

Church Information and Dates

-Please stay behind after the service for refreshments

This week

- Tuesday Welcome 10:30am-12noon (free tea/coffee and chat and church open for prayer and reflection).
- Christmas Eve: 7pm (St Andrew's) and 11:15pm (EU Congregational Church)
- Christmas Day 10:30am
- Lord's Day (28 December): Morning Worship 11am: The Minister**

January

- Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre Service: 6th at 1:30pm
- Morning Prayer Meeting and Bible Study resumes: 8th at 10:30am.
Speaker: Rev. Alisdair MacLeod-Mair, Tron: St Mary's Church of Scotland
- Friday Welcome resumes 9th 10:30am-12noon
- Kirk Session 13th at 2:15pm (*Manse*)
- Committee of Management 13th at 7:45pm (*Fellowship Hall*)
- West End Cardmakers resumes 13th at 12noon
- Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study resumes 15th at 7:30pm (*Manse*)
- Knit and Knatter resumes 16th at 11am
- Hatton Lea Nursing Home Service: 20th at 2:30pm

February

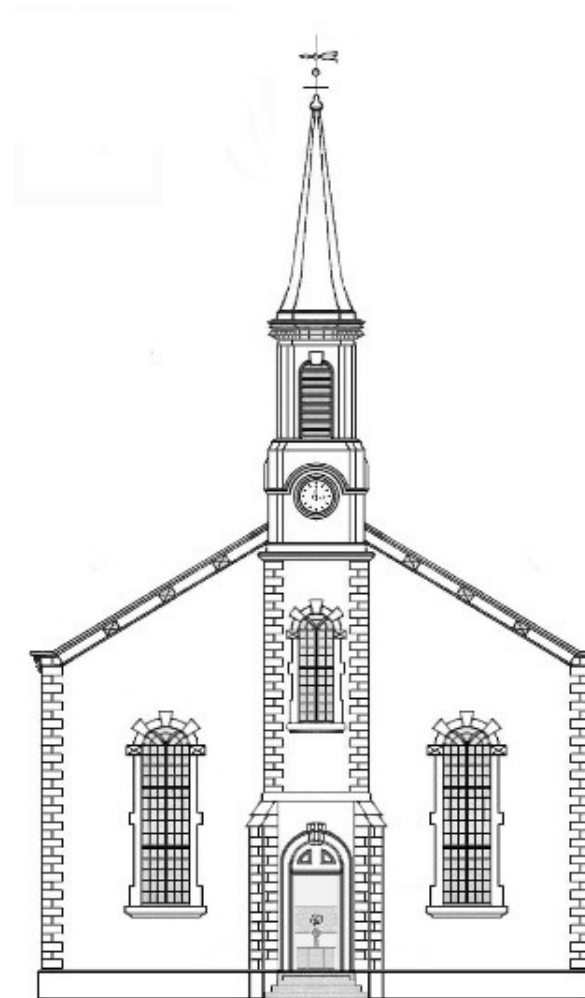
- Annual Business Meeting: 19th at 7:30pm

March

- Sacrament of Communion: 8th at 11am
- Gift Day 14th 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 21 December 2025 – 11am**

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Order of Service

Please stand when the Bible enters

Intimations

Call to worship

Praise: Psalm 40:1-7: I waited for the Lord my God (*Kilmarnock*)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Video: An unexpected Christmas

Video: God of Grace, amazing wonder

Praise: Jesus strong and kind

Scripture Reading: Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-7

New Testament: Matthew 9:18-26

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

Sermon: 'He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure'
Power over Sickness and Death

Offering

Praise: Paraphrase 26:5-10: Behold he comes! Your leader comes (*Glasgow*)

Prayers of concern

Praise: MP 539: Once in royal David's city (*Irby*)

Benediction

Please remain upstanding for the departure of the Bible

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

Memory verse:

'He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'

(Revelation 21:4)

Sermon: 'He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure' - Power over Sickness and Death

I. The ruler's daughter (18-19)

- A. The ruler's plea – respectful and believing
- B. Jesus' response – cooperative and willing

II. The woman with bleeding (20-22)

- A. The woman's approach – secretive and believing
- B. Jesus' response – compassionate and reassuring

III. The dead girl raised (23-26)

- A. The crowd's attitude – disrespectful and disbelieving
- B. Jesus' response – authoritative and mysterious
- C. The end result – news of this spread through all that region

Notes: