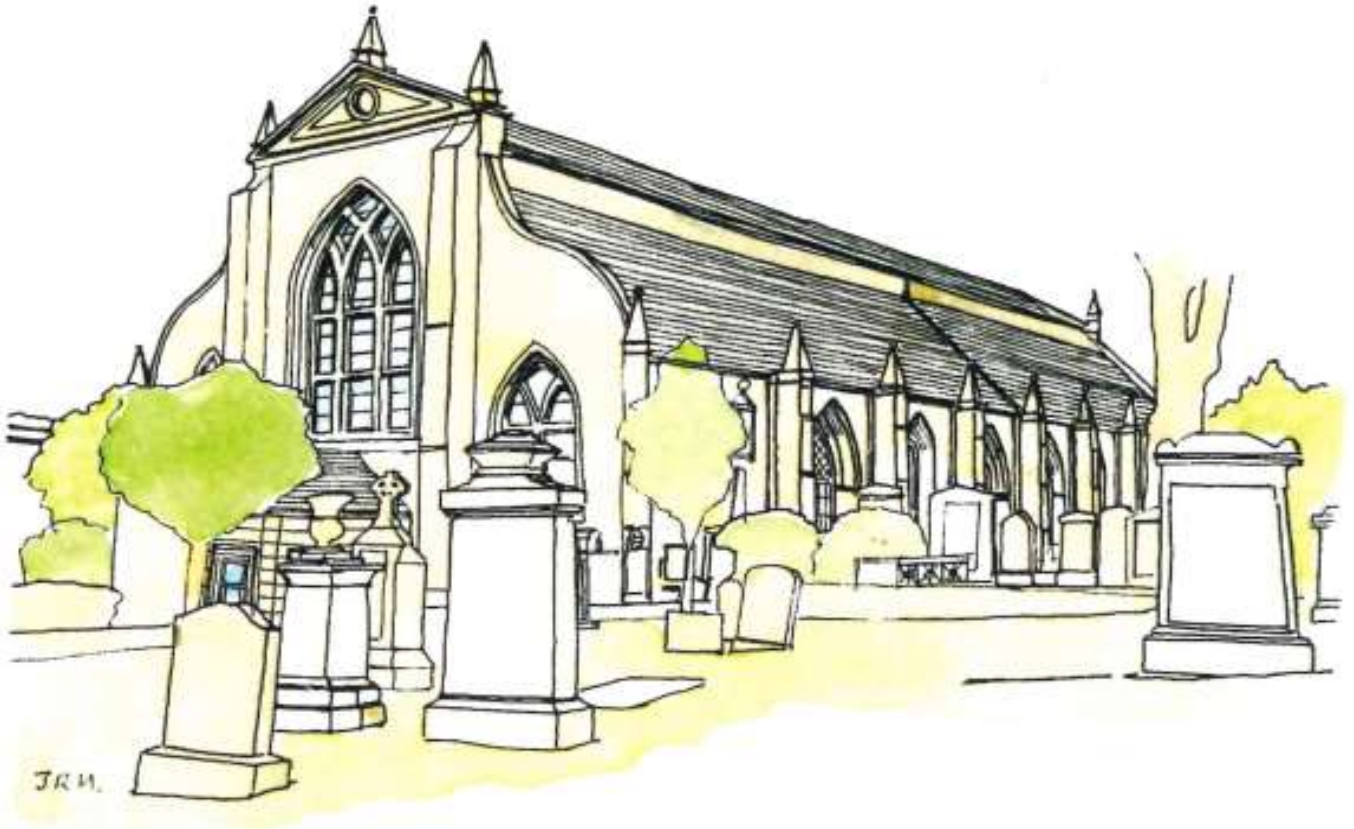


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GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Sue MacGregor
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
Gillian Couper



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 24 March 2024 – Palm 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.

Organ: Rockingham

Kenneth Leighton

Introit: Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants
in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not
our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.

Psalm 27: 9

Richard Farrant

Call to Worship: Sue MacGregor

Leader: We gather to seek God, to praise the Creator, to adore the Son,
to abide in the Spirit. To give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!*

Leader: We gather on this last Sunday of Lent, to share in the praise of Palm Sunday,
to anticipate the events of Holy Week, to journey towards the cross and tomb.
To give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!*

Leader: We gather, bringing all the worries and wonders of the world – bringing all that is
heavy in our hearts or light in our souls, bringing all the joys and challenges of life
whatever our circumstances. To give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever!*

Leader: Amen! Let us worship God.

Hymn 365:

Winchester New

1. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes 'Hosanna!' cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*
2. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.*
3. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

4. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.*
5. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

Henry Milman

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon: Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

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

Collect for the Day: *Almighty and ever-living God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Hymn 380:

Horsley

1. *There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.*
2. *We may not know, we cannot tell what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.*
3. *He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.*
4. *There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in.*
3. *Oh, dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.*

Cecil Frances Alexander

The Word of God

Psalms 118: 1 and 19-29

Reader: Leslie Munro

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Philippians 2: 5 - 11

The Mind of Christ

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Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus – The One, the living Word, there at the beginning, the source of life and creation. Although he was God, he did not regard equality with God as something to exploit. He did not grab at power, or hold onto pride. Instead, he humbled himself, let go and emptied himself. He took the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. Living in a humble community, in a country under oppression, he learnt his father's trade, sweated and toiled, he grew, laughed and cried, was tested, tried and tempted. He brought life and light to those living in the shadow of death. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. That cruel criminal punishment, a slave's death, after a life of service, hope, compassion and washing feet. Therefore, God highly exalted him. God gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend. In heaven and on earth and under the earth, the whole of creation acknowledging the glory, the wonder, the unique nature and inexpressible brilliance of the Man of Sorrows, the Son of God, the Alpha and Omega . . . and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hymn 458:

Camberwell

1. *At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of Glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*
2. *Brothers, sisters, name him with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.*
3. *In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
let his grace support you in temptation's hour,
and his will enfold you in its light and power.*
4. *In his Father's glory Christ shall come again,
angel hosts proclaiming his return to reign.
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of Glory now.*

Caroline Maria Noel

Mark 11: 1 – 11: Entry Into Jerusalem

Reader: Bert Kerrigan

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Anthem: Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm 24: 7 - 10

William Mathias

Sermon

Sue MacGregor

'Exactly What We Need'

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people.

*We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are,
heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death
and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.*

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love.

*We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness,
the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life.*

Amen

The Offering

St Magnus

*To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Prayer of Dedication and Pastoral Prayer: Hilary Clydesdale

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 286:

Woodlands

1. *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.*
2. *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.*
3. *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*
4. *Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!*

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Benediction**Organ:** Paeon

Kenneth Leighton

NOTES

Services in Holy Week:**Monday 25 March to
Saturday 30 March**8.00 am: Eucharist or Morning Prayer at St Columba's
by the Castle, followed by breakfast.**Thursday 28 March**
(Maundy Thursday)7.30 pm: "Washing off the Dust": Eucharist at St Columba's
and stripping of altars.**Friday 29 March**
(Good Friday)12:00 to 3.00 pm: "Like a Root out of Dry Ground", six half-hours
of worship and reflection at Augustine United,
on how the seeds of sorrow are planted in the
story of salvation. Come and go as you like.9.00 pm: Tenebrae – an hour of plainsong, readings and prayer
in a candle-lit Greyfriars.**Sunday 31 March**
(Easter Day)**5.20 am:** gather at Holyrood Carpark in Queen's Drive
for Sunrise on Arthur's Seat, followed by
breakfast rolls at St Columba's.

10.30 am: Holy Communion in Greyfriars

12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Remember to change your clocks to British Summer Time on Saturday night!

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 by Gift Aid, Card or Standing Order

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.

Some people have experienced difficulties setting up new **standing orders** in favour of the Kirk using their online banking. Frustratingly, the problem originated when we were required to change the name of the Kirk's bank account, and it seems to affect payments from some but not all bank accounts. If this affects you, the solution is please to fill in a Giving form (available from Richard Leaver at the Kirk office, FinanceAdministrator@greyfriarskirk.com), for us to process with the Kirk's bank the old-fashioned way.

Flower Fund

Next Sunday, there will be a **retiring collection** in aid of the Kirk's Flower Fund.

Orchard Group visit to Greyfriars Kirk

In 2020 Greyfriars Kirk took part in a project run by the Church of Scotland, Ecocongregation Scotland and The Orchard Project, that followed the example of churches in Hungary to encourage orchards in churchyards and gardens. The planting at Greyfriars was part of its programme celebrating 400 years since it opened its doors in 1620. The four apple and two pear trees were planted before the lockdowns due to Covid. Through that difficult year the trees provided a wee highlight for some involved, who visited and watered the trees during their daily exercise. The trees continued to be a lovely addition to the Kirkyard and are cared for with the help of the Council of Edinburgh green spaces team. The Orchard Project will be visiting Greyfriars Kirkyard at noon **today**. The session is open to everyone, and we hope that members of the community enjoying the Kirkyard will come along, enjoy a cup of tea or juice, meet the Orchard Project, and learn about orchard tree care.

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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Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The regular lunchtime concerts resume on Thursday, 4 April, at 12 noon with an accordion recital by Eòin Cumming.

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 regular Coffee Morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursday week, 4 April, and again a fortnight after.

Greyfriars & St Cuthbert's Update

The joint working group are producing a newsletter each month to share things that have been achieved to date, what we are working on, and where we are on the journey toward union. Please take a copy of the second edition which is available today on the table under the organ gallery, or you can find it on the Kirk web site. There is also a suggestions box on the table for your feedback, or for any of your suggestions or concerns. Please put your name on the back of the slip so that we can respond directly back to you. And, of course, anyone is welcome to get in touch with Gillian at parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com or with Jo at sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com if they would like to chat about things, or leave a message with the Kirk office at 0131 229 1900 for one of them to call you back.

The Gent's Lunch Club at St Cuthbert's will welcome any men of Greyfriars who would like to join them for their next monthly event, a tour of the National Galleries of Scotland led by the Rev. Peter Sutton. Meet at the Princes Street entrance at 11.00 am this Thursday, 28 March, for the tour of about an hour followed by a chat and coffee at the Gallery café.

There will be more joint services and events with St Cuthbert's in 2024, so do take part in the above event or 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. Later this year, Sue MacGregor will begin a three-year appointment as our Associate Minister, taking us beyond the point of union with St Cuthbert's, when a minister will be recruited to the new united charge.

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.