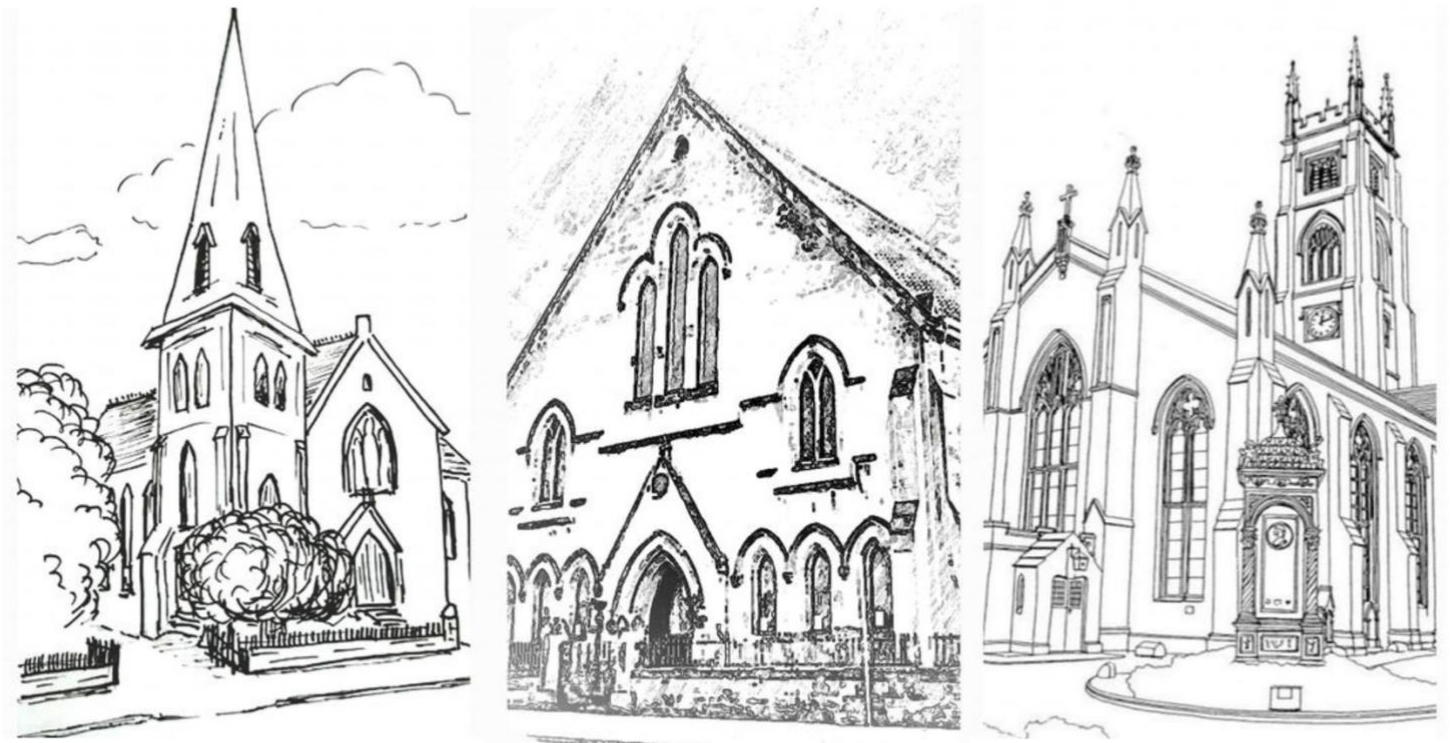


A united service
*Breaking Bread
and building friendships*



in Bothwell Parish Church
with Bellshill Central and
Bellshill West Parish Churches
Sunday 26th February 2023

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God who is One, You call us to be one,
May we be one with all who are made in Your image.

God who is Three, You call us to be community,
May we find community with all who are called by Your name.

God who calls us all by Your name,
May we find our place in Your eternal family

HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace! (x4)
[Women echo x3]

2. Jesus! the name that charms our
fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
that bids our sorrows cease
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace. (x4)
[Women echo x3]

3. He breaks the power of cancelled
sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me. (x4)
[Women echo x3]

4. He speaks, and, listening to His
voice,
New life the dead receive,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe. (x4)
[Women echo x3]

6. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name. (x4)
[Women echo x3]

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

ALL AGE TALK

CHILDREN'S HYMN

God's love is the best love that the world has ever ever known.
Deeper than the deep sea it's a love that only God has shown.
Higher, than the rockets up in space! Wider than the total human race!
God's love is the best love that the world has ever ever,
can ever ever, will ever ever know. (REPEAT)

FIRST READING

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

ANTHEM

SECOND READING

Matthew 14:13-21

HYMN

Knowing you Jesus

1. All I once held dear, built my life
upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to
own,
all I once thought gain I have counted
loss;
spent and worthless now, compared
to this

*Knowing You, Jesus knowing You,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best
you're my joy, my righteousness
and I love You, Lord*

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You
more,
to be found in You and known as Yours,
to possess by faith what I could not
earn,
all-surpassing gift of righteousness
Knowing You, Jesus knowing You

3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen
life,
and to know You in Your sufferings,
to become like You in Your death, my
Lord,
so with You to live and never die.
Knowing You, Jesus knowing You

SERMON

HYMN

For everyone born a place at the table

1. For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.*

2. For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. *And God will delight*

3. For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong. *And God will delight*

5. For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free. *And God will delight*

COMMUNION

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Please remain standing if you are able to)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
Amen

...The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the
Lord our God
It is right to give our
thanks and praise

...**Holy, holy, holy Lord**
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

...Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.**

... The gifts of God for the people of God.

You are invited to eat and drink your bread and wine in your own time.

HYMN

Lord for the years

1. Lord, for the years your love has
kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us
on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned
and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our
thanks today.

2. Lord, for that word, the Word of
life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our
souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and
inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your
people's praise.

4. Lord, for our world when we
disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless
in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed
without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that
Christ may reign.

5. Lord for ourselves; in living power
remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the
throne;
past put behind us, for the future
take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ
alone.

BENEDICTION *(Please remain standing)*

May the blessing of our Father, the God of peace and justice, **be with us**;

May the blessing of the Son, who lived and died for us, **be with us**;

And may the blessing of the Spirit, who binds us together, **be with us**

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you.
May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you,
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you
And give you peace, and give you peace.

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Today we welcome our friends and neighbours for this first joint service together with Bellshill Central and Bellshill West Parish Churches. We hope and pray you feel welcome here with us.

Whether you join in person or online, come every week, are here for the first time or the first time in a long time a very warm welcome.

We are delighted to be hosting this first joint service. Thank you to both Central and West who are all contributing and leading this joint service.

Coffee and tea will be served after the service in the Church Centre. We hope as many as possible will be able to stay as we get to know one another.

This service is live streamed, should you not wish to appear in the recording, please speak to our welcome team.

Our readers today are Martha from Bellshill West and John from Bothwell.

All are welcome to celebrate communion. The wine used is NON alcoholic. The bread and wine is available to take from the table behind the AV desk. We ask you to please help yourself and if you have forgotten please feel free to go and take it to your seat at any point during the service. You will be invited to eat the bread and the wine in your own time when Revd. Iain says ... *The gifts of God for the people of God.*

YOUTH

Sunday School meet during the Service. Sunday School children are invited to stay until after the Children's Hymn. All children who are preparing to go to school or are in primary school are very welcome to join.

The Crèche is open from the start of the service and can be used at any point during the service, please ask at the door for more information.

WHATS' ON IN BOTHWELL

Bible Study returns on Wednesday 1st March for 5 weeks. We meet at the Manse for 19:15 for a 19:30 start as we explore the theme of unanswered prayer. This study is open to everyone and anyone and if you can't commit to 5 Wednesdays, then please come as and when you are able to.

Guild Afternoon Tea returns to The Church Centre at 2.00pm on Sunday 26th March. Tickets priced at an inflation-busting £5 are still on sale. Yellow tickets from the COVID-cancelled Afternoon Tea will be honoured. Proceeds will go to Children's Hospices Across Scotland.

The Church Office has now moved and Sandra can be found in the Centre working alongside the Centre staff.

The Guild meets in the Church Centre Monday 27th February at 1900 with the National Vice Convenor Helen Eckford.

WHATS' ON IN BELLSHILL CENTRAL

Stated Annual Meeting is being held after worship on Sunday 19 March.

Potts Easter Egg Appeal - donations of Easter Eggs for the "Eggstravaganza" can be placed in the box at the East Side table. **Deadline Sunday 19th March.**

Friday 3rd March at 3pm we are hosting the local area World Day of Prayer Service. Refreshments served afterwards.

Sunday 5th March, Heart and Sole walking group meet after church for a stroll, a chat and a cuppa. Those who want to bring a packed lunch along for a snack after church are welcome to do so.

Kirk Session will meet briefly after church on 5th March to approve the accounts and notice is given of the 8th Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation, to take place after worship on Sunday 19th March 2023.

Guild meeting on Monday 27th at 1.30pm in the hall. All welcome

WHATS' ON IN BELLSHILL WEST

Cornerstone – our café style worship in the church hall at 5pm today and the last Sunday of each month. Tea, coffee, biccies, lively praise, a challenge, a message, prayers and fellowship.

West Blend – our weekly drop-in café each Tuesday morning at 10am. A warm welcome, friendly, relaxed and free to all who come along for something to eat and drink with good banter thrown in!

If you wish to make an offering today please use the basket at the top of the steps on your way out. There is also **contactless giving** available at the entrance. All financial gifts go towards the work of the church. Alternatively, please use the QR code to give via our secure online giving platform.

Joint services

Bellshill Central - March 12th 11:00

Bellshill West - March 26th 11:00