

ORDER OF SERVICE – 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 14 September 2025 – Fourteenth 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: Fantasia of four parts

Orlando Gibbons

Introit:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand
to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord.

Collect for the third Sunday after Epiphany

Orlando Gibbons

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today as a community of faith, called
to worship the God who created us and sustains us.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive
God's word and grace.

Leader: Let us remember the promise of life and prosperity that God
offers to those who choose the way of love and obedience.

People: We choose to follow God's path, trusting in His faithfulness.

Leader: As we worship, may our voices rise in praise,
and our lives reflect God's love in the world.

People: Together, we worship in spirit and truth,
rejoicing in the goodness of our God.

Hymn 201: Worship the Lord

Was Lebet, Was Schwebet
at H. 327

**Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk, and welcome to
the Reverend Calum M. Macdougall BD, Locum Minister**

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

led by Rev. Macdougall

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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

Nigel Robb – Deputy Session Clerk

Hymn 462: The King of love my Shepherd is

Dominus Regit me

The Word of God

Jeremiah 4: 11 - 28 (OT p. 729)

Reader: Rus Loten

1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17 (NT p. 223)

Hymn 553: Just as I am

Saffron Walden

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

Sermon: 'Even The Taxman'

Anthem:

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk
in an upright heart before thee this day and evermore. Amen.

Lidley's Prayers, 1566

Richard Farrant

Affirmation of Faith

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

The Offering

Old 100th, at H. 807

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People: Carol Stewart

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 399: My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

Benediction

Amen
at H. 819

Organ: Double voluntary

John Hingeston

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

12.30 pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 18 September

1:10 pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 21 September

10:30 am – Morning Worship
with Holy Baptism

12:30 pm – Gaelic Service

7.00 pm – **Refugio** – Holy
Communion with
silence and symbol.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 25 September

11:00am – Philip Paris: Book
Launch Event

Saturday 27 September

9:30am – The Sixteen Choral
Workshop

3:00pm – The Sixteen Concert

Sunday 28 September

2:00-5:00pm – Doors Open Day

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.

Congregation

We are sad to share the news that our friend and loyal Greyfriars member Melvyn Noble has died after a spell in hospital and then in a care home these last few months. His funeral will be in the Kirk, led by Gillian Couper; details to follow.

Locum Minister

We are delighted to share the news that the Rev. Calum Macdougall has agreed to become our Locum Minister with immediate effect. Calum retired in 2020 from his last parish, Eddleston with Peebles Old, and before that he was at St James Portobello. Over the coming weeks we have scheduled some visiting preachers, but if not preaching Calum will be worshipping with us on Sundays. Until we have him set up with a Greyfriars email he will be available to respond to pastoral matters via a call to the office on 0131 225 1900.

Deputy Session Clerk

We are delighted that our newest Elder, Nigel Robb, has agreed to take on the new role of Deputy Session Clerk, in support of the Session Clerk. Nigel will continue to be the main point of contact in arranging the various teams of our members that kindly keep our church life running smoothly week by week: Sunday welcomers, leaders of prayers, readers, tech team, pastoral visiting team. You can contact him at deputysessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com to register your interest in joining any of these teams.

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, please contact Deborah in the Kirk office: communications@greyfriarskirk.com

Car Parking

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.

Participate in Doors Open Day

This year, we will be participating in Edinburgh's Doors Open Day on Sunday 28 September, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

We will be opening our doors to visitors on Sunday afternoon to give them the opportunity to hear our wonderful Peter Collins Organ, undertake tours with our volunteers, enjoy a hot beverage, as well as a craft table!

Friends of the Kirkyard will also be offering tours of the Kirkyard, including access to the Covenanter Prison throughout the entire weekend, 10 am to 4 pm.

We hope to see you there and if you would like to get involved with the day's activities, please get in touch with Mark and Deborah in the Kirk office at communications@greyfriarskirk.com

Our Ecumenical Partners

Sing for Unity with AUC

Rev. Fiona E Bennett from Augustine United has sent the following invitation to mark the UN International Day of Peace:

On Sun 21st Sep we are marking the UN International Day for Peace by joining in the [Sing for Unity](#) movement. This movement is inviting peace across the world to sing together on Sep 21st and to end singing Louis Armstrong's 'What a wonderful world'.

Led by choir coach Rachel Moir and accompanied by Phil Thornton, we will sing a variety of songs from The Beatles to South African songs for justice. No singing experience is required. For more information, contact Rev Fiona Bennett: minister@augustine.org.uk

Sunday 21st Sept 2.00 to 3.30pm at Augustine United Church, 41-43 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL.

Carbon Literacy Course at AUC

The course is for people who want to understand the climate emergency and to learn what they can do to tackle it. The course will take place after church on three consecutive Sundays: 2nd, 16th and 23rd Nov 2025 from 12.45 to 3.15pm and will cover the science of climate change and issues of climate justice; how the wider community and local area will be impacted: the significant changes we will all need to adapt to as Scotland moves to a low carbon future; practical actions you can take to reduce emissions and how to communicate about climate change.

The course is offered by SCCAN (Scottish Communities Climate Action Network) and is accredited by the [Carbon Literacy Project](#) which means that participants can gain an official Carbon Literate Certificate on completion of the course.

For more information and to register your interest please email Katrina at katrina.tweedie@augustine.org.uk

Edinburgh Churches in Solidarity with New Scots

We have received the following invitation from Edinburgh City Mission:

Anti-migrant protests and rumours of protest are hurting communities in the UK (including Scotland). Join us on Wednesday 17th September to learn more about the current situation in Edinburgh and to brainstorm together how we, as followers of Jesus, would want to respond in love and compassion to the unrest, and how we could show solidarity and welcome in our city.

We will be sharing ideas, concerns, and wisdom, as well as praying together for justice for people seeking sanctuary in the UK and for peace in our communities.

Please share this invitation with people in your churches who might be interested.

Invitation from CrossReach

CrossReach are bringing friends, supporters, local Churches and some partner organisations together to allow an opportunity to gather and get to know CrossReach a little better. They plan to share an update as to what CrossReach is planning across the next 5 years and hopefully be able to have a nice time over teas and coffees; finding ways to collaborate with and support one another.

If you would like to attend, please head to GCP on Tuesday 7th October at 4:30pm for the hour-long session. Deborah from the Kirk Office will be in attendance, so do get in touch with her if you plan on 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?

Charteris coffee mornings

The regular fortnightly coffee mornings have resumed – the next is on Thursday 18 September, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am

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.

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 deputysessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.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 Clem Bradley clementinabradley@gmail.com	Pastoral care visiting team Nigel Robb nigel.d.robb@ntlworld.com

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

Until we have our new Locum Minister, the Rev. Calum Macdougall, set up with a Greyfriars email he will be available to respond to pastoral matters via a call to the office on 0131 225 1900.

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.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would like to join the Pastoral Care Visiting Team and offer to visit those who cannot attend Church.

Please contact the Kirk office to arrange a meeting with a member of the Ministry team.

Phone: 0131 225 1900

Email: contact@greyfriarskirk.com.



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