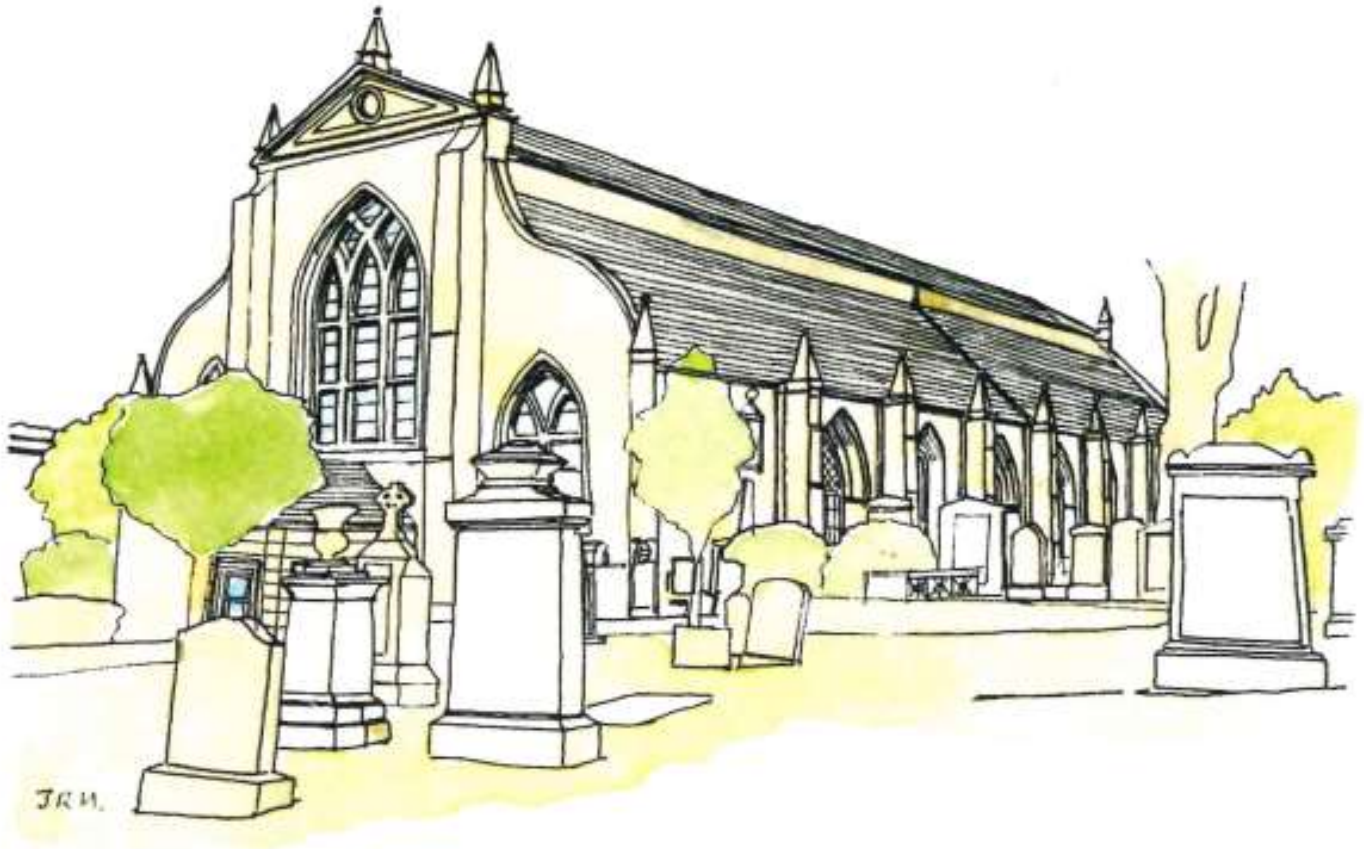


ORDER OF SERVICE - 22 OCTOBER 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 22 October 2023 – Twenty-first 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.

What does the Lord your God ask of you? Only this: to fear the Lord your God, to conform to all his ways, to love him, and to serve him with all your heart and soul.

Deuteronomy 10: 12

Organ: Lento (set 2, no.3)

C V Stanford

Introit:

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

John 14: 15 – 17

Thomas Tallis

Welcome and Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Hymn 124:

Lobe den Herren

1. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation;
come all who hear, into his presence draw near, joining in glad adoration.*
2. *Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning,
shields you from harm and is gently but firmly sustaining.
Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been granted by God's wise ordaining?*
3. *Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do: God will for ever befriend you.*
4. *Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again: gladly for ever adore him.*

Joachim Neander, tr. *Catherine Winkworth

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day: *Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

Hymn 603:

Laus Deo

1. *For your gift of God the Spirit, with us, in us, always true,
pledge of life and hope of glory, Saviour, we would worship you.*
2. *He who in creation's dawning brooded o'er the pathless deep,
still across our nature's darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep.*
3. *He it is, the living author, wakes to life the sacred word,
reads with us the Bible story and reveals our risen Lord.*
4. *He it is who works within us, teaching rebel hearts to pray:
he whose fervent intercessions rise for us both night and day.*
5. *Fill us with you grace and goodness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;
in us, through us, now and always, may your perfect will be done.*

Edith Margaret Clarkson

The Word of God

Exodus 33: 12 - 23

Reader: Emma Lively

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And Moses said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead -- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Anthem:

Mine eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace:
no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.
One splendour thence is shed, from all the stars above:
'tis namèd when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
And every gentle heart, that burns with true desire,
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges

Herbert Howells

Matthew 22: 15 - 22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Hymn 565:

- My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation;
I catch the sweet, though far off, hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*
- Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul — how can I keep from singing?*
- What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Saviour, liveth.
What though the darkness round me close? Songs in the night he giveth.*
- The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine, since I am his! How can I keep from singing?*

Robert Lowry and Doris Plenn

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation,
in our lives, and in all people.*

*We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry,
his death and resurrection, and his granting to us of his Spirit,
he filled us with that love as well.*

*We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love we participate
in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving God by loving our neighbours
through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.*

Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God.

*We thank God, and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ
and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory.*

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: Jo Elliot

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 247:

Ellacombe

1. *Moved by the Gospel, let us move with every gift and art.
The image of creative love indwells each human heart.
The Maker calls Creation good, so let us now express
with sound and colour, stone and wood, the shape of holiness.*
2. *Let weavers form from broken strands a tapestry of prayer.
Let artists paint with skilful hands their joy, lament, and care.
Then mime the story: Christ has come. With reverence dance the word.
With flute and organ, gong and drum God's praise be ever heard.*
3. *O Spirit, breathe among us here; inspire the work we do.
May hands and voices, eye and ear attest to life made new.
In worship and in daily strife create among us still.
Great Artist, form our common life according to your will.*

Ruth C. Duck

Blessing

*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: Master Tallis' testament

Herbert Howells

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 26 October	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 29 October	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 5 November	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 12 November	10.30 am: Remembrance Service 12.30 pm: Gaelic Remembrance 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.

Study Service

The Study Service this evening will be a Bible Study on the book of Hebrews where the high priesthood of Jesus, based on his complete sharing of our humanity, is the major theme.

The Study Service meets by Zoom from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm; for the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

Phamie Gow live at Greyfriars Kirk

Join us at 7.30 pm this Friday, 27 October, 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 information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The lunchtime concert at 12 noon this Thursday, 26 October, will be given by Josie Robertson (violin) and Nadanai Laohakunakorn (piano). Admission is free.

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 on Thursday week, 2 November, and fortnightly thereafter.

St Cuthberts & Greyfriars – Joint Events in 2023

If you would like to come along to either the Community Ceilidh or the Oasis Quiz, please email Gillian to let her know: parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or let one of the ministry team know after a Sunday service. It will be great to hear from you!

26 October, 7.00 pm – Community Ceilidh at Greyfriars Charteris Centre, at 138-140 The Pleasance, open to everyone, including congregations and the 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/ycy8aa2y>.

8 November, 7 pm – Oasis Quiz at St Cuthberts. St Cuthbert's annual quiz is run for the local business community, as well as 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!

Sun 17 December, 6 - 7pm – 9 Lessons and Carols at St Cuthberts. This traditional 9 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!

Kirk Sessions: There will also be a first coming together of the Kirk Sessions of the two churches on Saturday 4 November 2023. will provide an opportunity for the Sessions to start thinking about the present and future vision development and practical tasks that need to be undertaken together, in anticipation of the union.

New Web Page: There is a new page on the Greyfriars Kirk website, which will be used alongside the order of service notes to share news and information relating to the working group, joint events, and working toward union. You can see that page here: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/community/partnerships/>. Please do let Gillian (email as above) or Jo (sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com) know if you have any queries, or would like to chat.

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.

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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/>

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>.

Concert Stewarding: From October to 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.

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 will be very pleased to hear from you too, by phone on 07715 069 041 or by email at minister@greyfriarskirk.com.