

ORDER OF SERVICE - 18 AUGUST 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC	Sermon
Josie Williams	Readings
Rosemary Scott	Prayer
Dr Caroline Cradock	Organist



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 18 August 2024 – Thirteenth 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 < <https://bit.ly/greyfriarstv> >.

Organ: Choral prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

Leader: We come from differing backgrounds and experiences

All: *but we are united in our Christian witness.*

Leader: We each are aware of why we have come here today

All: *and in unity of fellowship we will find support.*

Leader: We come to worship, to pray and to reflect on the Word of God,

All: *to discover that peace of mind the world cannot give us.*

Leader: We look to the peace that comes with the unburdening of problems
and the forgiveness of wrongs

All: *so that we leave spiritually recharged, energised for the week ahead.*

Leader: So let us approach our time together with joy and expectation. Let us worship God.

Hymn 165:

Bonnie George Campbell

1. *Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth: cycles of season and reason and birth,
contrasts in outlook and landscape and need, challenge of famine, pollution, and greed.*
2. *Praise to the Lord for the progress of life: cradle and grave, bond of husband and wife,
pain of youth growing and wrinkling of age, questions in step with experience and stage.*
3. *Praise to the Lord for the care of our kind: faith for the faithless and sight for the blind,
healing, acceptance, disturbance and change, all the emotions through which our lives range.*
4. *Praise to the Lord for the people we meet, safe in our homes or at risk in the street:
kiss of a lover and friendship's embrace, smile of a stranger and words full of grace.*
5. *Praise to the Lord for the carpenter's son, dovetailing worship and work into one:
tradesman and teacher and vagrant and friend, source of all life in this world without end.*

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Pardon

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 599:

Glenfinlas

- 1 *Holy Spirit, hear us; help us while we sing;
breathe into the music of the praise we bring.*
2. *Holy Spirit, prompt us when we try to pray;
nearer come, and teach us what we ought to say.*
3. *Holy Spirit, teach us through the words we read;
bring to life the Bible with the light we need.*
4. *Holy Spirit, give us each a lively mind;
make us more like Jesus, gracious, pure, and kind.*
5. *Holy Spirit, help us, daily, by your might,
what is wrong to conquer, and to choose the right.*

William Henry Parker

The Word of God

Proverbs 9: 1 - 6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Ephesians 5: 15 - 20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

John 6: 51 - 58

Jesus said, "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." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

Anthem:

Mine eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace:
no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.
One splendour thence is shed, from all the stars above:
'tis namèd when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
And every gentle heart, that burns with true desire,
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges

Herbert Howells

Sermon: 'The Beginning of Wisdom'

Affirmation of Faith:

This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise you, and exalt your name, for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between.

*We have known your healing. We have known your provision. We have known your victory.
Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy.
We shall praise you ever more.*

Amen

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 465:

Slane

1. *Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*
3. *Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*
4. *Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*
5. *High King of Heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

8th c. Irish, tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 22 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
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 the chaplain of Eco-Congregation Scotland. 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 8 September	10.30 am: Morning Worship, with the Lord Provost, for the Kirking of the Captain of the Edinburgh March Riding on 15 September. 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.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

We have just begun 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.

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.

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 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 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>.