

ORDER OF SERVICE – 17 AUGUST 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 17 August 2025 – Tenth 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: Basse de Cromorne and Flûtes

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Introit: When you go home, tell them of us, and say:
"For your tomorrow, we gave our today."

Kohima Epitaph

Chris Hutchings

Call to Worship

Leader: Heaviness may endure for a night,

People: but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: God has been our refuge and our strength,

People: a present help in time of trouble.

Leader: We come in a spirit of remembrance
to remember the reality of war.

People: We come appreciating the cost of war to all participants.

Leader: We therefore do not come to glorify war,

People: but to rejoice in peace and give thanks
for those who made that our inheritance.

Leader: We put aside the conflicts of the world
that we may know the peace of Christ.

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 159: Lord, for the years

Lord of the years

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prayers of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

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

Collect for the Day: *O Lord our God, as we remember, teach us the ways of peace. As we treasure memories, teach us to hope. As we give thanks for the sacrifices of the past, help us to make your future in this world, until your kingdom come. Amen*

Reflection – My Father in Burma

Professor Nigel Robb

An Act of Remembrance

(if able, please be upstanding)

Leader: They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

People: We will remember them.

The Kohima Epitaph

Prof. Nigel Robb

The Last Post One Minute's Silence The Reveille

Leader: In memory of those who died, may we be better men and women, and in gratitude to God may we live as those who are not their own but who are bought with a price. Amen

The Word of God

Micah 4: 1 – 4 (OT p. 898)

Reader: Kenneth Ballantine

2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21 (NT p. 194)

Hymn 438: The Head that once was crowned with thorns

St Magnus

Luke 15: 18 - 24 (NT p. 84)

Reader: Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

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

Sermon: 'The New Creation has come'

Anthem: Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum,

et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

(Where there is caring and love, God is there.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be glad in him.

Let us fear the living God, and love him,

and love one another with a sincere heart.)

Anon, 9th c

Maurice Duruflé

An Act of Commitment

Leader: Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

People: Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen

The Offering

Old 124th, at H. 818

Praise ye the Lord, ye servants of the Lord;
praise ye his name, his lordly honour sing:
thee we adore; to thee glad homage bring;
thee we acknowledge; God to be adored
for thy great glory, Sovereign, Lord, and King.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 286: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord Woodlands

Pastoral Prayer: Nigel Robb

***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 167: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

Benediction

*Amen
at H. 819*

The National Anthem

at H. 703

God save our gracious King, long live our noble King; God save the King!
Send him victorious, happy and glorious,
long to reign over us: God save the King!

Not on this land alone, but be God's mercies known from shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see that all should kindred be,
and form one family the wide world o'er.

Organ: Caprice sur les grands jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 19 August

1:10pm – Midweek prayers

Sunday 24 August

10:30am – Morning Worship

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 19 August

12:00pm – Promenade Concert

Wednesday 20 August

12:00pm – Promenade Concert

Thursday 21 August

12:00pm – Summer Organ Series:
Adrian Partington

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

There will be someone at the gate between 10:10 and 10:25 am 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.

Congregation

We are sorry to announce the sad passing of Pamela Currie, who was a longstanding member of the congregation. Pamela was predeceased by her husband Alex, also a member of the congregation, who was the Secretary of the University of Edinburgh in the 1990s and who died in 2014. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving in Marchmont St Giles Church on 22nd August at 12:30, which members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

The Church Hymnary – Third Edition

We have a large collection of copies of The Church Hymnary – Third Edition, which have been stored on shelves since we started using the fourth edition some years ago. If anyone would like a copy, they will be available at the back of the church, under the organ, after the service. We shall be retaining some copies but have more than we need. It seems appropriate that we offer these where they can be used, rather than sitting on shelves.

Safeguarding

Your Church of Scotland Safeguarding Officer is Alison Noble. You can contact Alison in person, via the church office, or by email: safeguarding@greyfriarskirk.com. There are posters displayed in the Kirk office and in the kitchen with more information.

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?

Summer Organ Series

This Thursday, we have the last performance in our Greyfriars Summer Organ Series. This is a collaboration between The Chibbett Trust and Greyfriars@12. This week the recital is given by Adrian Partington, Organist at Gloucester Cathedral. It will be a wonderful end to the 2025 series.

We hope you have enjoyed this year's series and can make it along to this final recital. 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.

Stewarding at Concerts in Greyfriars

You will be aware that we are hosting a large number of events at the Fringe Festival. We have a few opportunities for people to steward at concerts. It is a chance to help the church but also to be able to hear the concert for free. There are concerts throughout the year, where additional volunteer stewards would be welcome.

For further information please contact Mark Harrison via email at outreach@greyfriarskirk.com, or by phone on 0131 225 1900 at the Church.

Edinburgh Fringe Festival

We're welcoming an array of talented performers to the Kirk for this year's Fringe Festival. Events are well underway, and you can find the full programme of events on our display screens in the foyer, as well as on A5 flyers at the Welcomer Desk.

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 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 Stephanie Rae stephanierae@btinternet.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 Gillian Couper Gcouper@churchofscotland.org.uk	Choir and music Caroline Cradock organist@greyfriarskirk.com
Flower team Mary Macpherson marybmacpherson@outlook.com or Clem Bradley clementinabradley@gmail.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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