

## 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 (31 May 2026) Morning Worship 11am: The Minister**

A Prophet without honour Matthew 13:47-52

**Evening Worship 6:30pm -Dr Stuart Weir  
(CARE – Christian Action Research and  
Education) [www.care.org.uk](http://www.care.org.uk)  
Christian Issues in our Nation**

### 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

-Hatton Lea Nursing Home Service: 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

-Kirk Session – 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm

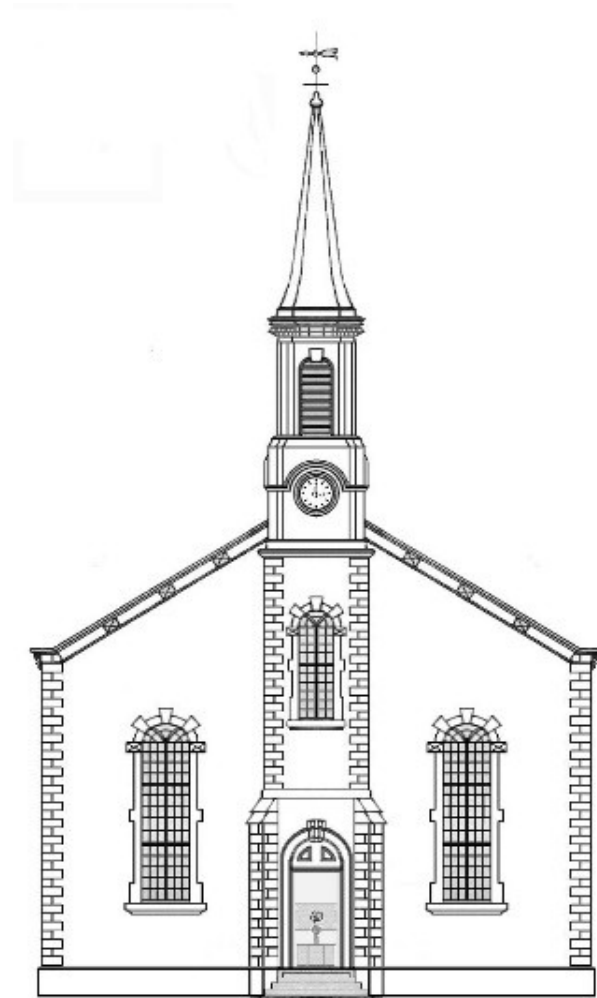
### August

-Visit of the Moderator of the General Assembly – 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

-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 24 May 2026 – 11am**

### Minister

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## Order of Service

*Please stand when the Bible enters*

Welcome

Call to worship

Praise: Psalm 19:1-9: The heav'ns God's glory do declare (*Crediton*)

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

All-age talk: Pentecost

Praise: MP 1183: Holy Spirit, living breath of God

Scripture Readings: Old Testament: Habakkuk 1:14-17

New Testament: Matthew 13:44-52

Praise: IPH 561: Jesus bids us shine

Sermon: Parables of the Kingdom:

The Parable of the Net

Offering

Praise: MP 89: Come down, O love divine (Down Ampney)

News and information

Prayers of concern

Praise: Paraphrase 48: 5-9: The Saviour died, but rose again (*St Andrew*)

Benediction

*Please remain upstanding for the departure of the Bible*

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

**Memory verse:**

'All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.'

*(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

## Sermon: Parables of the Kingdom: The Parable of the Net

### **I. Jesus describes the parable of the net (47-48)**

A. The kingdom of heaven is like a net catching fish in a lake

– Habakkuk 1:14-15; Matthew 4:19-20; Revelation 20:11-12

B. When the net is full, the fishermen collect the good fish in baskets and throw the bad fish away

– Matthew 13:30

### **II. Jesus explains the parable of the net (49-50)**

A. The parable is about the end of the age

– Matthew 13:39-42

B. The angels will separate the wicked from the righteous

– Matthew 24:31, 25:31-32

C. They will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (pain, mourning and regret)

– Revelation 20:14-15

### **III. Jesus encourages the disciples to teach these parables of the kingdom to others (51-52)**

A. He first makes sure they understand the parables (51)

– Matthew 13:23

B. He then compares the parables of the kingdom to new treasures that the owner brings out of the storeroom along with the old (52)

– Matthew 5:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Notes:**