

ORDER OF SERVICE - 2 July 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 2 July 2023 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Our prayers today include adapted liturgies by the Rev Beth Merrill Neel on her blog 'Hold Fast to What is Good', and are used with permission.

Organ: Poco allegretto and Andante religioso, from Five Versets

William Lloyd Webber

Welcome and Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Hymn 198:

Two Oaks

1. *Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*
2. *Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true ,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome in this place.*
4. *Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known .
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome in this place.*
5. *Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome in this place.*

Marty Haugen

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. Grant us grace to love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, all our strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 264:

Rhuddlan

1. *Judge Eternal, throned in splendour, Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgement purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion with the healing of your wings.*
2. *Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release;
and the city's crowded clangour dries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace.*
3. *Crown, O God, your own endeavour; cleave our darkness with your sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry with the richness of your word;
cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.*

Henry Scott Holland

The Word of God**Genesis 22: 1 - 14**

Reader: Amelia Wallace

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Hymn 88 (Psalm 130):

Macpherson's Rant

1. *Up from the depths I cry to God: O listen, Lord, to me;
O hear my voice in this distress, this mire of misery.
I wait for God with all my heart, my hope is in his word;
and more than watchmen for the dawn I'm longing for the Lord.*
2. *If you, my God, should measure guilt, who then stands free from blame?
But true forgiveness comes from you; we trust, and fear your name.*
3. *O Israel, set your hope on God, whose mercy is supreme:
the nation mourning for its sin he surely will redeem.*

Christopher Martin Idle

Psalm 89 (Redux)

Enduring melody, your song shall be sung so long as earth spins and the heavens dance. Frail flesh opens its mouth: You are born again. To songweavers You are the scale and the tone. To storytellers You are the plot and the end. To all of life You are breath and You are beauty. Open my mouth and my voice shall rise in praise.

Awaken me, O Lord, from false understanding. Keep the limits of my knowing ever before me, that I might not defame You or claim too much for myself. Show me true justice and right mercy, that I may live humbly and simply in accordance with the order You ordained for the flourishing of life. Then my song shall ring with clarion joy, a call to worship, an invitation to sing.

Mark 5: 1 - 9

Jesus and the disciples came to the other side of the lake, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.' For he had said to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!'

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

Anthem:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessèd unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soilèd face with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee of both to be but one,
That through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9th century, tr. John Cosin

Thomas Attwood

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Affirmation of Faith:

*I call all heaven to witness today that I have put on Christ. I choose no other Lord than
the maker of heaven and earth. This day I walk with Him and He will walk with me.*

*I fasten close to me this day that same Jesus who came to us as flesh and blood and was Himself
baptized in the Jordan River. He died upon a cross to rescue me,
broke free from death, its conqueror. He left us, to return the more certainly.*

*All these truths and their power I fasten close to me this day. Resisting my own selfishness and sin,
refusing to live as a slave to riches, pleasure or reputation, rejecting Satan and all his lies,
I call on heaven to witness today that I have put on Christ.* Amen

The Offering

Rockingham

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Pastoral Prayer: Hilary Clydesdale

Come, Holy Spirit, gracious heavenly dove; come, fire of love.

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 500:

Slane

1. *Lord of creation, to you be all praise! Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and power are beyond us to tell, and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.*
2. *Lord of all power, I give you my will, in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song; and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.*
3. *Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind, rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.*
4. *Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart; I praise and adore you for all you impart;
your love to inflame me, your counsel to guide, your presence to shield me, whatever betide.*
5. *Lord of all being, I give you my all; if I should disown you, I'd stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word I'll obey, and walk in your freedom to the end of the way.*

John Copley Winslow

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Rhapsody in Red

Phamie Gow

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 6 July	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 9 July	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 16 July	10.30 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.

Giving with Gift Aid

When giving to the Kirk with a cash offering 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.

News from the Ministerial Team

As many of you will know, our Associate Minister, the Rev Ruth Halley, was installed by Presbytery into a temporary part-time post at Greyfriars Kirk in June 2021. This notice is to make the congregation aware that, following a meeting with the Rev Richard Frazer and the Session Clerk, Jo Elliot, Ruth is now stepping down from that post as of her 66th birthday which is on 4 August 2023. This is in the context of many changes ahead for Greyfriars and seems the appropriate timing for the church as well as for Ruth herself. Both the ministerial team and the congregation have benefited hugely from her long experience as a Parish Minister and wider roles in the national church. These are ministries which Ruth intends to continue, and we wish her well in her ongoing journey. Ruth would like to thank the ministerial team and the congregation for all the love and support she has received, and for being such wonderful people to serve with.

Volunteer Welcomers Needed!

We are now extremely short on Welcomers during Visitor Opening times. It would be great to see members of our congregation engaging with the public and spreading our message.

Welcomers are our friendly faces who greet visitors from all over the world, answering their questions and making their visit memorable. The usual time commitment is one day a week for 4 hours between 11 am and 4 pm.

If this is something you're interested in or would like to know more, please contact Ellen in the office: 0131 225 1900, communications@greyfriarskirk.com OR see the full description on <https://volunteergreyfriars.com>.

Edinburgh Festival for the Sacred Arts – evening event on Tuesday 15 August

This year, Greyfriars will host an event during this great festival initiative, which brings events that celebrate the sacred arts to the Fringe Festival programme. The event is being put on in partnership with the **Scottish Poetry Library** and the **Scottish Network for Religious Literature**. Our Parish Associate Gillian Couper is meeting with the partners to finalise information and will publish **more info soon**. Meantime, the performers are: **Jo Clifford**, playwright and member of Greyfriars' ecumenical partner Augustine United Church; **Rob Mackenzie**, poet and Church of Scotland minister; and **Medha Singh**, who won this year's New Writers Award from the Scottish Book Trust. It's shaping up to be a really great event, and we hope many of you will come along to enjoy the event and support the great initiative that is this week-long festival. Please come!

Find out more here: www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/ and book tickets here: <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/sacred-arts-festival-poetry-at-greyfriars-kirk>.

Get involved! Grassmarket Community Project – Open Door Meals

The GCP's Open-Door Meals service is targeted at people who are homeless, vulnerably housed or suffer from poverty or social exclusion. Every Wednesday from 5 pm to 6:30pm a two-course, freshly prepared meal is served by a friendly team of volunteers. It is a great way to get involved and support the community, meet new people and share stories, and contribute to the city centre mission of the ecumenical partnership among Greyfriars Kirk, Augustine United Church and St Columba's by the Castle, a partnership celebrating 21 years this August.

Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

The next coffee morning will be from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursday week, 13 July. Do come along to enjoy the warm and welcoming atmosphere with coffee and cake, or tea and scones, or whatever takes your fancy. There will then be a summer break, before the next coffee morning on Thursday 7 September.

Volunteer opportunity to support TLC youth

TLC Youth is a joint youth group for young people from Augustine United Church, Greyfriars, St Columba's-by-the-Castle and beyond. We meet fortnightly in-building and online. We are highly valued as a nurturing, safe, creative and visionary space for young people, especially those who are neurodivergent, identify as LGBTQI+, and/or live with mental health challenges. We are open to people of all faiths and none, and celebrate diversity.

TLC Youth is only possible because of adult volunteers, of all ages and from all walks of life, who support the group. For the past few years, all of the adult volunteers have come from Augustine's and it would be very enriching and of great support if there were adult volunteers from Greyfriars or St-Columba's-by-the-Castle to contribute their time and care to this group.

We are a strengths-based group, in that we look for an overlap between the gifts and interests of our young people and of our volunteers to shape our programme. Whoever you are, we value what you will bring to the group. As part of good practice, there is an application process for all volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about TLCY or are interested in becoming an adult volunteer, please contact Matt Baines (matt.baines@augustine.org.uk) or Linda Harrison (secretary@augustine.org.uk).

(notes continued overleaf)

Lindisfarne Pilgrimage - Sunday 20 August, 10 am - 4.30 pm

On Sunday 20 August we are heading down to Lindisfarne with our ecumenical partners. A 53-seater coach will leave Augustine United Church at 10 am and will drive to Lindisfarne, dropping off those who want to walk over the causeway by the sand. Bring a packed lunch and there will be a shared service on the island before we head back to the coach at 3 pm which will take us back to AUC.

To register to come on the Pilgrimage, please fill out the form at the following link. It will not only register you for transport, but also be the emergency contact form, so we ask that everyone who is coming should fill it out: [Registration Form](#)

Registration closes on 13 August. The cost of transport is £15 per head (£10 for children, students, and unwaged). Please pay in cash on the day. In addition to the coach, please let us know through the above form if you would be willing to drive your car to Lindisfarne (should the bus get filled) and how many additional seats you could offer.

If you have any problem accessing the form electronically, or filling it in, please just call Rachel Fitzgerald in the AUC office at 0131 220 1677 and she will register you over the phone instead.

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.