

ORDER OF SERVICE - 27 JULY 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK

ST CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Stewart Lamont
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
Dr. Caroline Cradock

Preacher and Celebrant
Reader
Director of Music



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 27 July 2025 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Organ: Thema mit Variationem in D

Felix Mendelssohn

Introit:

O Lord, my God, to thee do I lift up my soul. O Lord, in thee, in thee have I trusted. Let me not be ashamed, let not my foes triumph over me. O lead me in a plain path; cast me not off, neither forsake me. Teach me thy way, Lord, lead me in a plain path. O hide not thy face far from me. Lord God, hide not thy face far from me. Amen.

from Psalms 25 and 27

Jacques Arcadelt

Call to Worship

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your Word.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to receive your Sacrifice.

Leader: Open our arms

People: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our understanding

People: to be in communion with you.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Welcome and Introduction

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration and Confession

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection

Helene van der Ploeg – The Grassmarket Community Project

Hymn 268: O God of Bethel

Martyrdom, at Hymn 32

The Word of God

Proverbs 9: 1 – 10 (OT p. 620)

Reader: Stephanie Rae, Greyfriars

Luke 11: 1–13 (NT p. 77)

Reader: James McLean, St. Cuthbert's

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

Hymn 545: Lord, teach us how to pray aright

Edgbaston

Sermon: 'Seven Pillars of Wisdom'

Rev. Stewart Lamont

Anthem:

O Lord my God, hear thou the prayer thy servant prayeth. Have thou respect unto his prayer. Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

1 Kings 8: 28, 30

S. S. Wesley

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.

We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring.

We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way.

We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will. We affirm that every member of the Church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died.

And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. 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

During communion, we offer a choice of drinking from a common cup (fermented wine) or from thimbles (pale non-alcoholic or dark fermented wine); the bread is gluten free.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks
and praise.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Hymn 483: Father of heaven, whose love profound

Rivaulx

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Praeludium

Francis Jackson

The Peace

Pastoral Prayer: Alison Noble

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 473: 'Thy kingdom come!' — on bended knee

Irish

Benediction

Amen

at Hymn 821

Organ: Praeludium

Josef Rheinberger

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

12:30 pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 31 July

1:10pm – Midweek prayers

Sunday 3 August

10:30am – Morning Worship

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Today

2:00 pm – Streatham Choral
Concert

Thursday 31 July

12:00pm– Summer Organ Series,
Chris Nickol

Friday 1 August &

Saturday 2 August- Hong Kong
Market

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.

Edinburgh Festival exhibit based on the life of King David

Having its world premiere at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, The Shepherd & The Sound: Immersive Gallery Encounter has invited congregations around Edinburgh to attend their event at this year's festival.

As per the event description: Immerse yourself in a contemplative, cinematic encounter set in the rugged beauty of northern Scotland. Slow down, breathe and wander through eight sensory stations – a modern-day pilgrimage inspired by one of the ancient world's greatest kings, David. Told through film, poetry and spiritual practice, this exhibition invites the exploration of a series of very human challenges, including family dynamics, loss and a search for the sound of the Eternal. Each interactive station is an opportunity to feed the soul.

This is a free, non-ticketed event being held at The Cornerstone at St John's, Main Hall on the 15th and 16th of August. You can find more information at <https://www.edfringe.com/tickets/whats-on/the-shepherd-the-sound-immersive-gallery-encounter>

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.

Summer Organ Series

This Thursday, we have the second 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, remaining programme is:

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.

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?

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

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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