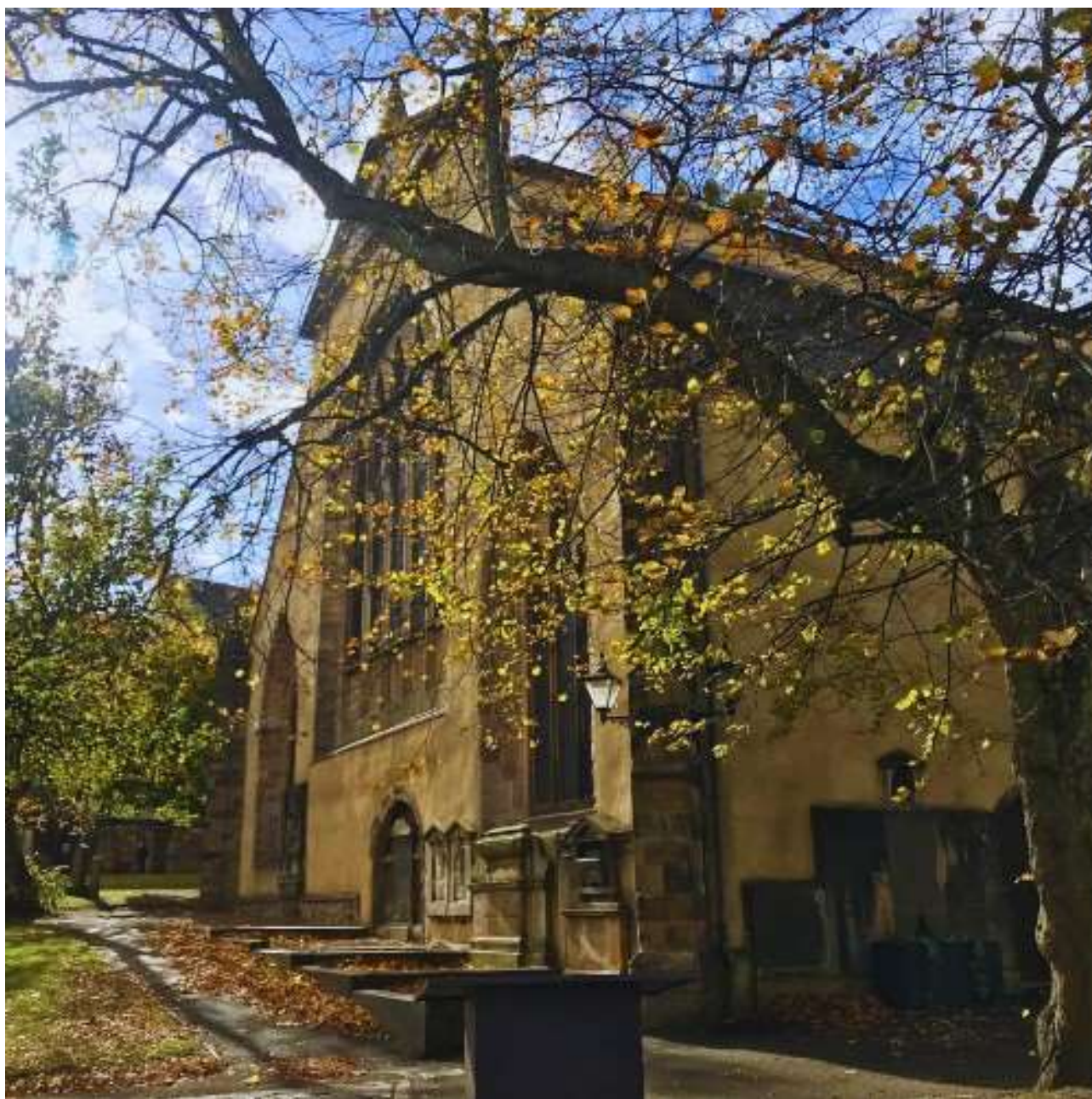


ORDER OF SERVICE - 8 JUNE 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
Dr. Caroline Cradock

Reader
Director of Music



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 8 June 2025 – 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: Prelude on 'Down Ampney'

Henry Ley
Organist: Andre Theng

Call to Worship

Leader: All the people of God,

People: Worship God our Maker.

Leader: All the world and its peoples,

People: Worship God our Redeemer.

Leader: All the earth and all living things,

People: Worship God our Deliverer.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Hymn 625: O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

Hereford

2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thine endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit and opening the way of life eternal to every race and nation. Keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Reflection — Andrew Campbell, Finance Convener

The Word of God

Psalm 104: 24 - end

(read responsively)

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom you have made them all:
the earth is full of thy riches.

**So is this great and wide sea, wherein are innumerable things creeping,
both small and great beasts.**

There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

**Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath,
they die, and return to their dust.**

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

**I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God
while I have my being.**

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

Acts 2: 1 - 21

Reader: Gillian Couper

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arab — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hymn 615: Holy Spirit, ever living
as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the Church the mind of Christ;
you we praise with endless worship
for your fruit and gifts unpriced.

Abbot's Leigh

2. Holy Spirit, ever working
through the Church's ministry;
quickening, strengthening, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in a fellowship unending,
you we worship and extol.

Timothy Rees

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

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

Sermon: 'Understandable Voices'

Anthem:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessèd unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soilèd face with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide, no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee of both to be but one,
That through the ages all along, this may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9th century, tr. John Cosin

Thomas Attwood

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe that, as at Pentecost, people can hear God and speak of God in their own tongues?

I believe that God speaks to all people in ways that they can understand.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe that God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the creator of the Universe and of humankind. I believe that he loves us and that is why he sent His Son, Our Lord, to an early Ministry and a hard death for us and our salvation. I trust him to support me throughout life providing what I need for body and soul.

Do you believe in God, the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal word made flesh who is my Saviour, fully human and fully divine. I accept that he was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

I believe that he was sent by God to reconcile the world to himself. I believe in the events of his early life. That he taught in the Temple; that he cared for all including the sick and the poor; that he taught a gospel of love for our neighbours; that he healed the sick, cured the lame, restored health to the afflicted. That he called disciples to serve him and they, like me, had human faults and failings yet were secure in His love. I believe that he faced human problems, temptations, suffering and even death on a cross for the salvation of all including me. I believe that he rose from the dead and sits at the right hand of God the Father to judge us all in mercy.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe that at Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given to the Church.

I believe that in that Spirit Jesus is ever with us renewing our minds, moving us to faith, leading us in truth, standing by us in our need and making our obedience fresh and vibrant.

Do you believe in the universal church?

I believe that Jesus Christ created a new community which is his church. That it is equipped with the Holy Spirit. It stands against all forms of evil in local society and to the ends of the earth. It guides us to responsible governance to ensure the care of all souls. It calls us to reform and always to reform. It compels us to local and world mission. It calls us to a priesthood of all believers. I believe it has a duty to all to make disciples, to care for the disadvantaged and the poor, to proclaim a gospel of love with sin forgiven and to speak to the world the truth that the world belongs to God.

Amen

The Offering

Conditor Alme

*To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, three in one,
praise, honour, might and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 640: Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.

All for Jesus

2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
keep us holy through your presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

William Brian Foley

Pastoral Prayer: Alison Elliot

***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 596: Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

Carlisle

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
direct my heart's desire,
till every earthly part of me
glows with your holy fire.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Edwin Hatch

Benediction

*Amen
at Hymn 819*

Organ: Intrada: 'Send forth your Spirit'

Christopher Tambling
Organist: Andre Theng

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events
Sunday 8 June 10:30am – Main Service	Sunday 8 June 7:30pm – Tennessee Tech University Chorale Concert
Thursday 12 June 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers	Saturday 14 June 7:30pm – The Edinburgh Singers Concert
Sunday 15 June 10:30am – Main Service 7:00pm – Refugio	Saturday 21 June 7:30pm – Classical Movements Choral Concert
Thursday 19 June 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers	

Find information on services and events on our website or by scanning the QR code.



Order of Service

You will have noticed a change in the order of service. This marks our return to using the hymn books and Bibles that are in the church, many of which are funded by legacies from former members. The hymnaries are available in two editions: the melody edition with the tunes printed, and a large print edition without the melody. Please feel free to ask for whichever suits you best.

Please return both of these items to the welcome desk at the end of the service.

Refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us after today's service for a chat over tea or coffee and biscuits, 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.

Prayer Tree prayer tags

The Prayer Tree, which sits at the back of the church (opposite the kitchen, under the organ) is very popular with our visitors. To allow new prayer requests to be displayed, this tree is regularly pruned and you will find a basket with tags at the welcome desk every Sunday. Please take some tags home after the service to make the intercessions that our visitors have requested.

Volunteers – Sunday Worship

We're looking to expand the number of volunteers who undertake essential roles in support of our weekly worship. There are various opportunities to assist and become more involved in the worship. Please use the relevant contact information below to get in touch if you can help, even if only occasionally.

Bible reading and pastoral prayers Naomi Stewart Naomistewart23@gmail.com	Welcoming team Jo Elliot sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com Bob Bradley Robertbradley152@gmail.com
Catering team Isobel Hutchings bertishutchings@btinternet.com	Tech team Peter Rae peterwhrae@btinternet.com
Midweek Prayers Shirley Bell Shirley12bell@gmail.com	Choir and music Caroline Cradock organist@greyfriarskirk.com

Volunteers - Opening church to visitors

We're also looking for friendly volunteers to join our Welcomers team.

Greyfriars Kirk welcomed over 100,000 visitors last year, a feat that wouldn't be possible without our fantastic welcomer volunteer team. As the first point of contact for visitors, our Welcomers help to enhance each visitor's experience by sharing knowledge, facilitating conversations, and assisting with purchases in the gift shop.

If you enjoy extending a warm welcome to others and have an interest in the Kirk's history, please consider helping with this important part of Greyfriars' outreach. We currently have shifts available on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Volunteers normally take on one three-hour shift per week. Whatever time you can give, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

For more information, contact our Visitor Operations Coordinator, Meg at visitorops@greyfriarskirk.com

Grassmarket Community Project

Coffee Saints is open in the Grassmarket Community Project for teas coffees, brunch or lunch. If you are looking for something to eat or drink, or to meet friends in town, why not support this part of our outreach initiative.

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

We are in the process of appointing a new locum minister. In the meantime, you are very welcome to get in touch with our ministry team for any reason — whether to hear how things are going at Greyfriars, to seek support or pastoral care, or simply to share a cup of tea and a chat. Our Church of Scotland Reader, Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC, is available to meet with you.

Please contact the office by phone on 0131 225 1900 or by email to either < minister@greyfriarskirk.com > or < contact@greyfriarskirk.com >.



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. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code that will take you to our donation page.