

ORDER OF SERVICE - 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

# GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

**MINISTRY TEAM**

Rev Dr Richard Frazer  
Gillian Couper  
Sue MacGregor



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 3 September 2023 – Fourteenth 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](https://bit.ly/greyfriarstv).

**Organ:** Fantasia super "Jesu, meine Freude", BWV 713

J. S. Bach

**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:*

**Welcome, Kirking of the Captain, and Blessing of the Common Riding**

**Lord Provost:**

Jay Sturgeon, it is with great pleasure that I now complete your installation as Edinburgh Captain 2023 by entrusting you with the City of Edinburgh Banner, and charge you to inspect the boundaries of our Capital City. I ask that you return this Banner to me in one week from today, unsullied and unstained.

**Captain Jay Sturgeon:**

My Lord Provost, on behalf of the people of the City of Edinburgh, and by the trust invested in me, I promise to return the city banner to you in one week's time at the Mercat Cross, unsullied and unstained.

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Hymn 436:**

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

**Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon**

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

**Collect for the Day:** *Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and made us in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works, and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

**Hymn 59** (Psalm 95):

*Irish*

1. *Oh, come, and let us to the Lord in songs our voices raise,  
with joyful noise let us the Rock of our salvation praise.*
2. *Let us before his presence come with praise and thankful voice;  
let us sing psalms to him with grace, and make a joyful noise.*
3. *For God, a great God, and great King, above all gods he is.  
Depths of the earth are in his hand, the strength of hills is his.*
4. *To him the spacious sea belongs, for he the same did make;  
the dry land also from his hands its form at first did take.*
5. *Oh, come, and let us worship him, let us bow down withal,  
and on our knees before the Lord our Maker let us fall.*

Scottish Psalter

**The Word of God**

**1 Corinthians 13**

Reader: Iain Whyte,  
Edinburgh March Riding Association

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**Anthem:**

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise His holy name; from early morn to setting sun,  
his might on earth proclaim. His laws are just, and glad the heart: he makes his mercies known.  
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

Psalm 113: 1, 3

Christopher Tye

**Luke 14: 1 - 11**

Reader: Stuart Nicoll,  
Edinburgh March Riding Association

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way. Then he asked them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?" And they had nothing to say.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

**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

Nun Danket

*All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,  
the Father and the Son and Spirit, now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

## Pastoral Prayer: Bert Hutchings

**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 181:

Lucerna Laudoniae

1. *For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Christ, our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*
2. *For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:*
3. *For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:*
4. *For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:*
5. *For each perfect gift and sign of your love so freely given,  
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Christ, our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

Folliott Sanders Pierpoint

## Benediction

Amen

*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: Reconstructed Improvisation (Partita)

(Kirk notices overleaf)

# NOTES

## Forthcoming Services

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| <b>Today</b>                 | 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service                                                                                                       |
| <b>Thursday 7 September</b>  | 1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sunday 10 September</b>   | <b>11.00 am:</b> Morning Worship at Augustine United Church<br>with our local ecumenical partners.<br>12.30 pm: Gaelic Service |
| <b>Sunday 17 September</b>   | 10.30 am: Morning Worship<br>12.30 pm: Gaelic Service<br>7.00 pm: Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.            |
| <b>Saturday 30 September</b> | Choral Evensong, with the Scottish Voices of the<br>Royal School of Church Music.                                              |

This morning we welcome our Lord Provost, the Rt. Hon. Robert Aldridge, and officebearers and members of the Edinburgh March Riding Association, for the traditional ceremony of the Kirking of the Captain for next Sunday's Riding of the Marches.

## 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.

## Concerts & Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The Kirk has had a very busy August, with nearly twenty concerts during the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Our programme of lunchtime concerts on Thursdays at 12 noon continues this Thursday, 7 September, with a flute and guitar recital by the JKL Duo.

## 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/>

Our Grassmarket Community Project are entering a team in this year's **Kiltwalk**, which will take place on Sunday 17 September; please pick up a leaflet from the table near the door, and consider making a donation or agreeing a sponsorship, to help them to raise funds for their valuable outreach to the marginalised and disadvantaged in Edinburgh.

## 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."

## Coffee Mornings at the Charteris Centre

After the summer break, the fortnightly Coffee Mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 the Pleasance, will resume this Thursday, 7 September, in the St Ninian's Hall from 10.30 am until 12 noon. Do come along to enjoy the warm and welcoming atmosphere with coffee and cake, or tea and scones, or whatever takes your fancy.

## St Cuthberts & 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](mailto:parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com) or contact the Kirk office.

**24 Sep, 10:30 am – at Greyfriars and St Cuthberts.** During each church's service on this 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.

**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, 6.00 – 7.00 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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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@greyfriarskirk.com), or see the full description on <https://volunteergreyfriars.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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:minister@greyfriarskirk.com) or phone: 07715 069 041.