

ORDER OF SERVICE - 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 17 September 2023 – Sixteenth 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: Sursum Corda

John Ireland

Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Hymn 119:

Durrow

1. O God, thou art the Father of all that have believed:
from whom all hosts of angels have life and power received.
O God, thou art the maker of all created things,
the righteous judge of judges, the almighty King of kings.
2. High in the heavenly Zion thou reignest God adored;
and in the coming glory thou shalt be sovereign Lord.
Beyond our ken thou shinest, the everlasting light;
ineffable in loving, unthinkable in might.
3. Thou to the meek and lowly thy secrets dost unfold;
O God, thou doest all things, all things both new and old.
I walk secure and blessed in every clime or coast,
in name of God the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost.

St Columba, tr. Duncan Macgregor

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 532:*Pescador des Hombres*

1. *Lord, you have come to the seashore, neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.*
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me, gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water, at your side I will seek other shores.
2. *Lord, see my goods, my possessions; in my boat you find no power, no wealth.*
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?
3. *Lord, take my hands, and direct them. Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,*
returning love for the love you gave me.
4. *Lord, as I drift on the waters, be the resting place of my restless heart,*
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.

*Cesáreo Gabaráin, tr. Robert Trupia***The Word of God****Ephesians 1: 15 - 23**

Reader: Stephanie Rae

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hymn 16 (Psalm 23):*Brother James's Air*

1. *The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me the quiet waters by.*
2. *My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, ev'n for his own name's sake.*
3. *Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.*
4. *My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*
5. *Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.*

Scottish Psalter

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

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:

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.

Sarum Primer

H. Walford Davies

Sermon: Rev Richard Frazer

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father and mother,
soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, ruler of all that is
and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed.*

*We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly,
who healed the broken and included the outcast,
who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who
gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life.
In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us
in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him
for the sake of proclaiming God's grace. We trust that he accompanies us
and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.*

*We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us and guides us and empowers us as servants
of God's grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life.*

Amen

The Offering

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Pastoral Prayer: Hilary Clydesdale

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 511:

Thornbury

1. *Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness, and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.*
2. *Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;
they summoned all to hasten and share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.*
3. *Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, life restored,
was all in this enfolded: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.*
4. *Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us, your victory shall be won;
by mortals and by angels your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.*

Edward Hayes Plumptre

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Alla Marcia

John Ireland

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.
Thursday 21 September	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 24 September	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Saturday 30 September	4.00 pm: Choral Evensong, with the Scottish Voices of the Royal School of Church Music.
Sunday 1 October	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 8 October	10.30 am: Harvest Sunday – see the NOTE below. 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service 3.00 pm: Pet Blessing 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. 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.

Study Service

After the late summer break, this evening's Study Service will be on Mark 4, one of its most crucial chapters. As usual, Mark outlines the gospel of Jesus, but only enigmatically until Jesus is ready to reveal it in full after his resurrection. Meantime we are left with questions: why did Jesus deliberately talk so much in parables? What does he mean by 'those with ears, let them hear'? What is the relation between Jesus' teaching and his miracles? And what is the ultimate secret of Jesus' message?

The Study Service meets by Zoom from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm; for the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

Harvest Sunday

On 8 October, 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.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The programme of lunchtime concerts continues at 12 noon this Thursday, 21 September, with an organ recital by John Kitchen, who is the Edinburgh City Organist.

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 and fortnightly.

News from the Ministerial Team

In succession to Henry Wallace we are delighted that Dr Caroline Cradock has accepted the position as our Organist and Choirmaster, starting in October. For the past 18 years she has been Assistant Organist at St John's Episcopal Church at the West End, and previously Director of Music at Christ Church Morningside (2000-2005). She is a music graduate from the University of Edinburgh, where she also gained her PhD in French organ mass manuscripts. Until this year she also taught classroom music at St George's School in Edinburgh, and is now a freelance organist, choral director and music teacher. She writes: "I am greatly looking forward to taking up the position at Greyfriars. The organ is an amazingly versatile and rewarding instrument to play, and I look forward to working particularly closely with the choir, as well as the clergy and Kirk Session, to enhance the musical experience and participation of all who enter our church."

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>.

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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.

24 Sep, 10:30 am – at Greyfriars and St Cuthberts. During each church's service next Sunday, we will welcome elders from "the other church" to lead prayers and read scripture during the service, and share elements of the same liturgy during worship. Volunteers from the eldership to participate will be welcomed – please contact Gillian as above.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.