open Doors days, when we will have a short service to commemorate the milestone followed by a cuppa. Keep an eye on the Pews News for fuller details, but please come along.



EST. 1876

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

OF THE LAYING OF OUR  
FOUNDATION STONE

Join us as we give thanks to God for  
150 years of faith, **fellowship**,  
and service in our community.

Welcome to

Bellshill Centish Parish  
Church of Scotland

346 Main Street, Bellshill, ML4 1BA

Worship 10:00 am

All Welcome

Photo: Robert D. Stewart  
Katie: Jackie  
Tel: 01698 747144

Organist: Claire M. Stewart  
Choir: Bellshill  
Tel: 01698 747144



FRIDAY

19th JUNE 2026

AT 12NOON



BELLSHILL CENTRAL PARISH  
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

346 Main Street, Bellshill, ML4 1BA



**A SHORT SERVICE**

A time to reflect on our  
past and look forward  
in faith to the future.



**FOLLOWED BY  
A CUPPA**

Stay and enjoy  
refreshments and  
fellowship together.



**ALL ARE  
WELCOME**

Everyone is warmly invited  
to share in this special occasion.

*Please let us know if you can attend*



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FAITH • COMMUNITY • WELCOME

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7 June	Tea after Church
Sunday 14 June	Communion Service
Friday 19 June	Open Church 150 <sup>th</sup> Short Service
Sunday 21 June	Young Church BBQ
Monday 22 June	Mossend Primary end of term service
Sunday 5 July	Tea after Church
Saturday 11 July	ONC Summer Fayre
Wednesday 15 July	7pm Summer Organ Concert
Tuesday 28 July	Joint Kirk Session and Board
Sunday 2 August	Tea after Church
Wednesday 12 August	ONC Clothes Show
Sunday 23 August	NLC ½ Marathon - disruption to roads
Sunday 6 September	Tea after Church
Saturday 12 September	Doors open day 10am to 4pm
“            “	2pm Organ Recital - Christopher Powell
Sunday 13 September	Communion Service
Sunday 4 October	Tea after Church
“            “	3pm Pet Service
Sunday 11 October	Harvest Sunday and Lunch after Church
Sunday 8 November	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 9 November	BCPC Clothes Show

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Baptisms

Mary Paulley McBride – *Adult Baptism*

*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

Mary Paulley McBride - *Profession of Faith*

Liz Kennedy – *Resolution of Kirk Session*

June Gibb – *Restored to roll by Resolution of Kirk Session*

Cerys McArthur – *Added as an Adherent by Resolution of Kirk Session*

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

### Deaths

Jim Mathew

Jessie Middleton

*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.

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.”

## 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 (Table Top)  
                          7:30pm Online Prayer Group
- Tuesdays:           6pm The Rainbows  
                          7pm Heart and Sole Walkers (May – October)  
                          Kirk Session & Board Meetings (as announced)
- Wednesdays:        10am Hope for Autism (Dungeons & Dragons)  
                          2pm Carpet Bowls  
                          7pm Church Choir
- Thursdays:           6pm Brownies  
                          7:30pm Guides
- Fridays:              12noon to 1pm Quiet Church (fortnightly)  
                          1pm daytime walking group (as announced)  
                          8pm Organist Entertains (as announced)

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<b>Property Convenor</b>		
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<b>Roll Keeper</b>		
<b>Organist &amp; Communications</b>		
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