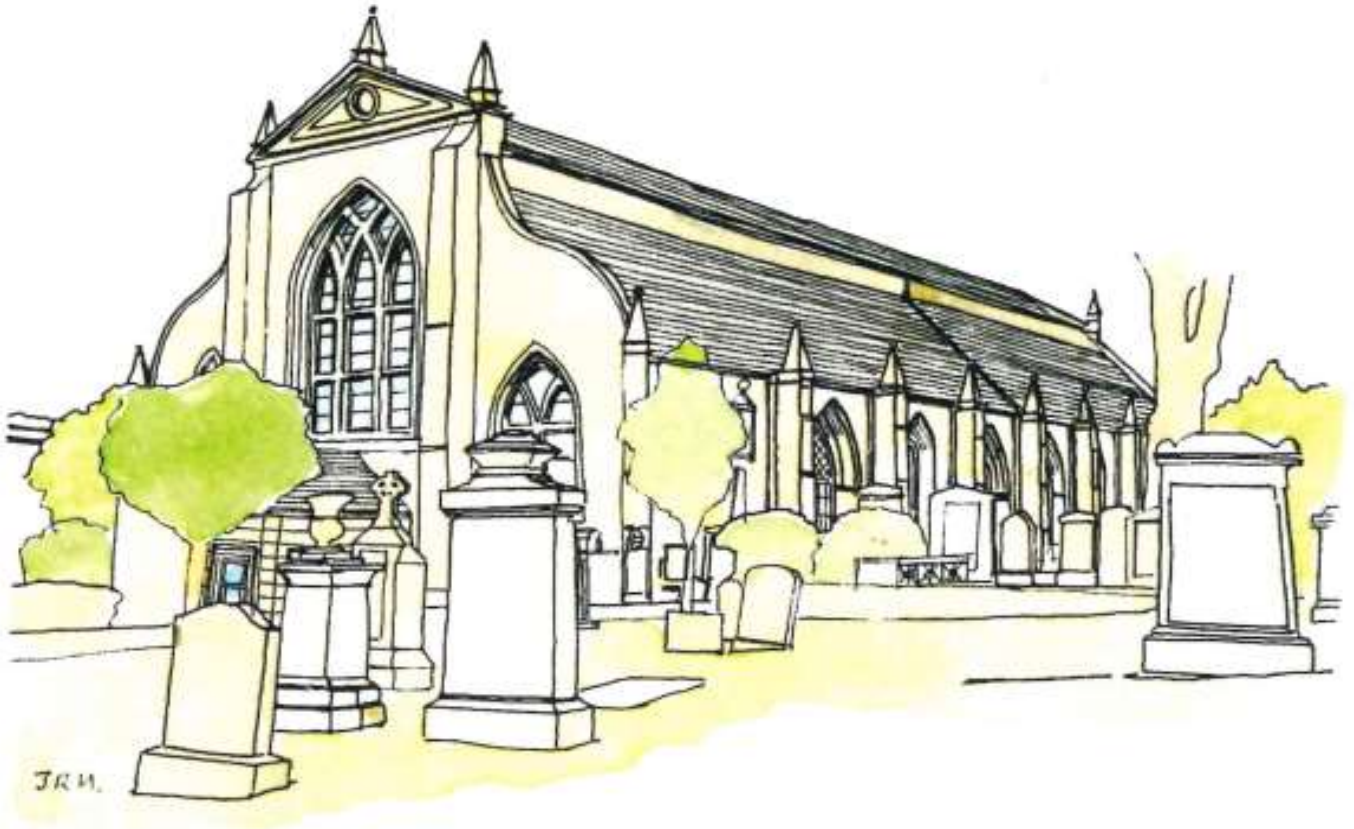


ORDER OF SERVICE - 14 JULY 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 14 July 2024 – Eighth 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: Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

All: *the world, and those who live in it.*

One: Greyfriars belongs to God:

All: *Edinburgh and all its people.*

One: Whether we understand it or not, God is present:

All: *For we are made in God's image and gather in God's name.*

One: Let us worship God.

Hymn 19 (Psalm 24):

St. George's (Edinburgh)

1. *Ye gates, lift up your heads on high; ye doors that last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this;
Ev'n that same Lord that great in might and strong in battle is.*
2. *Ye gates, lift up your heads; ye doors, doors that do last for aye,
be lifted up, that so the King of glory enter may.
But who is he that is the King?
The King of glory, who is this?
The Lord of hosts, and none but he, the King of glory is.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen, amen, amen.*

Scottish Psalter

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Opening Prayers

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

Collect for the Day:

Loving God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 691:

Finlandia

- 1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side: bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*
- 2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake, all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice, who ruled them while he lived below.*
- 3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sorrows, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay from his own fullness all he takes away.*
- 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

Katharina von Schlegel, tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick

The Word of God

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Hymn 348:

Joel

1. *Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, curing every dread disease,
calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.*
2. *Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.*
3. *Praise the one true love incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory. Praise the One who makes us one.*

Rusty Edwards

Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Anthem:

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

John 14: 15 – 17

Thomas Tallis

Sermon

The Offering

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Offertory Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

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

Amen

Organ: Prelude and Fugue in A

J.S. Bach

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 18 July	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 21 July	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 28 July	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, or are 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 tea or coffee, we look forward to getting know you.

Giving by 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.

Study Service

The topic of this evening's Study Service will be "Jesus the model and pattern of God's grace". We will be looking at the extraordinary meaning of 'grace' in the New Testament and attempting to find good ways to understand it.

The Study Service meets by Microsoft Teams from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For details of the link, email Bob Walker at bob@hebrides.u-net.com.

Organ Recital

All are welcome to an organ recital in the Kirk tomorrow, Monday 15 July, which will be given by Dr. Andrew Henderson, the organist at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, and attended by a number of his congregation on their UK tour. After his recital at 12 noon, Dr. Henderson will give a talk on "Church Music of the Reformation", then at 1.00 pm there will be a short act of worship.

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.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Over the next four weeks, our regular Greyfriars@12 concert series at noon each Thursday becomes the **Greyfriars Organ Festival**, which Kris Thomsett of Newcastle Cathedral opened last Thursday with a splendid recital of music ranging from Byrd and Bach to Langlais and Howells. Do join us at noon this Thursday, 18 July, to hear John Kitchen performing a largely French programme, including Franck's magnificent Choral no.1 in E. The recitals on the following Thursdays will be by the concert organist Christopher Cromar, then by Michael Harris of St Giles' Cathedral, and finally by our own Dr Caroline Cradock. Admission is free.

Events elsewhere

The regular Coffee Mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre have resumed, and they continue from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Thursday week, 25 July, and fortnightly thereafter.

Greyfriars & St Cuthbert's Update

After a lull for a couple of months, while the review of charge at St Cuthbert's progresses and the working group started to investigate various aspects of church life and how these might be brought together, we are pleased to publish the next "working toward union" newsletter, which you can see online at <www.greyfriarskirk.com/greyfriars-st-cuthberts-union/> or can pick up from the table under the organ gallery at the back of the Kirk. While we have always understood that progress toward union in our particular context would take a bit of time to work through, we appreciate too the importance of travelling on the journey together and ensuring everyone is able to contribute thoughts or have space to talk things through. We hope the information that has been provided so far has been of interest. As ever, members of the working group are very keen to hear from anyone with any questions, suggestions, or concerns, or if you would like to just have a chat and find out a bit more. Please speak to either: Gillian Couper, working group co-chair and Greyfriars elder, at <gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk>; or Jo Elliot, working group member and Greyfriars Session Clerk, <sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com>; or reach out to any member of the working group (see the newsletter) through the Kirk office at 0131 225 1900.

GCP Summer Showcase

Join us at the Grassmarket Community Project this Thursday, 18 July, from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm for this event to celebrate the creativity and diversity of our wonderful community. Enjoy a real taste of all that we do here, from music, art and creative writing, to a showcase of our beautiful hand-crafted tartan and woodwork product range. Chat to our Members and Volunteers about our Members Programme and all of our brilliant projects, the many ways in which our essential work helps transform lives. Find out about our award-winning Social Enterprises, meet some of our inspiring partners, learn about our trailblazing collaborations . . . and more!

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gcp-summer-showcase-2024-tickets-885427376117>

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TLC Pilgrimage

On Sunday 18 August, we are heading with our ecumenical partners out to East Lothian visiting ancient places connected to pilgrimages. A 50-seater coach will leave Augustine United Church at 10.00 am and will drive to Whitekirk, stopping at the beautiful red stone church of St Mary's whose origins date back to the 12th century. From Whitekirk, we will go on to North Berwick, with time to potter, explore and enjoy the town before gathering for a reflection near the Seabird Centre. For those who wish, there is the opportunity to walk from near Whitekirk to North Berwick via 4.5 miles of the John Muir Way trail, rather than take the coach. The final stop on the pilgrimage will be Aberlady, to visit the Aberlady Cross and share in a service at the parish church before boarding the coach once more and heading back to AUC for 4.30 pm. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch!

To register to come on the Pilgrimage, please fill out the form via the link below. It will not only register you for transport but also be the emergency contact form, so we ask that everyone coming fills it out – even if you're making your own way to East Lothian. Registration closes on Tuesday 13 August. The cost of transport is £15 per head (£10 for children / students / unwaged). Please pay on the coach, in cash, on the day. In addition to the coach, please let us know through the form if you would be willing to drive your car to East Lothian (should the bus get filled) and how many additional seats you could offer.

[Registration Form](#)

If you have any issues filling in the form electronically, please call Rachel Fitzgerald in the AUC office on 0131 220 1677 and she'll get you registered over the phone instead.

The Edinburgh Kiltwalk 2024

This year's Edinburgh Kiltwalk will be on Sunday 15 September. It is Scotland's most-loved walking event with thousands of people taking part and an unbelievable atmosphere. There are three distances available, the 5-mile Wee Wander, the 14 mile Big Stroll or the 21 mile Mighty Stride.

Hannah Crooks, a volunteer with Community Fundraising Scotland, is offering free places on the Kiltwalk to charity walkers who pledge to raise £100 for Shelter Scotland. Each walker will get a fundraising pack with a Shelter Scotland t-shirt to walk in, top fundraising tips, and training guides. Email Hannah at <CommunityScotland@shelter.org.uk> to get a free sign-up code for your chosen distance, and to say how many people will be walking with you.

News from the Ministry team, and Pastoral Care

Ministry at Greyfriars Kirk is led by Probationer Minister Sue MacGregor, with assistance from Gillian Couper, Elder and Candidate for the Ministry; from Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC, Reader, Church of Scotland; and from other members of the congregation.

If you would like to get in touch for any reason, to hear about how things are going at Greyfriars, to seek support or pastoral care, or simply to share a cup of tea and a chat, you will be very welcome. Please contact the Kirk office by phone (0131 225 1900) or by email to either minister@greyfriarskirk.com or contact@greyfriarskirk.com