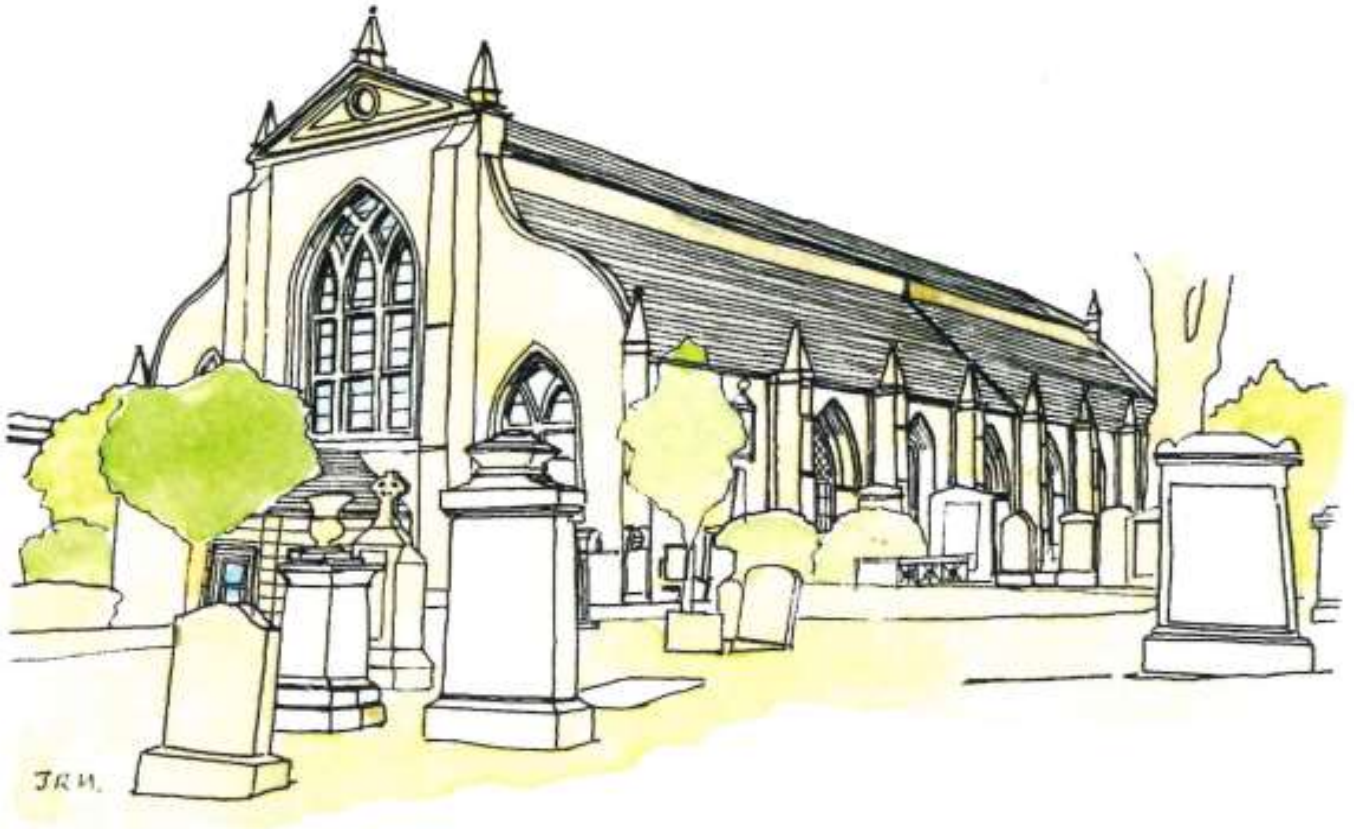


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GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

MINISTRY TEAM

Sue MacGregor
Gillian Couper
Prof Bert Kerrigan KC



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 3 March 2024 – Third Sunday in Lent

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: Aria

Flor Peeters

Introit: Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

Henry Purcell

Welcome and Call to Worship: Gillian Couper

Hymn 154:

1. *O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art, how great thou art!'*
2. *When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look up from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:*
3. *And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:*
4. *When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art, how great thou art!'*

Russian, tr. Stuart K. Hine

Call to Prayer and Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day: Almighty God, of ourselves we have no power to help ourselves. Keep us outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Word of God

Exodus 20: 1 - 17

Reader: Laura Dunlop

God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hymn 356:

This is your God

1. *Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity, in perfect harmony – the man who is God:
Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity, kneels in humility and washes our feet.*

*Oh, what a mystery – meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship, for this is your God, this is your God!*

2. *Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence, yet learns obedience to death on a cross:
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice –
and, as they crucify, prays 'Father, forgive'.*

3. *Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, love indestructible in frailty appears:
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly, lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.*

Graham Kendrick

John 2: 13 - 22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Psalm 51: 9 – 11

Thomas Attwood

Sermon

Sue MacGregor

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

Nun Danket

*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.*

Pastoral Prayer: Alison Noble

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 181:*Lucerna Laudoniae*

1. *For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*
2. *For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:*
3. *For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:*
4. *For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:*
5. *For each perfect gift and sign of your love so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Christ, our God, to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

Folliott Sanders Pierpoint

Benediction**Organ:** Praeludium op.156/1

Josef Rheinberger

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 7 March	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 10 March	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 17 March	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 to know you.

However, those who have signed up for the Fellowship Lunch at St Cuthbert's today are reminded to proceed there promptly, so as to arrive by 12 noon.

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.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Check out <https://greyfriarskirk.com/events/> for information on all our upcoming events and concerts. The regular lunchtime concerts continue this Thursday, 7 March, at 12 noon with a programme given by students from Edinburgh University.

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 this Thursday, 7 March, and fortnightly thereafter.

General Assembly – Stewards

Can you help with stewarding at the General Assembly, which takes place this year from Saturday 18 May to Thursday 23 May, excluding Sunday ?

Stewards have a vital role at the General Assembly to ensure the safety and comfort of those attending. Stewards provide a friendly welcome to the Assembly Halls, ensure the security of proceedings by checking passes, are alert to security threats and disturbances, and have a responsibility to ensure the safe evacuation of the Assembly Hall if this is required.

Individual shifts last for three hours and volunteers can select the day or days on which they would seek to help. Those volunteering for two sessions will be provided with a lunch voucher. In every three-hour session there is an opportunity to have a break for tea or coffee. *Please note that the stewarding duties require a moderate level of fitness, since a volunteer could be on their feet for up to 2 hours and may need to escort people up or down stairs.*

Those interested should contact the Chief Steward, Sandy Gemmill, either by email at assemblystewards@churchofscotland.org.uk or by post to Sandy Gemmill, Chief Steward, General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Department of the General Assembly, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN.

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 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. The second edition is available today on the table under the organ gallery, and is 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 also a suggestions box on the table 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.

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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.