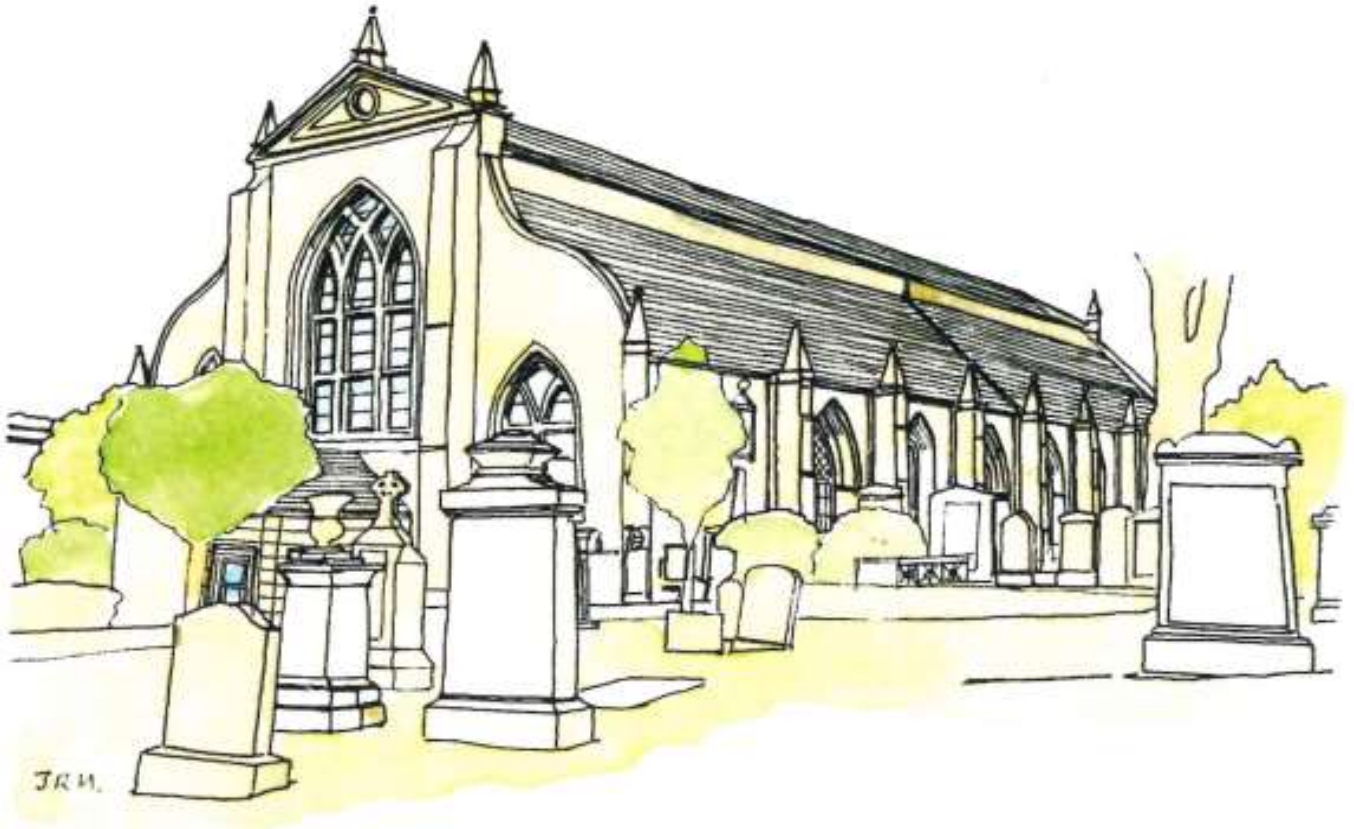


ORDER OF SERVICE - 4 AUGUST 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Today's Worship Leaders:

Sue MacGregor
Bert Hutchings
Alison Noble
Dr Caroline Cradock, Organist



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 4 August 2024 – Eleventh 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: Grave and Adagio (Sonata no.2)

Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

One: Have you not known, have you not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint, neither is weary?

All: *God gives power to the faint, and to those with no strength, he increases might!*

One: For they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles.

All: *They shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint!*

One: Let us worship God.

Hymn 167:

Cwm Rhondda

1. *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till my want is o'er.*
2. *Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.*
3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee.*

William Williams

Welcome and Opening Prayers

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living bread, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 251:*Here I am, Lord*

1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*
2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?*
3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

Daniel L. Schutte

The Word of God**Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

John 6: 24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."'" Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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

Anthem:

Johan Hartman, soloist

O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions, according to thy loving kindness; yea, even for Thy mercy's sake, deny me not. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Spirit from me, O Lord. Lord, a broken and a contrite heart is offered before Thee. I will speak of Thy salvation, I will teach transgressors, and all the sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Then open Thou my lips, Lord, and my mouth shall show forth Thy glorious praise.

Psalm 51, *in* St. Paul

Felix Mendelssohn

Sermon: 'Doing the work of God'

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe that the One who gave us birth invites all to eat freely of the bread of life.

We believe that Jesus, the Bread of Heaven, calls us to labour for the things that last.

We believe that in our wandering and confusion, the Holy Spirit helps us see the world as it really is.

We believe that God, the Eternal Trinity, sates our hunger and quenches our thirst so that we work for a world where the poor are lifted up, the rich sent empty away and the pain of life is transformed into joy, in God's coming Kingdom. 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 103 (Psalm 147):

Regent Square

1. *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom, might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens knows and names them as they shine.*
2. *Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies, peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted, human pride and power laid low.*
3. *Praise the Lord for times and seasons, cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures, golden valleys thick with grain.*
4. *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements, walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children — praise the Lord, all people, praise!*

Timothy Dudley Smith

Benediction

Amen

*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: Allegro maestoso e fuga (Sonata no.2)

Felix Mendelssohn

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today	12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Thursday 8 August	1.10 pm: Midweek Prayers
Sunday 11 August	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service
Sunday 18 August	10.30 am: Morning Worship 12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

This morning we welcome members of the group 'Mostly Baroque' from the USA, who are here to take part in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and especially their soloist Johan Hartman who will sing the Anthem.

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.

Congregational Roll

We record with sadness the death of our longstanding member Dr Henry Marsh, and remember his wife and family in our prayers. A memorial service will be held in Greyfriars at 12 noon on Friday 30 August.

Concerts and Events at Greyfriars

Our regular Greyfriars@12 concert series at noon each Thursday has currently become the **Greyfriars Organ Festival**, which continued last Thursday with a recital by Michael Harris of St Giles' Cathedral. The Festival will end this Thursday, 8 August, with a duet recital by Chris Hart (trumpet) and our own Dr Caroline Cradock (organ). 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.

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 Professor 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 >.