



# **Bellshill: Central Parish Church**

## **Sunday 18 October 2026 at 11am**

### **with Revd Margaret ES Rose**

CHOIR INTROIT – CH4 722 Spirit of God come dwell within me

WELCOME AND INTIMATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN CH4 63 - All people that on earth do dwell

PRAYER AND LORDS PRAYER

ALL AGE TIME

HYMN MP 558 - Praise him on the trumpet

READINGS - 1 Thessalonians 1-10 and Matthew 22:15-22

HYMN MP 1259 - Bless the Lord, O my soul

SERMON

HYMN CH4 192 - All my hope on God is founded

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING/DEDICATION (*singing CH3 Yield not to temptation*)

HYMN CH4 515 - Soldiers of Christ arise!

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING – May the Lord bless you

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](http://www.youtube.com/bellshillchurch).

**PASTORAL** – let Stanley or your elder know of any folks in hospital, not well, bereaved, etc, or just needing a visit.

Rev Margaret is very happy to offer Home Communion to anyone who wishes it. If you would like her to visit, please phone 01357 671664. *NB: this number is a landline and cannot receive texts.*

**PREACHING ROTA** – 18/10 Rev Margaret; 25/10 Ian Douglas

**READERS** – today Hugh Ainsley; next week Zandra Swan

**FLOWERS** – To donate financially, place your gift in the offering marked Flower Fund. To donate flowers, speak to Susan McGleish.

**CHANGE OF CLOCKS** takes place next weekend. So next week on Saturday evening turn your clocks back 1 hour, for an extra hour in bed!

**THE GUILD** continues tomorrow at 1.30pm for a Beetle Drive. All are welcome to come along.

**PRAYER GROUP** will not meet tomorrow at 7:30pm . The joining link is shared in the church chat. Please speak to Naomi if you are interested in future meetings - [prayer@bellshillcentral.church](mailto:prayer@bellshillcentral.church)

**PRAYER BOOK** is at the front door, to add any names or situations.

**JOINT TRUSTEE CONFERENCE-** takes place on Monday 19 October at 7pm (tomorrow) within Newarthill and Carfin Church. We will discuss and vote on the proposed Basis of Union of our 5 churches ahead of congregational votes in November.

**MEMBERSHIP OF BELLSHILL CENTRAL PARISH CHURCH**

Before the November Union votes, we must update our congregational roll. To vote, please ask Stanley ASAP to add your name as a member or adherent (a regular worshipper who is not a member of another Church of Scotland congregation).

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sunday 8 November - Remembrance service begins at 11.30am.

Monday 9 November – Clothes Show. Tickets priced £3 on sale now. Please see Annette Mather. Please come along to support this fun event.

**CONCERT AT NEWARTHILL AND CARFIN CHURCH** on Saturday 24 October at 2.30 led by Duncan Mackay. Music will feature Classical, Scottish, Jazz, Film and modern pop hits. Donations in aid of Church funds.

**JOINT SESSION GATHERING** – Saturday 31 October from 2pm to 4pm at Newarthill and Carfin Parish Church.

## **FINAL CHRONICLE MAGAZINE**

December's Chronicle will be the final issue as our churches unite. Help make it a special edition by sharing memories, stories and pictures of Bellshill Central Church. This is YOUR magazine, so please contribute by 22/11/26.

**“LEGBRANNOCK” CHURCHES JOINT SERVICE** proposed to take place here in Bellshill Central on Sunday 29 November at 11am – the first opportunity for our 5 congregations to worship together. Tea and coffee will be served.

**BOWLS** have resumed on Wednesdays at 2pm. All welcome.

**CHOIR** has resumed on Wednesdays at 7pm. All welcome.

**OPEN CHURCH IS BACK** - Everyone's invited — pop in for some quiet, open space and a short act of worship. Bring a friend or invite a neighbour. You don't need to be a member or have been before. Just come as you are. Fridays 23 Oct and 20 Nov from 12noon to 1pm. There will be a very short service at 12:30pm.

**FRIDAY WALKERS** - Join us on 23 Oct and 20 Nov (all weather permitting). We meet at 1pm. Everyone's welcome — a lovely chance to catch up, enjoy company, then a blether and a brew afterwards.

**OUR NEXT MOVIE NIGHT** takes place on 23 October at 7:30pm. All are welcome. The film is “Grease” a great sing along with John Travolta and Olivia Newton John. Donations for the organ fund.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL** – Please bring your boxes to church ASAP. We need to have the boxes before the end of October. There are paper copies of the shoebox slip available at the front door. See Jayne in the Choir.

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

**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.

**ONC DONATIONS** – There is a box in the vestibule to drop off non-perishable food stuffs for ONC. **On the first Sunday of the month**, we invite everyone to bring one item for the appeal.

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

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - God knows us by name and invites us to walk more closely with Him each day. In a world full of competing demands, may we remember what belongs to God and live out our faith with honesty and love. This week, let our lives reflect God's goodness, bringing hope, kindness and light to those around us.

## **DUTY TEAMS**

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| This week: | Door Duty: | Ian Gibb/ Lorna Watson       |
|            | Counting:  | Peggy Walker / Liz Fulton    |
|            | Flowers:   | Peggy Walker/ Annette Mather |
|            | Screen:    | Annette                      |

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| Next week: | Door Duty: | Hugh McBride/ Mary McBride  |
|            | Counting:  | Zandra Swan / Ian Gibb      |
|            | Flowers:   | Lesley Marshall / June Cook |
|            | Screen:    | Peggy                       |

### **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."

Rev Muriel Pearson was appointed as Interim Minister to the Newhouse cluster on 25th September 2025. An Interim Minister is a member of the Interim Ministry and Transition Ministry team and is appointed by Presbytery to work with congregations through times of change. Now that Bellshill Central are part of the cluster, which is working together towards union, Muriel was introduced to the Kirk Session on Tuesday 13th October.

Muriel says her goal is to help the new congregation of Legbrannock Parish Church, with its 4 worship centres, work together to forge a new identity as a single parish with local expressions of church. Muriel will be Interim Moderator of the new parish from 1st January 2027. 'I want to help Legbrannock Parish Church move towards being able to call a minster of word and sacrament to a diverse, united, vibrant congregation with a shared sense of mission and identity. I look forward to getting to know and working with the folk of Bellshill Central.'

If you have any questions about the proposed union, please feel free to email [Muriel mpearson@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Muriel.mpearson@churchofscotland.org.uk)



A picture from the service of Introduction for Muriel as Interim Minister 11th November 2025

# BRIAN TAYLOR'S CLOTHES SHOW

*Fundraising event for*  
**Bellshill Central Parish Church**



**MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2026**

**7.30PM**

**TICKETS ON SALE AT CHURCH NOW**

Or email [hello@bellshillcentral.church](mailto:hello@bellshillcentral.church) to reserve

*Usual great clothes, banter from Brian,  
raffles, tea, coffee and goodies!*

**≡ ALL WELCOME! ≡**



Bellshill Central Parish Church  
of Scotland

Central to Christ, Central to You,  
Central to Bellshill

Join us for a

**FAMILY**

**Film Night**

Great  
film  
for all  
the family!



Popcorn  
& treats  
available!



Lights...  
Camera...  
Action! ★

★ **FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER** ★  
**AT 7:30PM**

AT BELLSHILL CENTRAL CHURCH

**IN AID OF THE  
ORGAN FUND**

