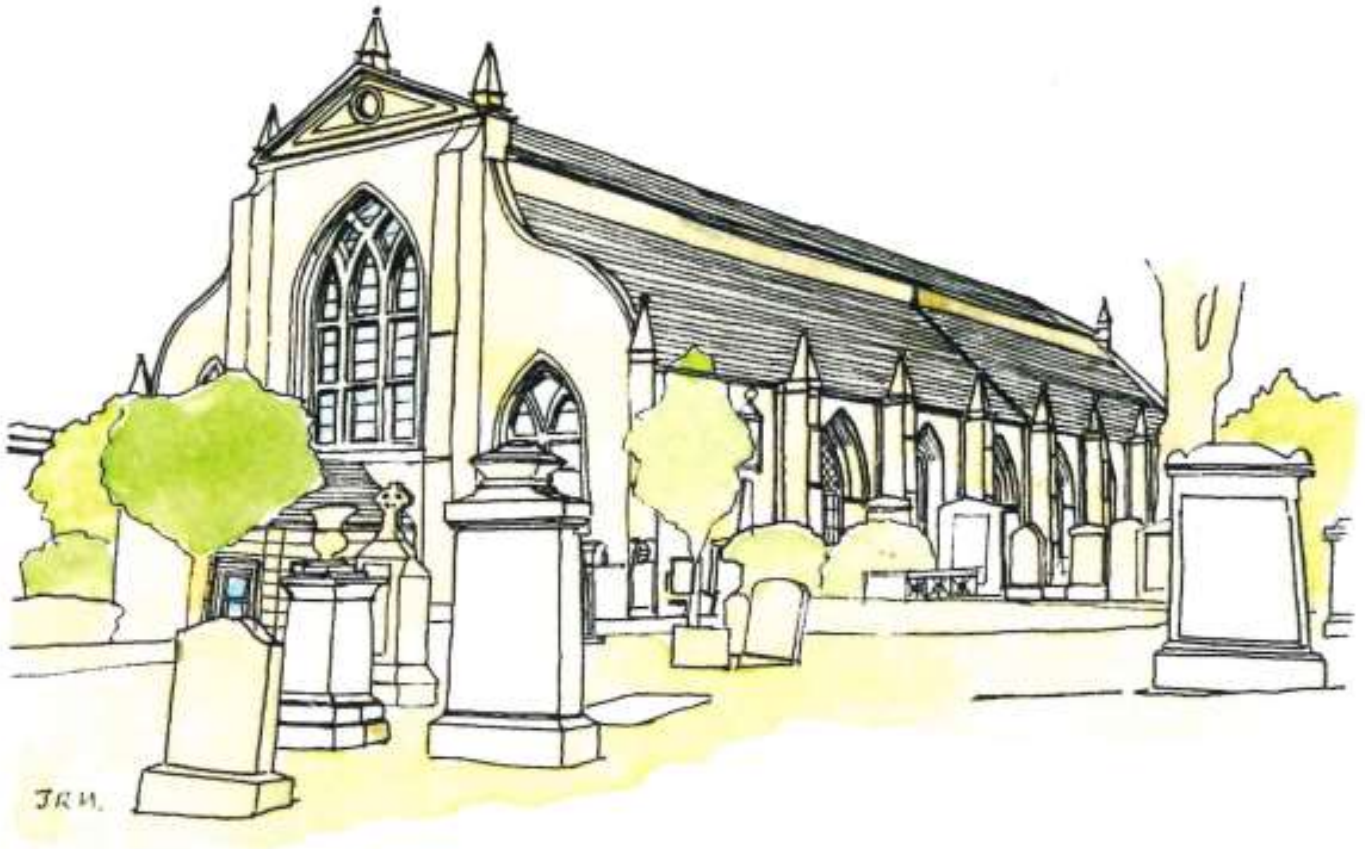


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GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor



GREYFRIARS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 1 October 2023 – Eighteenth 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: Clair de Lune

Louis Vierne

Introit: *Oh, for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O Holy Dove! Return, sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

William Cowper

Charles Stanford

Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Hymn:

Jerusalem

1. *And did those feet in ancient time walk upon Scotland's mountains blue?
And was the holy Lamb of God on Britain's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here among these dark satanic mills?*
2. *Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold! Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight, nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem in Britain's green and pleasant land*

William Blake

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Sue MacGregor

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

Collect for the Day: *Living God, at this time of parting and celebrating, we ask you to continue to fill this house with the radiance of your presence. Help us to be a sanctuary for all and a place where the graces of music and song, instrument and voice might capture the grace notes of your eternal harmony, through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Amen

Celebrating Henry and Amelia Wallace

Anthem:

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine
Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis prægustatum in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

*(Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer, born the virgin Mary's Son, who upon the cross a victim hast for us
salvation won: from whose side, which man had pierced, flowed the water and the blood, by thy
sacred body broken be in life and death our food. O gentle and holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me.)*

attr. Innocent VI

William Byrd

The Word of God

Psalm 95: 1 – 7a

Reader: Amelia Wallace

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn 378:

Gerontius

1. *Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depths be praise,
In all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.*
2. *O loving wisdom of our God! when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.*
3. *O wisest love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail.*
4. *O generous love! that he who smote in Man, for man, the foe,
the double agony in Man for man should undergo.*
5. *And in the garden secretly, and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire to suffer and to die.*
6. *Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depths be praise;
In all his works most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.*

John Henry Newman

Philippians 4: 4 - 9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Sermon

Richard Frazer

"And when they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives"

Matthew 26: 30

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Amen

Hymn 639:

Gartan

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

The Confirmation of Naomi Stewart

The Ordination and Admission of new elders: Hilary Clydesdale, Rebecca Grant and Colin Graham

Renewal of Commitment

Minister: Christ calls us all to share in his ministry to the world.
Let us, then, dedicate ourselves anew to his service.

(to all): Members, elders and supporters of the Greyfriars community,
do you commit yourselves to love and serve in Christ's name,
trusting in the Spirit of Christ as your guide and friend?

All: *We do.*

Minister: Members and supporters of the Greyfriars Community: as participants
in our life and service to our community, will you encourage and support
our elders and all who hold positions of responsibility and leadership
in our wider community, surrounding them with your love and prayers?

All: *We will.*

(to elders): In your service as elders will you promise to carry out your duties
faithfully and cheerfully, God being your helper?

Elders: *We will.*

Hymn 538:

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

Book of Hours

The Offering

St Magnus

*To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Pastoral Prayer: Margaret Wallace

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 192:

Michael

1. *All my hope on God is founded, all my trust he will renew;
safe through change and chance he guides me, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.*
2. *Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.*
3. *God's great goodness lasts for ever, deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore, from his store, new-born worlds rise and adore.*
4. *Day by day the mighty Giver showers gifts on us below;
his desire our souls delight in, pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand at his hand, joy awaits at his command!*
5. *Still from earth to God in heaven sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall.*

Robert Bridges,
based on Joachim Neander

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Choral varie sur le theme du "Veni Creator", Op.4

Maurice Duruflé

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 5 October	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 8 October	10.30 am: Harvest Sunday – see the NOTE below. 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 3.00 pm: Pet Blessing Service, together with friends from the Edinburgh Interfaith Association to take part in a joint Blessing of the Animals from different traditions.
Sunday 15 October	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

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. If you are new to the Kirk, visiting after some time away, or do not know anyone yet, please feel welcome to introduce yourself to the welcomers on the door and ministry team before or after the service; and if you would like to join in the friendly conversations at the tables over coffee or tea, we look forward to getting know you.

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.

Harvest Sunday

Next Sunday, we will be collecting donations of household goods once more for the local food bank, located at Greyfriars' ecumenical partners St Columba's by the Castle, on Johnstone Terrace, as part of the Edinburgh Food Project, co-ordinated by the Trussell Trust. It's a critical service for many in the community. Baskets will be placed in the Kirk, where items can be dropped off before or after the service. The Edinburgh Food Project website is regularly updated to let donors know the sort of items that are required at present, as well as other ways you can support the Project: <https://edinburghfoodproject.org/donate-food/>. Unopened and in-date items will be gratefully received. If anyone would like to volunteer to deliver items from the Kirk to the Food Bank, please contact Gillian Coupar at parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com. The food bank will be open on Tuesday 10 October from 2 pm to 4 pm. The Greyfriars flower team will incorporate some of the fruits of harvest into their seasonal display too, the fresh produce of which will be donated to the kitchen at the Grassmarket Community Project.

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.

Phamie Gow live at Greyfriars Kirk

Join us on Friday 27 October at 7.30 pm for a unique evening of enchanting live music from Phamie Gow, with a two-course supper, to help raise vital funds for the Grassmarket Community Project. To celebrate the launch of Phamie's latest album, the Grassmarket Community Project is proud to present this rare opportunity to enjoy the brilliant music of this celebrated composer and performer. We invite you to join us for an exquisite live performance and a delicious two-course supper, in the glorious surroundings of Greyfriars Kirk: an intimate cabaret style setting, and tickets are limited, so make sure to book early! Go to <https://grassmarket.org/phamie-gow/>

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for all our upcoming events and concerts.

Concerts and 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/>, especially the Coffee Mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon this Thursday, 5 October, and fortnightly thereafter.

St Cuthberts and Greyfriars – Joint Events in 2023

The working group representing the two uniting churches will be organising events to enable members of the congregations to get to know each other – sharing elements of worship, enjoying social events and learning about each other's churches. More details will follow in the coming weeks. If you have suggestions for other joint events and activities, please let Gillian know: parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or contact the Kirk Office.

26 Oct, 7.00 pm – Community Ceilidh at Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 The Pleasance. This is open to everyone, including congregations and local community. It's a relaxed occasion, dancing encouraged but not obligatory! A Greyfriars & St Cuthberts table will allow folk to get to know each other over a glass of wine or cuppa at the start. The event is free, but please book for it on Eventbrite at <https://tinyurl.com/ycy8aa2a>.

8 Nov, 7.00 pm – Oasis Quiz at St Cuthberts. St Cuthbert's annual quiz is run for the local business community, as well as for congregations and anyone who wants to join in. As well as a social occasion, it raises funds each year for Fresh Start. Greyfriars are invited to form some quiz teams (max 5 per team) and join in too!

17 Dec, 7.00 – 8.00 pm – Nine Lessons and Carols at St Cuthberts. This traditional Nine Lessons and Carols Christmas service with carols and readings telling the Christmas story takes place each year; this year will involve readers and singers from both congregations. There will be mince pies and refreshments afterwards.

In other news, we will be arranging the next series of **Anam Cara** (Soul Space renamed!) at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre over the coming months. And St Cuthberts' own **soul space** will be running too: this provides a quiet space for contemplation, with short reflections based around themes at 1.00 pm and 4.30 pm. The next two are "A House of Welcome" on 6 Sep and "A Booth in Nineveh" on 4 Oct. Pick up a leaflet from the livestreaming desk for more info.

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News from the Ministerial Team

The advertisement for an Associate Minister is now live on our website here:

<https://greyfriarskirk.com/2023/09/greyfriars-seeking-to-recruit-an-associate-minister/>

This Sunday is our last with Henry and Amelia Wallace. Henry has been our organist and chief superintendent of the organ since 2001, and Amelia has been a stalwart of the choir all this time – and their children Alexander and Katherine both grew up in the choir. Over that period Henry and Amelia have been central to the musical life of the congregation, and we shall miss them both. Join us for a cup of tea after the service to thank them and wish them well in the next phase of their lives as they move back to Northumberland.

Henry writes *"We have enjoyed our time at Greyfriars over nearly 23 years, the longest period that I have held a position in one church; making music on the Peter Collins organ, with the Greyfriars Choir, and with the Greyfriars Kirk Band. This period has spanned the lifetime of our children (all four of us being involved with the choir while the children were growing up). We have made many long-term friends. Amelia and I wish you all well for the future of Greyfriars and its associated communities. Thank you all for your appreciation. Please keep supporting the music and the Greyfriars Choir."*

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.

Concert Stewarding: Between October and December we are hosting no fewer than 12 concerts in the Kirk, ranging from household names like the Sixteen, the Scottish Ensemble and the SCO Chorus through to the equally professional Edinburgh Royal Choral Union, the music societies of Edinburgh University and Heriot Watt University, and many others, appealing to all tastes in music. Each concert needs three volunteer Stewards. Besides offering a Greyfriars friendly face, their essential task is to sit by the exits in case of emergency. There is nothing arduous, as all the scene-shifting afterwards is now done by our loyal paid staff. It's a great opportunity to hear some wonderful performances at no cost, while supporting Greyfriars Outreach. Contact Steve Lister on 0131 225 1900 or outreach@greyfriarskirk.com, or speak to Jo Elliot.

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 either by email: parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or phone: 07808 472 464.

If you would like to speak to the minister, Richard will be very pleased to hear from you too, either by email: minister@greyfriarskirk.com or phone: 07715 069 041.