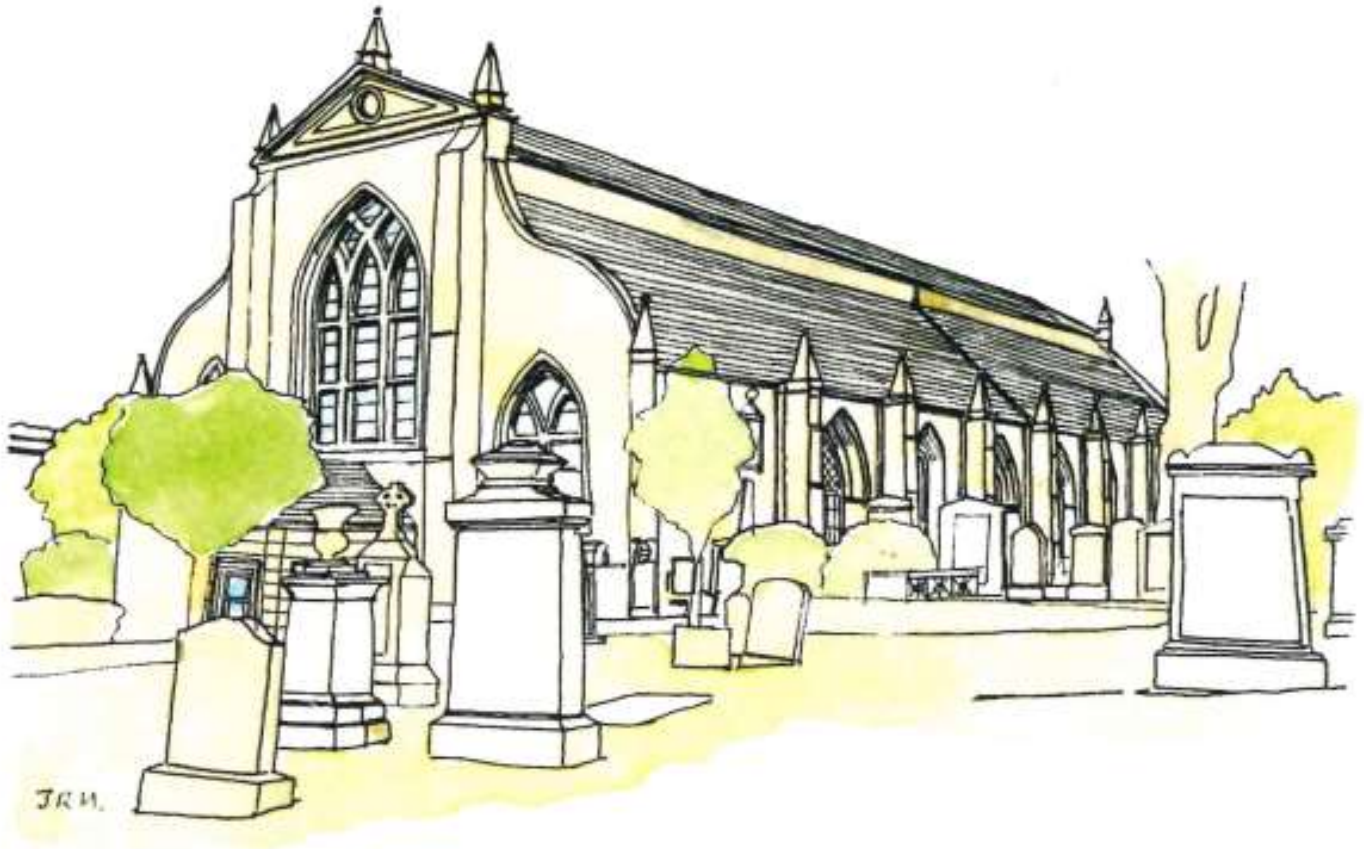


ORDER OF SERVICE - 5 November 2023

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Rev Dr Richard Frazer
Gillian Couper
Sue MacGregor



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 5 November 2023 – All Saints Sunday

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.

Give joyful thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share
the heritage of God's people in the realm of light

Colossians 1: 12

Organ: Prelude on 'Sine Nomine'

Ian Hare

Introit:

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God

John Goss

Call to Worship: Richard Frazer

Hymn 740:

Sine Nomine

1. *For all the saints, who from their labours rest;
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
2. *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
6. *The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
7. *But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of Glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
8. *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

William Walsham How

Welcome, Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, you have knitted together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son. Give us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who perfectly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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

The Word of God

Isaiah 51: 1 - 6

Reader: Russ Loten

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever and my deliverance will never be ended.

1 John 3: 1 - 3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

CH3 Hymn 113:

Franconia

1. *Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see their God:
The secret of the Lord is theirs; Their soul is Christ's abode*
2. *The Lord, who left the sky our life and peace to bring,
And dwelt in lowliness with men, their Pattern and their King.*
3. *Still to the lowly soul He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.*
4. *Lord, we thy presence seek; Ours may this blessing be;
O give the pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.*

Matthew 5: 1 - 12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Anthem:

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see
The Saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.
We ask them whence their victory came; they, with one united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.
They marked the footsteps that he trod, His zeal inspired their breast;
And, following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love.

We praise God the Father who created the universe and keeps it in being. He has made us his sons and daughters to share his joy, living together in justice and peace, caring for his world and for each other.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son: born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became one of us, sharing our life and our death. He made known God's compassion and mercy, giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness to all.

By his death on the cross and by his resurrection, He has triumphed over evil. Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.

We trust God the Holy Spirit: who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church; who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness. The Spirit guides us in our understanding of the Bible, renews us in the sacraments, and calls us to serve God in the world.

We rejoice in the gift of eternal life: We have sure and certain hope of resurrection through Christ, and we look for his coming again to judge the world. Then all things will be made new; and creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit, one God, blessed for ever. Amen

The Offering

Tallis's Canon

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love, before, beneath, around, above.*

Pastoral Prayer: Rosemary Scott

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 132:

1. *Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
2. *Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*
3. *To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*
4. *Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

Walter Chalmers Smith

Benediction

Organ: Placare Christe Servulis

Dupre

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	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.
Sunday 19 November	10.30 am: Stewardship Sunday 12.30 pm: Gaelic 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

There is no Study Service this evening. The next Study Service will be 12 November.

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, 9 November, will be given by James Lind (Guitar). 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, 16 November, and fortnightly thereafter.

Come and Sing! At the Greyfriars Charteris Centre – Karl Jenkins, Armed Man, Sat 25 Nov, 10am to 5pm

Come and join in this free, day workshop open to all, led by the fabulous Neil Metcalfe, with accompaniment by Stuart Hope. Part of the "Find Your Voice" programme, open to everyone,

no matter what your skill and experience with singing, you are very welcome to come along and join in. Sign up here: <https://www.citizenticket.com/events/greyfriars-charteris-centre/come-and-sing/>,

St Cuthberts & Greyfriars – Joint Events in 2023

If you would like to come along to 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!

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!

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.