

ORDER OF SERVICE – 6 OCTOBER 2024

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 6 October 2024 – Twentieth 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: Prelude on 'East Acklam'

Francis Jackson

Introit: Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: and crownest the year with thy goodness.

Psalm 65: 9, 11

Maurice Greene

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks.

All: *We give thanks for the harvest.*

Leader: Give thanks.

All: *We give thanks for the blessings of family and friends.*

Leader: Give thanks.

All: *We give thanks for the blessings of our faith,
for the steadfastness of our God, the father.*

Leader: Give thanks.

All: *We give thanks that Christ died for us and for our salvation.*

Leader: Give thanks.

All: *We give thanks that the Holy Spirit is ever present in all aspects of our lives.*

Leader: Give thanks

All: *For the freedom we enjoy to share Your blessings with those in our family,
this church community, and with the wider world.*

Leader: We give thanks for all this and more – so let us worship the God of Abundance!

Hymn

Converse

1. *God, the maker of the heavens
and the planet that we share,
show us how to live, like Jesus,
lives of gratitude and care.
Make us mindful of the footprints
from the lives that we pursue.
Make us partners in your mission:
you are making all things new.*

2. *God, the gardener of Eden,
teach us how to tend this earth,
learning from the changing seasons,
times of fallow and new birth.
Lord, have mercy when we're careless,
rich resources we misuse.
Use our hands to heal creation:
You are making all things new.*
3. *God of labour and vocation,
Lord of science, trade and art,
take our efforts and our passions;
make them mirrors of your heart.
Every habitat and creature
loved and valued, God, by you;
may our lives reveal your Kingdom:
You are making all things new.*

Sam Hargreaves

Welcome and Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession and Penitence

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

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, the eyes of all wait upon you. Daily you meet all our needs physical, mental and spiritual, showing your love for all humankind. May we honour your creation by the manner of our living. Lord Jesus Christ who died for us, may we live lives worthy of that sacrifice. Holy Spirit, ever present with us, may we recognise your prompting of us. In thankfulness we praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit.* *Amen*

Hymn 103 (Psalm 147):

Rhuddlan

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

The Word of God

Deuteronomy 6: 1 – 9

Reader: Angela McSeveney

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 20

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Hymn 233:

St. George's Windsor

1. *Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, will provide for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.*
2. *All this world is God's own field, bearing fruit his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*
3. *For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his storehouse evermore.*
4. *Even so, Lord, quickly, come; bring your final harvest home:
gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, for ever purified, in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels come, raise the glorious harvest-home!*

Henry Alford

Matthew 5: 5 - 16

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Anthem:

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; here would we touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace and all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Horatius Bonar

Percy Whitlock

Sermon: "What Gratitude?"

Affirmation of Faith:

*We believe that the mystery of Creation was a gift from God,
an expression of our creator's goodness and trust.*

*We believe that as human beings we are part of that creation
and that we share in a special way the creative power of God.*

*We believe that as children of God we were each given differing gifts
to use as God wills for the advancement of the human rights of all.*

We believe that human dignity is regardless of race, gender or wealth.

We believe that human worth is measured by love of God and consequential action.

We believe that the resources of our land, waters and air are precious gifts from our Creator.

*We believe we are but stewards of these temporarily in our charge
but to be treasured and looked after with such loving care
that we can pass them to future generations with clear consciences.*

*We believe that in the providence of God the seasons come and go, committing us
to share our knowledge and wealth with all in need wherever they may be.*

*We believe that as there is a harvest of crops there is a harvest of souls
and that our duty extends to being inclusive and welcoming to garner souls.*

*We believe there is a rhythm to God's creation, like a drumbeat. When we lose the beat,
or the drum is damaged, the music is out of tune.*

Amen

Hymn 229 :

Wir Pflügen

*(and during which, **The Offering**)*

1. *We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.*

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

2. *He only is the Maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.*

3. *We thank you then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
with what we know you long for: our humble, thankful hearts.*

Matthias Claudius
tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell

Today we recognise the hundreds of prayers left on our Prayer Tree by those who visit the Kirk, and we pray for healing, recognition and love for all people.

Offertory Prayer and Prayers of the People: Margaret Wallace

***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:

Hyfrydol

1. *Here and now we're bound together,
held in one divine embrace.
Help us see, in one another,
difference as a gift of grace.
As each passing generation
worships you in fresh new ways,
join our songs with all creation,
lift our voice to sing your praise.*
2. *Lord, affirm our shared vocation:
may we bring your plans to birth,
build your Church on sure foundations,
fit to serve a troubled earth.
Growing, praying, sharing, learning,
deep in wisdom, broad in scope,
love-revealing, truth-discerning,
living out the gospel hope.*
3. *In your work of transformation
you are making all things new.
Stir our hearts' imagination,
call us now to work with you.
Send us out to share your mission;
show us each our part to play
as we live the Great Commission
joyful in the world today.*

Ally Barrett

Benediction

Amen

Organ: Variations on *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Denis Bédard

(Kirk notices overleaf)

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today,

Sunday 9 October

9:15am – Early Communion

10:30am – Sunday Worship – Harvest Thanksgiving

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

3pm – Pet Blessing Service

Thursday 10 October

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 13 October

10:30am – Sunday Worship

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 17 October

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Upcoming Events

Thursday 10 October

Greyfriars @ 12: Ailsa

Aitkenhead (piano)

Thursday 17 October

Greyfriars @ 12: JKL Duo

Sunday 27 October

Balliol Singers Concert

Thursday 17 October

Greyfriars @ 12: : The Silver

Keys (clarinet quartet)

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, please feel welcome to introduce yourself to the welcomers on the door and ministry team before or after the service.

We look forward to getting know you.

Taizé Prayer Service – Saturday 12 October, 7pm at Greyfriars Kirk

Taizé Prayer for unity and peace, is an hour of singing Taizé songs with short prayers in between them. These songs are repeated again and again - using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind.

All welcome! Those wishing to help with music are welcome from 6pm.

Events Elsewhere

Greyfriars Charteris Centre: The next **Coffee Morning** will be on Thursday week, 17 October, and fortnightly thereafter.

Ceilidh for CoCo – Saturday 9 November, 6:30pm at Greyfriars Charteris Centre



Join us for a night of traditional Scottish dancing and a live auction to raise funds for CoCo's affordable counselling service.

For ticket and event details, visit < www.cocoed.org.uk > or scan the QR code.

Supporters' Event- Thursday 21 November, 6pm at the Grassmarket Community Project

Drinks and canapes with presentation by Anita Manning. An opportunity to meet and chat with favourite Scottish antiques expert and TV personality, Anita Manning and her team, to enjoy insights and tips on all things antique.



Ticket and event information can be found at www.grassmarket.org or by scanning the QR code.

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, at <gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk>; or Jo Elliot, <sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com>; or reach out to any other member of the working group – Anne Bradbury, Maggie Cormack, Jamie Sutherland or Catherine Alexander.

News from the Ministry team, and Pastoral Care

Ministry at Greyfriars Kirk is led by our Associate Minister, Rev. 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 >.

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