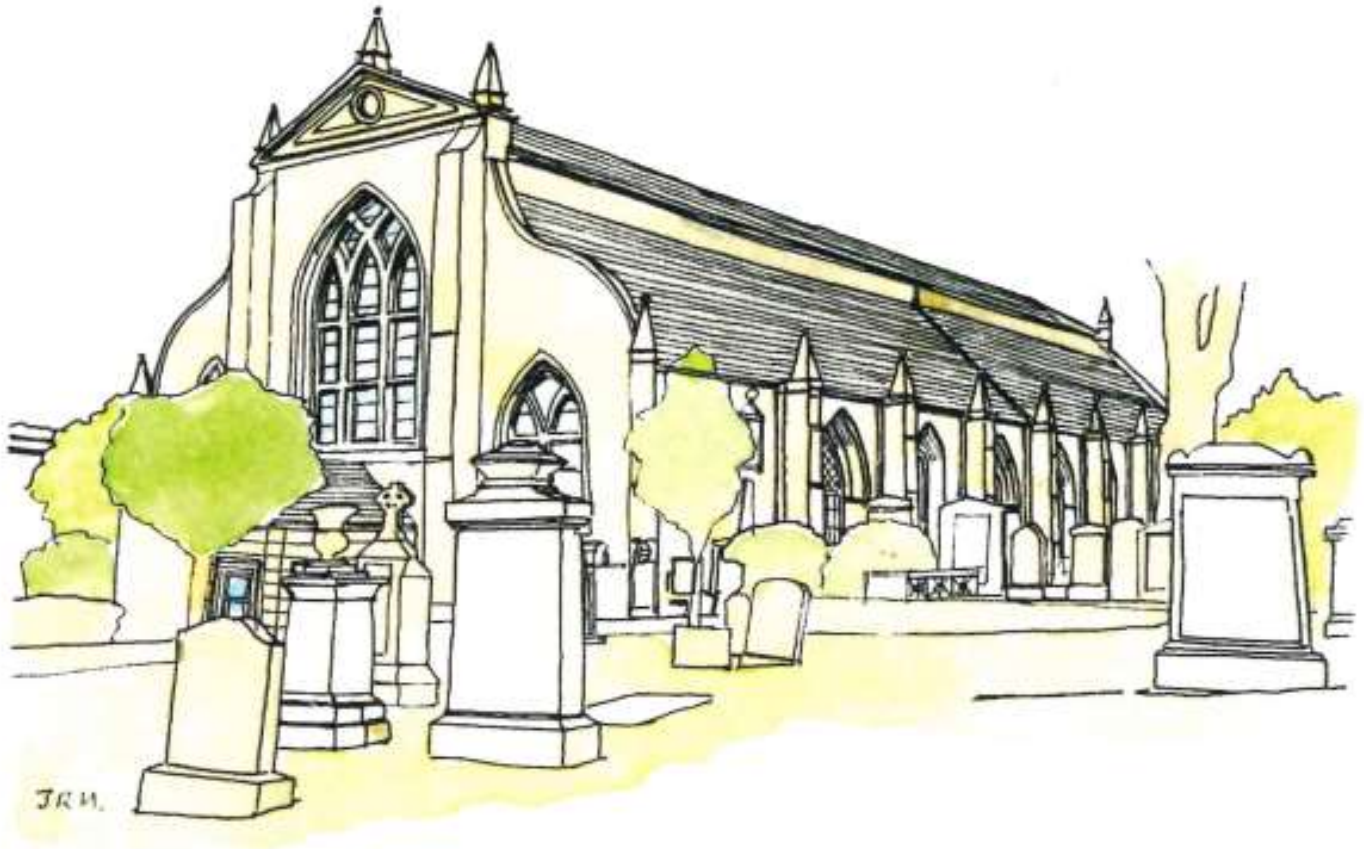


ORDER OF SERVICE - 8 OCTOBER 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 8 October 2023 – Nineteenth 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: Prelude on 'East Acklam'

Francis Jackson

Welcome and Call to Worship: Rev Richard Frazer

Hymn 233:

St. George's Windsor

1. Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, will provide for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.
2. All this world is God's own field, bearing fruit his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his storehouse evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly, come; bring your final harvest home:
gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, for ever purified, in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels come, raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

Collect for the Day: Guide us, O Lord, in all the changes of life, that we may neither complain in adversity nor boast in prosperity; but with faith, hope, and love, may follow your divine will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 103 (Psalm 147):

Rhuddlan

1. *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom, might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens knows and names them as they shine.*
2. *Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies, peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted, human pride and power laid low.*
3. *Praise the Lord for times and seasons, cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures, golden valleys thick with grain.*
4. *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements, walk in all his words and ways;
ne the Lord and we his children — praise the Lord, all people, praise!*

Timothy Dudley Smith

The Word of God

Psalm 145: 3 - 20

Reader: Stephanie Rae

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them. The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

Matthew 13: 24 – 30 and 36 - 43

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

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

Anthem:

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it; and crownest the year with thy goodness.

Psalm 65: 9, 11

Maurice Green

Sermon: Sue MacGregor

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

Wir Pflügen

1. *We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.*
*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*
2. *He only is the Maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.*
3. *We thank you then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
with what we know you long for: our humble, thankful hearts.*

Matthias Claudius
tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell

Pastoral Prayer: Roddy Stewart Meiklejohn

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

Nun Danket

1. *Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*
2. *Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*
3. *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.*

Martin Rinkart,
tr. Catherine Winkworth

Amen

S. Karg-Elert

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

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.

Thursday 12 October

1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers

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.

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 information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The programme of lunchtime concerts continues at 12 noon this Thursday, 12 October, when Clare Hoffman (violin) and Christopher Bevan (piano) will present music by Stravinsky, Brahms, and Ravel. 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, 19 October, and fortnightly thereafter.

Study Service

The topic of this evening's Study Service will be **"Who is Jesus really?"**

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.

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 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 Nov, 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 Dec, 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/>. As ever, please do let Gillian (email as above) or Jo (sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com) know if you have any queries or would like to chat.

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 morning we welcome Dr Caroline Cradock as our new Organist and Choirmaster. Her most recent similar appointment has been at St John's Princes Street, and among many professional distinctions her special subject has been 18th century French organ manuscripts. We are much looking forward to her leadership of music at Greyfriars; please introduce yourself to her after the service.

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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>.

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

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