

ORDER OF SERVICE - 20 NOVEMBER 2022

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 20 November 2022 – Christ the King

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available on our YouTube channel for viewing at any time at bit.ly/greyfriarstv.

Organ: Pastorale

Hans Vollenweider

Organ Introit: On a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 34) Op.105 No.1

Charles Stanford

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 436:

Guiting Power

1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!
2. Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:
3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
Death is by the cross defeated, sinners justified:
4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:
5. So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name!:

Michael Seward

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Gillian Couper

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day:

Lord Jesus Christ, our companion and friend, as we celebrate the faithful commitment of those who serve your church, we ask for the encouragement of your spirit in all our work. Give us a cheerful manner, hospitable hearts and a zeal to spread your realm of peace, justice and well-being. We ask this in your strong name. Amen

Hymn 555:

1. *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*
2. *'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*
3. *Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*
4. *The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

John Newton

A celebration of service to the church, and presentations

The Word of God

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

Reader: Angus Tod

Jesus said, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem:

O God my King, I will magnify thee and praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised: there is no end of his greatness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering, and of great goodness. My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.

Psalm 145: 1, 3, 8 and 21

John Amner (1579-1641)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith, Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.

We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to her guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life.

Amen

The Offering

Regent Square

*May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space
give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place,
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.*

Pastoral Prayer: Catherine Alexander

The Lord's Prayer: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.*

Amen

Hymn 644:

Wolvercote

1. *O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me, my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*
2. *Oh, let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me, and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*
3. *Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.*
4. *O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end:
now give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.*

John Ernest Bode

Benediction

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

Organ: Improvisation (Regina coeli)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Thursday 24 November	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 27 November (First Sunday of Advent)	11.00 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 4 December	9.30 am: Holy Communion 11.00 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

We are now able to offer biscuits and tea or coffee after our Sunday Service, hoping that this will be a welcome opportunity for those who feel comfortable and able to attend.

Kirk Session

There will be a meeting of the Kirk Session this Wednesday, 23 November, at 7.30 pm here in the Kirk. Among other business, the meeting will consider the next steps towards our eventual union with St Cuthbert's, and members of the congregation are invited to attend.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts continue at 12 noon this Thursday, 24 November, with an organ recital by Henry Wallace, our organist at Greyfriars. Admission is free.

Coffee Saints at GCP

Do drop in to the new café space at the Greyfriars Grassmarket Centre, which is now open as Coffee Saints, like our café beside St Mary's Cathedral at the top of Leith Walk. As always, there will be good food, good value and a lovely atmosphere, and all helping our vulnerable members. Thanks.

Stop Press! Congratulation to the GCP on winning the One To Watch Award, from **Social Enterprise Awards Scotland**, for their amazing Coffee Saints Café and brand; and with a special mention to Catherine Jones, the founder and Social Enterprise Director of Coffee Saints, who won the Social Enterprise Champion Award.

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – Coffee Morning

Ever since our union with Kirk o'Field in 2013, members of that congregation and of the local community have been gathering fortnightly for coffee in the St Ninian Hall. The completion of the refurbishment has given us the opportunity to relaunch, and we plan to publicise it more widely in the local community too, as a place to meet friends old and new. It's a lovely way for us all to enjoy the Centre as part of the Greyfriars community and to participate in the Southside community.

Do come: Thursday fortnightly, from 24 November, 10.30 am to 12 noon in the St Ninian Hall of the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 139-141 Pleasance. The following coffee morning, on 8 December, will be the last one until the New Year.

Guerilla Peace

The University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy and their Associate Chaplain Dr Urzula Glienecke have set up a web site <https://guerillapeaceukraine.org> to answer the call to “Light up our hearts for Ukraine”; they invite you to visit it to share the solidarity, vigilance, and hope, wherever you are in the world at any time and from anywhere.

Giving with Gift Aid

When giving to the Kirk through an offering of cash during the service, do please use the Gift Aid envelope that you will find in the backs of the chairs. If you are a UK taxpayer we can reclaim a further 25p in the £ by way of tax refund, without cost to yourself. If you have already completed an envelope in full on a previous occasion, or completed a Gift Aid declaration, you need only fill in your name and the amount. Thank you so much for your support, which we depend on to maintain the life of the Kirk.

CoCo Counselling

Kate Frazer and her colleagues are very happy to announce that a grant of £15,600 has been awarded by the **Benefact Trust** to the Greyfriars community. The grant is specifically to support counselling services offered by CoCo Counselling to members of the Grassmarket Community Project and to those in our broader community who cannot afford to pay for support through counselling. With the help of these funds, CoCo Counselling will be able to increase the number of affordable sessions to the wider community by taking on two additional counsellors and increasing the number of zero-cost and low-cost sessions offered on a weekly basis.

Pastoral Care and Staying in Touch

The ministry team and pastoral volunteers at the church enjoy staying in touch with folk in the congregation and community. It is great to hear how folk are getting on, share news about what is going on in the life of the community, enjoy friendship and support each other when it is needed. If you would like to chat, or you know someone that might need some help or would simply enjoy hearing from us, please do get in touch. The ministry team and elders welcoming people at the door are always happy to talk before or after Sunday Services, and will put you in touch with the pastoral team, or you can contact Gillian by email: parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or by phone: 07808 472 464.

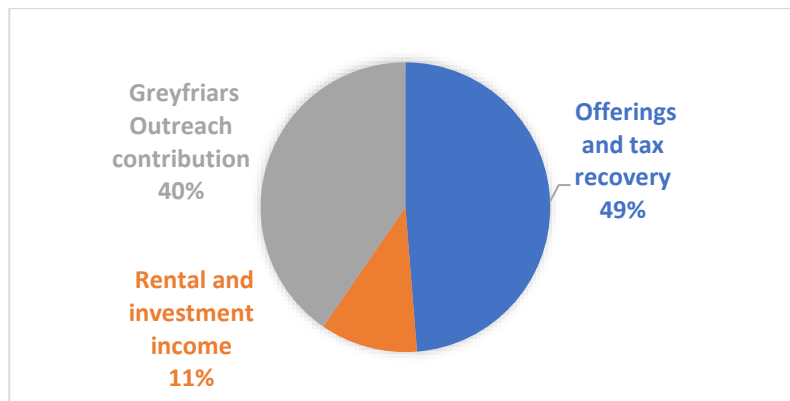
If you would like to speak to a minister, Richard or Ruth will be very pleased to hear from you too: Richard by phone on 07715 069 041 or by email at minister@greyfriarskirk.com, or Ruth by phone on 07530 307 413 or by email at associate.minister@greyfriarskirk.com.

Stewardship Background and Appeal

Greyfriars is the Scottish hub for the HeartEdge network, which celebrates our mission under four headings, our 4Cs:

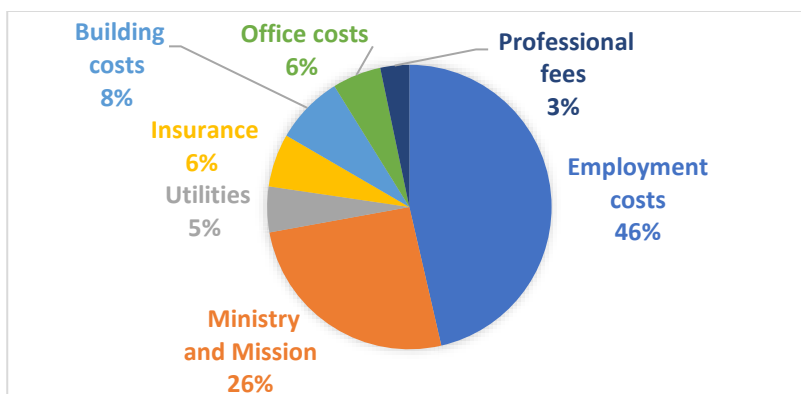
- Compassion - our work with and for each other, in the Kirk, at GCP and at Charteris
- Community - what we do together as a congregation and in our various groups
- Culture - the activities of Greyfriars Outreach in promoting concerts and artistic events
- Commerce - the trading that pays for much of this activity

A key HeartEdge insight is that not everything that the Church does has to be paid for by its congregations through our weekly and monthly giving. It is good that we have never had to ask for the support of our Greyfriars congregation to pay for GCP and Charteris, and in fact these essential aspects of our mission contribute modestly to our church finances. But Greyfriars Outreach – our visitor operations, shop, concerts and other events - contribute hugely to our church finances, and without it we could not sustain our management team under Steve Lister.



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However the biggest proportion of income is still congregational givings, meeting our Ministry and Mission contribution to fund our minister and the wider work of the Church and meeting all the other costs of running this historic building as a place of worship.



Estimated total costs in 2022 are £312,000

Thanks mainly to a good post-pandemic recovery for Outreach, the financial position for 2023 does not give cause for concern. But there are challenges ahead through inflationary cost increases across the board. **So please consider increasing your standing order, or taking out a new one, especially if you have not reviewed it for some time.** Many thanks.

Jo Elliot, Session Clerk

Angus Tod, Stewardship Convener