

ORDER OF SERVICE - 20 JULY 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 20 July 2025 – Sixth 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: Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott BWV721

J. S. Bach

Introit: A Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you;
deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you;
deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you;
moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you;
deep peace of Christ to you.

John Rutter

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are weary from the busyness of life.

People: We come, longing for rest and renewal.

Leader: Come, all who are distracted by many worries and tasks.

People: We come, seeking the one thing that is needed.

Leader: Jesus calls us to sit at his feet and listen.

People: We choose the good portion that will not be taken away.

Leader: In this place, we set aside our anxious thoughts.

People: In this moment, we focus our hearts on Christ.

Leader: Here we find welcome, as Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus.

People: Here we find the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with hearts and minds
attentive to his voice.

People: Let us worship the Lord, who teaches us
what truly matters.

Amen

Hymn 132: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

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, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Isobel Hutchings, Flower Team

The Word of God

Psalm 133 (OT p. 603)

Reader: Rebecca Grant

Mark 3: 7 - 35 (NT p. 39)

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

Hymn 625: O thou who camest from above

Hereford

Sermon: "Who is my sister, my brother?"

Gillian Couper

Anthem:

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

attr. St. Bernard of Clairvaux,

tr. Edward Caswall

Edward Bairstow

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation,
in our lives, and in all people.

We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry,
his death and resurrection, and his granting to us
of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well.

We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love
we participate in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving God
by loving our sisters and brothers, through our prayers,
our presence, our gifts and our service.

Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. We thank God, and ask
God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ
and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. 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 166: Lord of all hopefulness

Slane, at Hymn 500

Pastoral Prayer: Rosemary Scott

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 458: At the name of Jesus

Camberwell

Benediction

Amen
at Hymn 819

Organ: Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

We welcome as our Guest Preacher one of our own Elders, Gillian Couper, who holds degrees in Commerce, Law and Divinity, and is a Candidate for the Ministry of the Church of Scotland.

Later today, at the 2.30 pm service, we will welcome Dr Paul Kerry, Historian at the University of Oxford, and the twenty-four students from the University of Oxford who accompany him. They will be informed that the University of Edinburgh was the first University to be built in Britain after the Reformation. It was decided by the Founders that there would be no University Chapel, but that worship would be in the Parish Church, Greyfriars. Formally, that remains the situation, although there is now a University Chaplaincy.

All members of the congregation are most welcome to attend, and to draw this service to the attention of others who might wish to join us.

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events
Today 12:30 pm – Gaelic Service 2.30 pm – Service for students from Oxford University	Tuesday 22 July 7:00 pm – Institution of the Revd Juliet Stephenson as Rector of St Columba's by the Castle.
Thursday 24 July 1:10 pm - Midweek Prayers	Thursday 24 July 12:00 pm – Summer Organ Series: David Hardie, Birmingham Cathedral
Sunday 27 July 10:30 am –Morning Service, with members of St Cuthbert's 12:30 pm – Gaelic Service	Saturday 27 July 2:00 pm – Streatham Choral Concert
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

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.

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.

Summer Organ Series

This Thursday, 24 July, we have the first in a series of five organ recitals in the Greyfriars Summer Organ Series. This is a collaboration between the Chibbett Trust and Greyfriars@12.

The full programme is:

24 July – David Hardie, Birmingham Cathedral

31 July – Chris Nickol, New Kilpatrick Church, Glasgow

7 August – Tom Wilkinson, St Mary's RC Cathedral, Edinburgh

14 August – Caroline Cradock, Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh

21 August – Adrian Partington, Gloucester Cathedral

Please come along to as many of the recitals as you can to hear our wonderful organ being played by some extremely talented musicians from across the UK, and support our Musical Director, Dr Caroline Cradock, who has put together this fantastic programme.

Admission is free, but donations to help us make live music accessible to all are appreciated.

There are flyers at the door for you to take and give to friends and neighbours who might be interested in attending.

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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 this 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?

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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