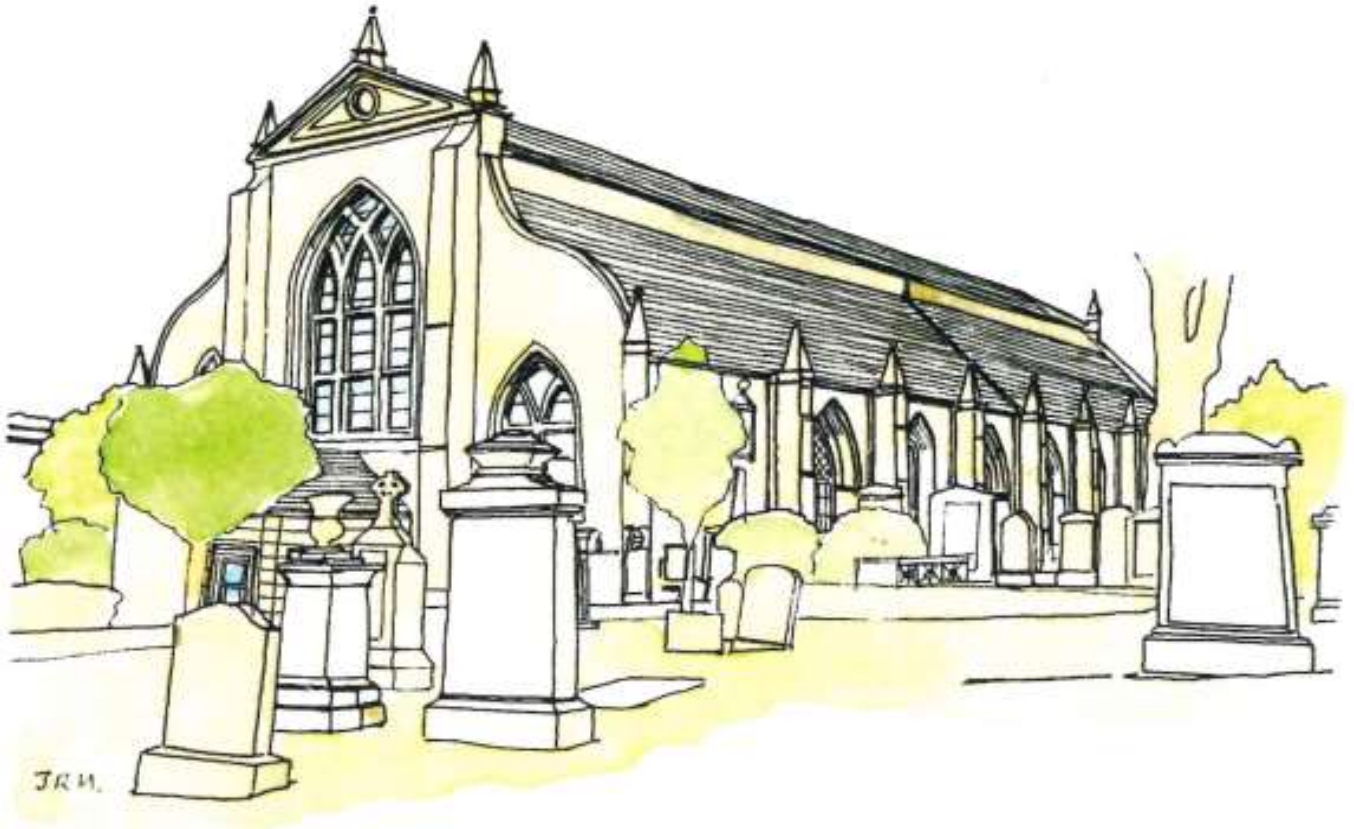


ORDER OF SERVICE - 14 January 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Sue MacGregor
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 14 January 2024 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

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.

Arise, shine, for your light has come; and over you the glory of the Lord has dawned.

Isaiah 60:1

Organ: Prelude on 'Rockingham'

C. H. H. Parry

Introit: The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breath;
such a Truth, as ends all strife; such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light, as shows a feast:
such a Feast, as mends in length; such a Strength, as mends his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move:
such a Love, as none can part: such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert

from Five Mystical Songs,
R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

All: *And in the temple God's people say: Glory!*

Leader: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

All: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*

Leader: Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters;

All: *Yet your footprints were unseen!*

Leader: You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

All: *We praise you for your mighty, wondrous deeds!*

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

All: *Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.*

Leader: Let us respond to that call – let us worship God.

Hymn 112:

Moscow

1. God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
2. Saviour, who came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move o'er the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
4. Blessèd and holy Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide let there be light.

John Marriott and Thomas Raffles

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

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Grant that your people may shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

Amen

Hymn 251:

Here I am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

Daniel L. Schutte

The Word of God

1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10

Reader: Rus Loten

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Hymn 771:

(sung twice)

*If you believe and I believe and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free.*

*And set God's people free, and set God's people free,
the Holy Spirit shall come down and set God's people free.*

John 1: 43 - 51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

Anthem: Lead me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5: 8, 4: 8

S. S. Wesley

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe and trust in God the Creator, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist.*

*We believe and trust in God the Son, who, in Jesus, took our human nature,
died for us and rose again.*

*We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world.*

*This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
the Creator, Christ and Spirit.*

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: 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 535:

Monks Gate

1. *Who would true valour see, let him come hither;
one here will constant be, come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.*
2. *Whoso beset him round with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound; his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright; he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have a right to be a pilgrim.*
3. *Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away; he'll fear not what men say;
he'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.*

John Bunyan

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: Finale from Sonata no.6

Felix Mendelssohn

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 18 January	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 21 January	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 28 January	10.30 am: Holy Communion 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 or by card

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.

If you would prefer to make your offering by card, rather than cash, there is now a card reader at the kitchen hatch at the back of the church, which links to the Kirk's bank account. Thank you so much for your support, which we depend on to maintain the life of the Kirk.

Study Service

The Study Service will meet by Zoom this evening from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm, and its topic will be the question "God and suffering: why?"

For the Zoom link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The regular lunchtime concerts will resume on Thursday 1 February at 12 noon with a piano recital by Alexander Kwon.

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/>

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.

Greyfriars & St Cuthbert's Update

The joint working group will produce a monthly newsletter to share things that have been achieved to date, what we are working on, and where we are on the journey toward union. The first edition will be available next Sunday, 21 January, on the table under the organ gallery, and also on the Kirk web site. Please do take a copy, and an extra one if you would like for others who either can't come to a service or tend not to access things online.

There is a suggestions box on the table today for your feedback, suggestions and concerns. Please do put your name on the back of the slip so that we can respond directly back to you. And, of course, anyone is warmly welcome to get in touch with Gillian or Jo if they would like to chat about things. Leave a message with the Kirk office at 0131 229 1900 for one of them to call you back, or email Jo at sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com, or Gillian at parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com, or join us for coffee after a service.

We will be planning more joint services and events with St Cuthbert's in 2024, so do attend a service at St Cuthbert's sometime to get to know the folk there.

News from the Ministry Team, and Pastoral Care

The Greyfriars ministry team are Sue MacGregor, Probationer Minister; Gillian Couper, Parish Associate; and Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC, Reader.

Sue, Gillian and Bert are pleased to hear from anyone in the congregation or community, if you would like to get in touch for any reason. Whether you'd like to hear about how things are going at Greyfriars, seek support or pastoral care, or simply share a cup of tea and a chat, you will be very welcome. If you know of anyone who you think might appreciate some contact or help from the ministry team too, please do let them know. You can reach them through the church office, 0131 225 1900, or by email: Gillian at parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com; Sue at probationerminister@greyfriarskirk.com; and Bert at kerrigan@kerrigankc.com.