

## 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 Cardmakers Tuesday at 12noon

- **Prayer Meeting and Bible Study**

**Thursday at 10:30am (Church) and 7:30pm (Manse): The Minister Studies in Haggai**

-Knit and Knatter: Friday at 11am

**-Lord's Day (17 May 2026) Morning Worship 11am: The Minister**  
The Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl  
Matthew 13:44-46

### May

--Hatton Lea Nursing Home Service: 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

-Spring Fair 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10am-3pm

-Kirk Session: 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm (Manse)

-Service of Prayer for the Nation: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm

### June

-Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre Service: 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm

-Committee of Management 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

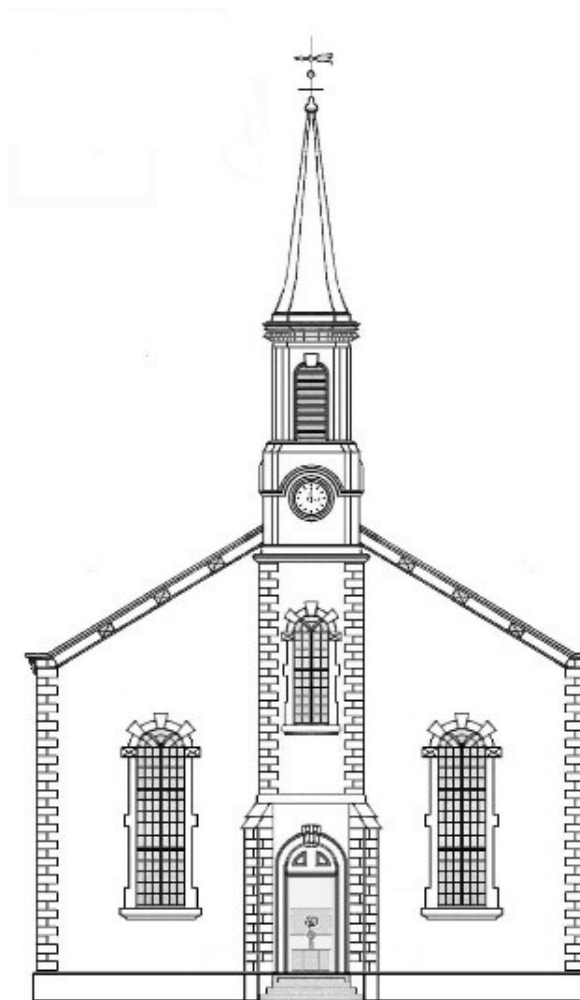
-Sacrament of Communion – 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am, Thanksgiving at 6:30pm

### August

-Battle of Bothwell Bridge commemoration service– 16<sup>th</sup> at 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 17 May 2026 – 11am**

### Minister

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## Order of Service

*Please stand when the Bible enters*

Welcome

Call to worship

Praise: Psalm 103: 1-8 O thou my soul, bless God the Lord (*Kilmarnock*)

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

All-age talk: More than gold

Praise: MP 319: I'd rather have Jesus than silver of gold

Scripture Readings: Old Testament: Isaiah 65:1-7

New Testament: Matthew 13:31-46

Praise: MP 1164: Come O fount of every blessing

Sermon: Parables of the Kingdom:

The Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl

Offering

Praise: MP 1173: God of grace, amazing wonder

News and information

Prayers of concern

Praise: Psalm 27:1-6 The Lord's my light and saving health (*Bishopthorpe*)

Benediction

*Please remain upstanding for the departure of the Bible*

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

**Memory verse:**

'So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

*(Luke 14:33)*

## Sermon: Parables of the Kingdom:

### The Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl

#### I. Treasure hidden in a field (44)

A. Finding hidden treasure

B. The joy of discovery

C. Total commitment ("sold all he had")

– Luke 14:33

#### II. A merchant looking for fine pearls (45-46)

A. The search for ultimate value

– Isaiah 65:1; Jeremiah 29:13

B. The pearl of great price

C. Total commitment ("sold everything he had")

– Proverbs 4:7-9

#### Applications

1) The joy of salvation

– Psalm 51:12; Isaiah 12:3

2) The overwhelming importance of eternal life

– Matthew 16:24-26

3) The surpassing greatness of Jesus

– Psalm 27:4, 73:25; Philippians 3:7-8

#### Notes: