

Church Information and Dates

- Please stay behind after the service for refreshments
- Battle of Bothwell Bridge Commemoration Service – 3pm in the Church

This week

- Tuesday and Friday Welcome: 10:30am-12noon: Free tea/coffee and chat and church open for prayer and reflection
- West End Cardmakers Tuesday at 12noon
- Hatton Lea Nursing Home Service: Tuesday at 2:30pm
- **Prayer Meeting and Bible Study**
- Thursday at 10:30am (Church) & 7:30pm (Manse)**
- Studies in Zechariah – Chapter 7**
- Knit and Knatter: Friday at 11am
- Lord's Day (23 August 2026): Morning Worship 11am: The Minister**
- The Transfiguration – a preview of glory - Matthew 17:1-8**

August

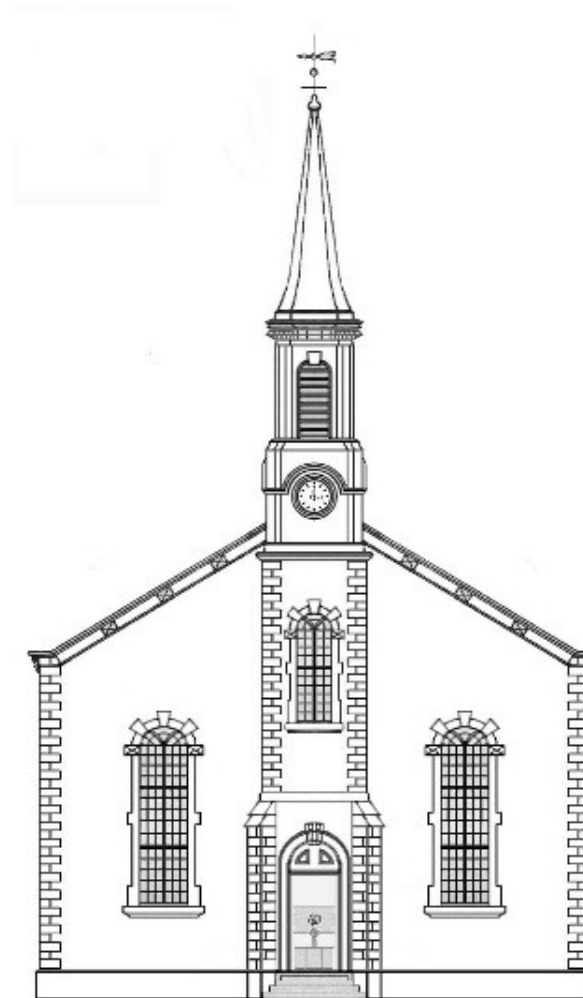
- Committee of Management 18th at 7:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Kirk Session – 25th at 7:30pm (*Manse*)
- Meet at the Manse 26th at 2-4pm, 7-9pm

September

- Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre Service: 1st at 1:30pm
- Meet at the Manse 5th at 3-5pm
- Sacrament of Communion – 13th at 11am, Thanksgiving at 6:30pm
- Concert with Christopher Powell
- 'An Evening of Musical Rarities and One Hit Wonders'– 24th at 7:30pm

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 16 August 2026 – 11am

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Order of Service

Please stand when the Bible enters

Welcome

Call to worship

Praise: Psalm 95:1-7: O come, let us sing to the Lord (*Winchester Old*)

Prayer, and Lord's Prayer (*Words of the Lord's Prayer on the screen*)

All-age talk: A message in a bottle

Praise: Paraphrase 63: Behold th' amazing gift of love (*St Stephen*)

Scripture Readings: New Testament: Matthew 16:13-28

Praise: MP 1173: God of grace, amazing wonder

Sermon: True Discipleship

Offering

Praise: MP 25: All to Jesus I surrender

News and information

Prayers of concern

Praise: Come behold the wondrous mystery

Benediction

Please remain upstanding for the departure of the Bible

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

Memory verse:

‘Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.’

(Ephesians 1:4)

Our mission statement:

‘Following, serving and making disciples of Christ the King’

Sermon: True Discipleship

I. What did Jesus have to do to fulfil his mission? (21-23)

A. Jesus had to suffer and die (21)

1) This was God's plan from all of eternity

3) This was the only way we could be forgiven for our sins

– Galatians 2:20-21

B. Jesus' confrontation with Peter

1) Peter rebukes Jesus (22)

2) Jesus rebukes Peter (23)

II. What must you do to follow Jesus? (24-28)

A. The demands of discipleship (24)

1) Deny yourself

2) Take up your cross

3) Keep following Jesus

B. Reasons for discipleship

1) Your life depends on it (25)

2) What is more valuable than your life? (26)

3) Christ will return in power and glory (27-28)

Application

1) Discipleship is for everyone.

2) Not everyone who starts following Jesus keeps following Jesus.

3) Following Jesus is the best decision you will ever make; not following Jesus is the worst decision you will ever make.

Notes: