

## Church Information and Dates

-Please stay behind after the service for refreshments.

### This week

-Tuesday and Friday Welcome 10:30am-12noon (free tea/coffee and chat and church open for prayer and reflection).

-West End Card-makers Tuesday at 12noon

-Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre Service: Tuesday at 1:30pm

**-Prayer Meeting and Bible Study:**

**Wednesday at 7:30pm (Manse) and Thursday at 10:30am (Church)**

-Knit and Knatter Friday 11am-1pm

**-Lord's Day (8 December): Morning Worship 11am: The Minister**

**-Evening Worship at 6:30pm: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**

### December

-Christmas Coffees and Crafts, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm. Entry by donation

-Hatton Lea Nursing Home Service 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

-Christmas Eve Services 7pm in St Andrew's,  
11:15pm at EU Congregational Church

-Christmas Day 10:30am

### January

-Committee of Management 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (Neilson Halls)

-Kirk Session 20<sup>th</sup> at 12noon (Church)

### March

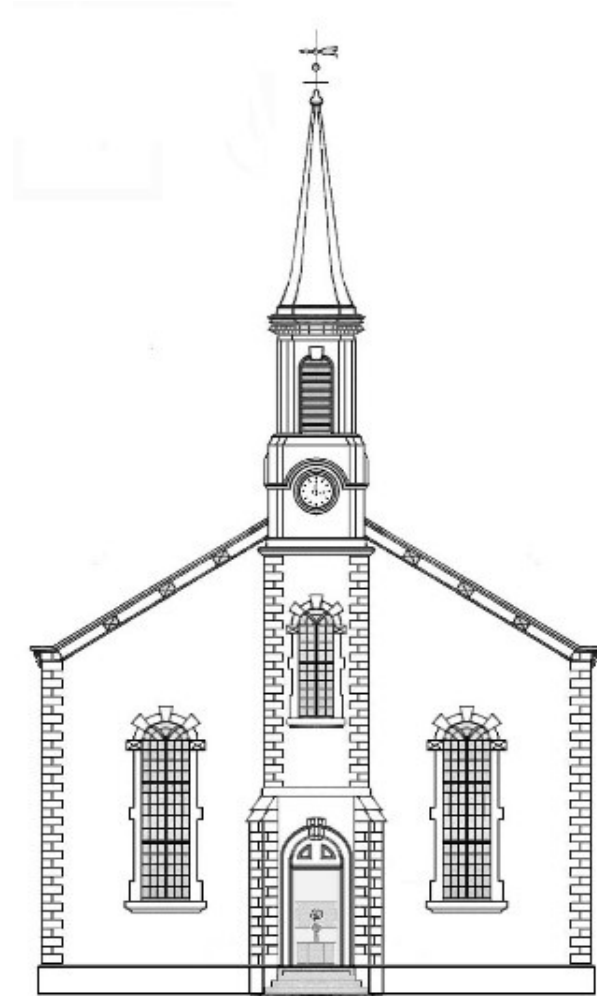
-Annual Business Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

-Giving Day, Card Sale and Spring Gifts 29<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm

The **Congregational Magazine** and **Gift Aid Declarations** are now available in the vestibule.

If you wish to become a **member** of the church by **professing faith in Christ for the first time, or by transfer from another congregation**, please speak to the Minister. A leaflet on membership can be found in the vestibule.

**Announcements to be submitted by Friday at 8am.**



**United Free Church of Scotland  
Bellshill: St Andrew's Church  
Sunday 1 December 2024 – 11am**

### Minister

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## Order of Service

*Please stand when the Bible enters*

Intimations

Call to worship

Praise: Psalm 139:1-10: O Lord, thou has me search'd and known  
(*St Andrew*)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

All-age talk: A gift with no demands.

Praise: MP 102: Come thou long expected Jesus (*Hyfrydol*)

Scripture Readings: Old Testament: 1 Samuel 25:1-44

New Testament: James 1:19-20

Praise: Paraphrase 19: The race that long in darkness pin'd (*Glasgow*)

Sermon: The Wise, the Rash and the Fool

Offering

Praise: MP 171: Give to our God immortal praise (*Duke Street*)

Prayers of concern

Praise: MP 1045: From the squalor of a borrowed stable (*Immanuel*)

Benediction

*Please remain upstanding for the departure of the Bible*

***What has God said to you, or shown you today?***

**Memory verse:**

'When pride comes, then comes disgrace,  
but with the humble is wisdom.  
(*Proverbs 11:2*)

## Sermon: The Wise, the Rash and the Fool

### I. The Fool – Nabal (1-11)

#### A. Bad-tempered and mean (1-3)

– Proverbs 18:6

#### B. Arrogant and selfish (4-11)

– 1 Timothy 6:17-18

### II. The Rash – David (12-22)

#### A. Acting on impulse (12-19)

– Proverbs 14:16; James 1:19-20

#### B. Vengeful (20-22)

– Romans 12:17,19,21

### III. The Wise – Abigail (23-31)

#### A. Humble and gracious (23-25)

– Proverbs 11:2, 15:1

#### B. Generous; encourages David to do right (26-28)

– Proverbs 11:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:15

#### C. Reminds David of God's promises (29-31)

– 1 Samuel 23:16-17

### IV. The Results (32-44)

#### A. David the rash – saved from wrongdoing (32-35)

– James 5:20

#### B. Nabal the fool – struck down by the Lord (36-38)

– Luke 12:16-20

#### C. Abigail the wise – marries the future king (39-44)

– Proverbs 3:13-18

**Notes:**