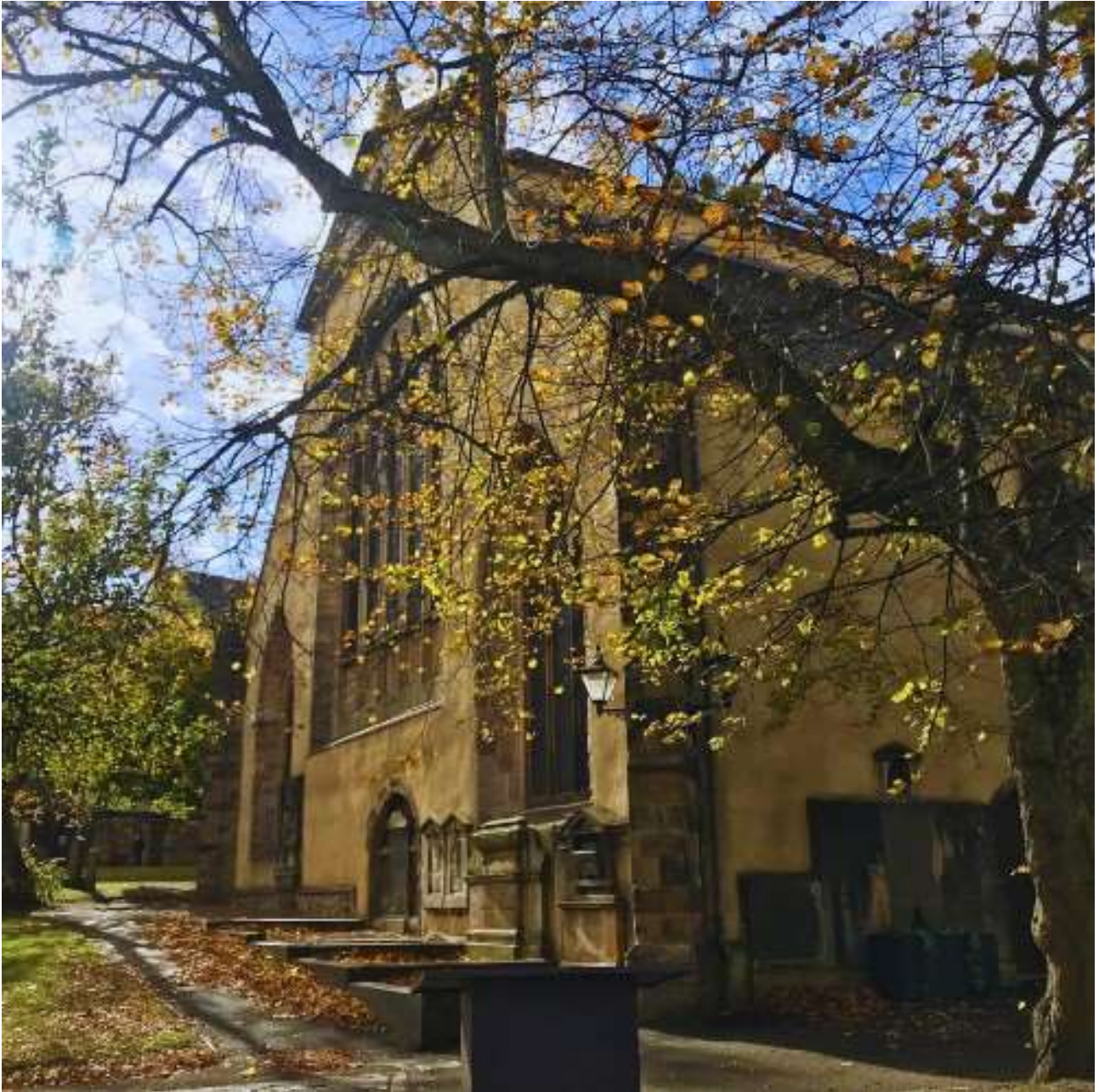


ORDER OF SERVICE - 13 JULY 2025

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 13 July 2025 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Organ: Chorale prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

Vaughan Williams

Introit: When storms will rage and the dark clouds are gathering,
when lightning flashes and thunderclaps roll,
grant me a peace in your presence abiding.
Offer your blessedness, peace for my soul.

When courage fails and new fears are attacking me,
when doubts o'erwhelm me and faith might depart,
grant me your calmness, my purpose restoring.
Offer your healing and peace for my heart.

When storms are calmed, and the winds have ceased bellowing,
when seas are tranquil and sunshine breaks through,
grant me humility to pause and be grateful,
offring true thanks in my praises to you.

When storms return, with the skies ever altering,
when waves crash o'er me, and winds tear my sail,
grant me the faith to know you will stay with me,
offring the promise your peace will prevail.

Tom Gordon

Chris Hutchings

Call to Worship

Leader: God has set this day before us,

People: a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

Leader: God has set our lives before us,

People: a span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

Leader: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

People: so that we might live fully in deep love.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 231: For the fruits of all creation

East Acklam

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

(Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you. Give us peace in your service, and in the world to come the joy of seeing you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection – My Role in Greyfriars Margaret Wallace, Catering Committee

The Word of God

Psalm 25 (OT p. 532)

Reader: Stephen Todd

Colossians 1: 1 - 14 (NT p. 214)

Hymn 627: Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Charity

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

Sermon: 'Walk or Stop'

Anthem: Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5: 8 and 4: 8

S. S. Wesley

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen. God is
searched for in fire and storm, law and grace, Creation
and nature but reveals Himself to us in Jesus Christ.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's divine revelation to us.
His life, ministry, death, and new life are attested to
in the Scriptures; flawed human documents
yet a medium for divine revelation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives us life as we encounter Jesus
in the Word – written and proclaimed – who reveals
and reconciles us to God.

We believe the Church is called to listen to the Holy Spirit, proclaim
the reconciliation revealed in Jesus Christ, and live
in the power, purpose, and promises of God. Amen

The Offering

St. Magnus

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 264: Judge Eternal, throned in splendour

Rhuddlan

Pastoral Prayer: 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 642: Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Abbot's Leigh

Benediction

Amen

at Hymn 820

Organ: Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

12:30 pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 17 July

1:10 pm - Midweek Prayers

Sunday 20 July

10:30 am – Morning Worship

12:30 pm – Gaelic Service

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday 17 July

12:00 pm – Greyfriars at 12
with Chiara Lordi

Tuesday 22 July

7:00 pm – Institution of the Revd
Juliet Stephenson as Rector
of St Columba's by the Castle.

Thursday 24 July

12:00 pm – Summer Organ Series:
David Hardie,
Birmingham Cathedral



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 the 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.

Car Parking

We have been in discussions with the Council about car parking within the Kirkyard. The Council's main concern is for the safety of the increasing number of visitors in the Kirkyard. We have agreed to keep the gate half closed except when vehicles are entering or leaving. There will be someone at the gate between 10:10 and 10:25 on Sunday mornings to allow access for those who need to park due either to their involvement in the service and its related activities or to limitations in mobility. After the service the Beadle will have a key to let you out, but we would ask for patience as the system beds in.

Kirk closure

Next week, the Kirk will be closed to visitors Monday-Wednesday and Thursday morning for organ tuning. We will re-open for the Greyfriars @ 12 concert, followed by Midweek Prayers, and then return to normal opening hours.

Sea Sunday

This Sunday is Sea Sunday, which is set aside in the church calendar as space for congregations to pray for our seafarers, the men and women who bring us more than 90 per cent of everything we own and use, and to give thanks for their crucial work. The Sea Sunday 2025 theme, 'Being there when a storm hits', reflects on 10 years of Sailors' Society's Crisis Response Network. Further details can be found at <https://sailors-society.org/support-us/sea-sunday/>

Our Ecumenical Partners

This year we are invited to share together in a pilgrimage with our ecumenical partners (Augustine United and St Columba's by the Castle) to St Andrews, to hear stories of Hope and Change.

A coach will leave from outside AUC at 10.00 am on Sunday 24 August. We will travel to All Saints Church in St Andrews, where we have booked a small hall and where we will be holding our closing communion service at 2.00 pm.

Those who wish to stay at the church or wander around the Cathedral are welcome to do so. For those who are able and interested there will be a guided walking pilgrimage (of about 3 miles) around St Andrews with stories of Hope and Change.

At 2 pm we would invite everyone who wishes to gather back at All Saints for a shared service.

At 2.30 to 2.45 pm the bus will depart from near All Saints to take us back to AUC, Edinburgh for around 4.30 pm.

Please bring a packed lunch and suitable clothing.

Registration: to register to come on the Pilgrimage, please fill out [this form](#). It will not only register you for transport but will provide us with emergency contact details, so we ask that everyone coming fills it out - even if you're making your own way to St Andrews. Registration closes at midnight on Wednesday 20 August 2025.

The cost of transport is £20 per head (£10 concession + under 16's free). 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 St Andrews (should the bus get filled) and how many additional seats you could offer.

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.

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 Nigel Robb nigel.d.robb@ntlworld.com	Welcoming team Jo Elliot sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com Nigel Robb nigel.d.robb@ntlworld.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 tea, coffee, 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?

Charteris Community Coffee Mornings

The regular fortnightly coffee mornings are running – the next is on Thursday 24 July, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am.

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 Kirk office by phone on 0131 225 1900 or by email to contact@greyfriarskirk.com.



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