

ORDER OF SERVICE - 30 JULY 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Rev Ruth Halley
Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 30 July 2023 – Ninth 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.

Organ: Dolcezza

Percy Whitlock

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 167:

Cwn Rhondda

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till my want is o'er.
2. Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

William Williams

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: *O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen*

Hymn 153:

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided – great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.
2. Summer and winter, seed time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Thomas Chisholm

The Word of God

1 Corinthians 3: 1 - 9

Reader: Peter Rae

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 5: 14 - 16

Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'

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

Anthem:

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are: for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Sarum Antiphon

William H. Harris

Sermon

Sue MacGregor

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 new 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 its 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

Hymn 685:*(during which, The Offering)*

1. *For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*
2. *For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.*
3. *For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands kind and wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.*
4. *For just and unjust a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mind-set of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.*
5. *For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

Shirley Elena Murray

Holy Communion*The Lord be with you. And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**Hosanna in the highest. Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

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*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.***The Distribution****Music for Reflection:** Farewell to StromnessPeter Maxwell Davies
(Victoria Irvine, piano)**Pastoral Prayers of Thanks and Intercession**

Hymn 132:

St Denio

1. *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
2. *Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
3. *To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*
4. *Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

Walter Chalmers Smith

Benediction

Organ: Chorale Prelude on "Croft's 136th", Set 2 No.1

Hubert Parry

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service, with Holy Baptism
Thursday 3 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 6 August	10.30 am: Holy Communion with our ecumenical partners Augustine United and St Columba's by the Castle. 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 13 August	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for biscuits and tea or coffee, served at the back of the church beneath the organ.

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.

Kirk Session meeting

This is an intimation that a meeting of the Kirk Session of this congregation is to be held remotely on Tuesday 1 August 2023 at 6 pm.

In recognition of the diversity of views within the Church about the historic and current doctrine and practice of the Church in relation to human sexuality and in the interests of the peace and unity of the Church, departure from the practice of the Church in relation to human sexuality is permitted in certain circumstances.

The purpose of the Kirk Session meeting just intimated will be for the Kirk Session to decide whether to depart from the Church's practice in relation to human sexuality in order for applications for the proposed Associate Minister appointment to be considered from, amongst others, individuals who are in a civil partnership or a same sex marriage. The decision will be determined by the votes of a majority of those present and entitled to vote.

News from the Ministerial Team

Our Associate Minister, the Rev Ruth Halley, will be stepping down in early August, having been with us since June 2021. 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. Her last service with us will be midweek prayers at 1.10 pm on Thursday 3 August.

Sadly, our organist Henry Wallace is retiring at the beginning of October, leaving not just one but two big pairs of shoes to fill as we also lose Amelia from the choir. After 22 years they will leave a huge gap, but hopefully their musical legacy will be one that a successor will be keen to fill, and advertising for the organist/choirmaster post is under way.

St Cuthberts & Greyfriars Working Group

In April, Edinburgh and West Lothian Presbytery agreed a Mission Plan that involves the union of various congregations across Edinburgh and West Lothian. Under this plan Greyfriars Kirk will be uniting with St Cuthberts Parish Church. In June, Parish Associate Gillian Couper, Session Clerk Jo Elliot and other representatives of Greyfriars Kirk met with representatives from St Cuthbert's to form a joint working group, which will represent the congregations. At that first meeting, the group shared understanding of the Presbytery process and key points along the way to union, expected to take place in 2025. The group also shared some of the rich history and tradition of both churches, with many parallels and echoes in development and interest over the centuries. If you'd like to delve into St Cuthbert's history, you can find a timeline here: www.stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk/page/39/our-history, and please do think about attending a service at St Cuthberts. Both churches are members of the HeartEdge movement, and the "Four Cs" of the HeartEdge framework (congregation, compassion, culture and commerce) provide an excellent starting point for the group to start thinking about the ways in which the two congregations can get to know each other and come together over the coming months. The group will be meeting for a second time, on 10 August, when it will think about initial documents required by Presbytery and how the churches might shape a joint understanding and vision for mission. Gillian is looking into having an area set up on the Kirk's website where documents can be shared. Meantime, if you have any questions about the union or want to chat to someone about what it all means, please get in touch with Gillian (parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com) or Jo (sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com) by email, or leave a message with the Kirk office by phone (0131 225 1900) and Jo or Gillian will call you.

Concerts & Events at Greyfriars

Thursday 3 August: Concert at 12 noon by George Coghill (baritone) and Gina Baker (piano).

Tuesday 15 August: Spirituality, Faith & Belief: Voyages of Discovery from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Explore the inspiration behind the literary works of playwright **Jo Clifford** and poets **Rob Mackenzie** and **Medha Singh**, and the impact of their work on others, through performances and a panel discussion, organised with and hosted by Samuel Tongue (Scottish Poetry Library) and Alison Jack (The Scottish Network for Religion and Literature, University of Edinburgh). This event forms part of the Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts, which was set up to celebrate sacred tradition and bring faith events to the heart of the Festival Fringe – please do come and support this great initiative if you can! Jo Clifford is author of more than 110 plays, Rob Mackenzie is a Church of Scotland minister and published poet, and Medha Singh received the New Writer Award 2023 from the Scottish Book Trust.

Info and tickets: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/fringe-sacred-arts-festival-poetry/>.

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. You will see that after a quiet July, the Kirk is looking forward to a busy August with nearly twenty concerts during the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, ending with a lunchtime concert at 12 noon on Thursday 31 August, a choral recital by the *a capella* trio Simmerdim.

Concerts & Events elsewhere

Augustine United Church – <https://www.augustine.org.uk/about-us/diary/>

St Columba's by the Castle – <https://www.stcolumbasbythecastle.org.uk/>

St Cuthbert's – <https://stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk/>

Grassmarket Community Project – <https://grassmarket.org/whats-on/>

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – <https://www.charteriscentre.com/>

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.

Volunteering opportunities

Sunday morning catering: the catering team would love some new volunteers to help with the cuppas after the morning service! As we are now providing biscuits (sweet and savoury), with home baking optional, this only requires minimal time to serve and clear — men would be welcome! Please speak to Isobel Hutchings or Margaret Wallace, or email officeassistant@greyfriarskirk.com.

Welcoming weekday visitors to the Kirk: 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. To know more, please contact Steve or Ellen in the office: 0131 225 1900, or email Ellen at communications@greyfriarskirk.com, or see the full description on <https://volunteergreyfriars.com>.

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 link below. 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 closes on 13 August.

[Registration Form](#)

The cost of transport is £15 per head (£10 for children / students / 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

It is great to share news, keep in touch and find support whenever this is welcome or required. 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 the minister, Richard will be very pleased to hear from you too, by phone on 07715 069 041 or by email at minister@greyfriarskirk.com.