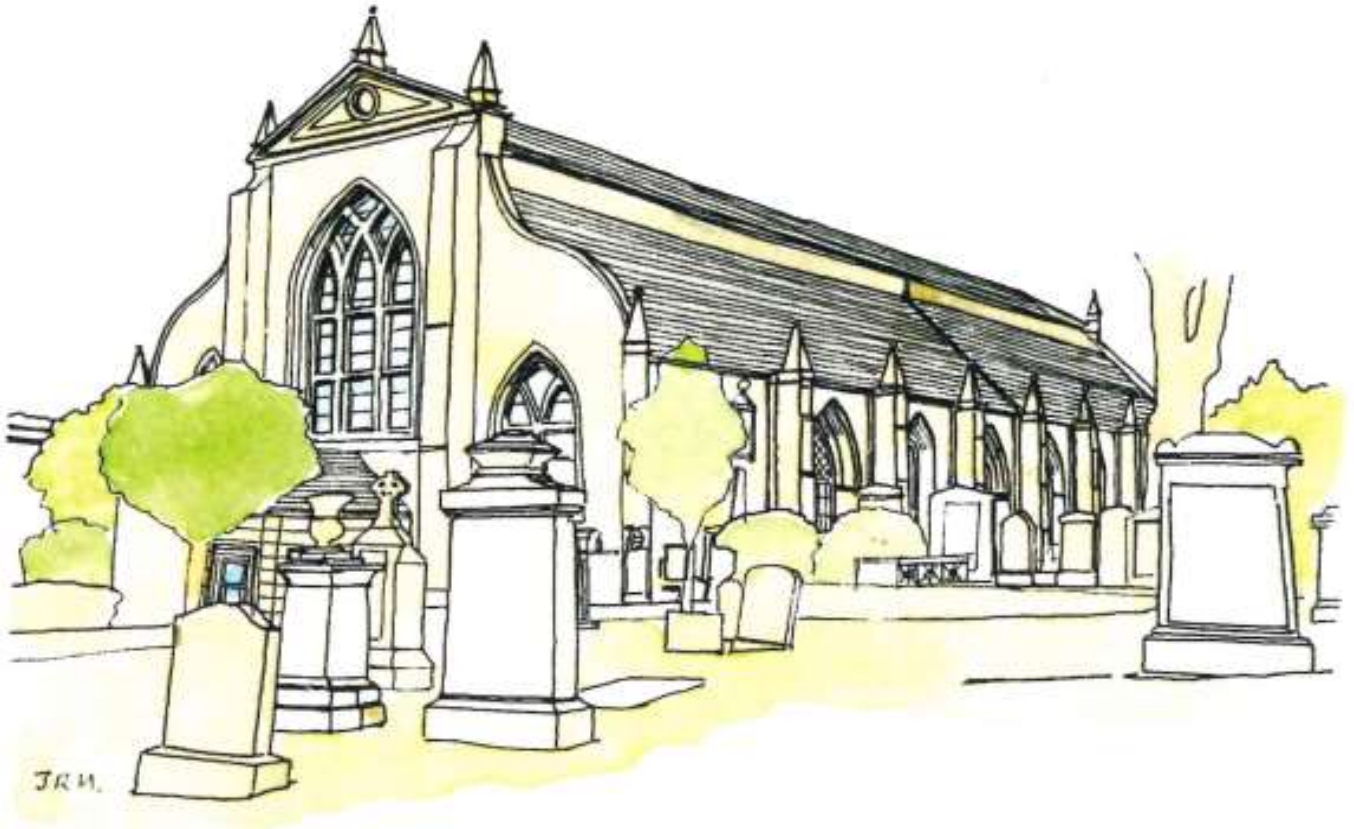


ORDER OF SERVICE - 11 AUGUST 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

Gillian Couper
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
Bob Walker
Dr Caroline Cradock

Sermon
Prayers
Readings
Organist



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 11 August 2024 – Name of Sunday

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available for viewing at any time on our YouTube channel at < <https://bit.ly/greyfriarstv> >.

Organ: Pétit Offertoire

César Franck

Call to Worship

Hymn 153:

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.*
*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided – great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*
2. *Summer and winter, seed time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*
3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.*

Thomas Chisholm

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Penitence

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

1. *Up from the depths I cry to God: O listen, Lord, to me;
O hear my voice in this distress, this mire of misery.
I wait for God with all my heart, my hope is in his word;
and more than watchmen for the dawn I'm longing for the Lord.*
2. *If you, my God, should measure guilt, who then stands free from blame?
But true forgiveness comes from you; we trust, and fear your name.*
3. *O Israel, set your hope on God, whose mercy is supreme:
the nation mourning for its sin he surely will redeem.*

Christopher Martin Idle

The Word of God

Ephesians 4: 25 to 5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6: 35 and 41-51

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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

Anthem: Panis Angelicus

Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum:
dat panis caelicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
pauper, servus et humilis.

*Thus angels' Bread is made
the Bread of man today:
the Living Bread from heaven
with symbols does away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
The poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.*

Thomas Aquinas, tr. John David Chambers

César Franck

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives,
and in all people.*

*We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection,
and his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well.*

*We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love we participate
in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving God by loving our neighbours
through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.*

Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God.

*We thank God, and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ
and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory.*

Amen

The Offering

Tallis's Canon

*Praise God, the source of life and birth; praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
praise God the Spirit, holy flame; all glory, honour to God's name.*

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 462:

Dominus Regit me

1. *The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.*
2. *Where streams of living waters flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.*
3. *Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.*
4. *In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*
5. *Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what wonder and delight from thy pure chalice floweth!*
6. *And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever!*

Henry Williams Baker

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: Caprice sur les Grands jeux (Suite du 2e ton)

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 15 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 18 August	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 25 August	10.30 am: Holy Communion 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 1 September	9.15 am: Holy Communion 10.30 am: Morning Worship for the start of Creationtide, with the Rev David Coleman, who is chaplain of Eco-Congregation Scotland. 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 to 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.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

The **Greyfriars Organ Festival**, which took the place of our regular series of Greyfriars@12 concerts, ended last Thursday with a duet recital by Chris Hart (trumpet) and our own Dr Caroline Cradock (organ). There will now be a busy series of Festival Fringe events in the Kirk, after which the Greyfriars@12 concerts will resume at 12 noon on Thursday 29 August. Admission is free.

Events elsewhere

The regular Coffee Mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre are taking a summer break. They will restart, from 10.30 am to 12 noon as usual, on Thursday 5 September, and continue fortnightly.

Study Service

The last Study Service before our summer break in August will be a Bible Study on **Ephesians 2: the full meaning of grace in Christ**. After discussing the chapter in detail, the aim will be to compile 2 or 3 short sentences summing up the key points of the chapter.

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 >.

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

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.

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.

(notes continued overleaf)

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 as described 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.



With a smartphone, you can access and fill out the registration form by scanning this QR code.

You can also find the form and the instructions on the Kirk website, < greyfriarskirk.com >, under the heading "Notices and News".

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.

News from the Ministry team, and Pastoral Care

Ministry at Greyfriars Kirk is led by our Associate 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 >.