

ORDER OF SERVICE – 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO
WORSHIP

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Today's Preacher
Reader
Director of Music



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 21 September 2025 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Organ: Chanson de Matin

Edward Elgar

Introit: Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.
(*Blessed are they whose way is undefiled,
who walk in the law of the Lord.*)

Psalm 119: 1

C. Villiers Stanford

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 73 (*Psalm 113*) : Bless the Lord, O saints and servants

Austrian Hymn, at H. 738

Prayer

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

(at H. 648)

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and made us in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 631, vv. 1 – 3: A little child the Saviour came Commandments

The Baptism of Charlie Pryde

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face
to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord
lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Hymn 631, vv. 4 – 5: O give thine angels charge, good Lord

The Word of God

Amos 8: 4 – 7 (Good News Bible)

Reader: Josie Williams

Listen to this, you that trample on the needy and try to destroy the poor of the country. You say to yourselves, "We can hardly wait for the holy days to be over so that we can sell our corn. When will the Sabbath end, so that we can start selling again? Then we can overcharge, use false measures, and tamper with the scales to cheat our customers. We can sell worthless wheat at a high price. We'll find a poor person who can't pay his debts, not even the price of a pair of sandals, and we'll buy him as a slave." The Lord, the God of Israel, has sworn, "I will never forget their evil deeds."

1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgivings be offered to God for all people; for kings and all others who are in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence towards God and with proper conduct. This is good and it pleases God our Saviour, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to know the truth. For there is one God, and there is one who brings God and human beings together, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself to redeem everyone. That was the proof at the right time that God wants everyone to be saved, and that is why I was sent as an apostle and teacher of the Gentiles, to proclaim the message of faith and truth. I am not lying; I am telling the truth!

The Shrewd Manager

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a rich man who had a servant who managed his property. The rich man was told that the manager was wasting his master's money, so he called him in and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Hand in a complete account of your handling of my property, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' The servant said to himself, 'My master is going to dismiss me from my job. What shall I do? I am not strong enough to dig ditches, and I am ashamed to beg. Now I know what I will do! Then when my job is gone, I shall have friends who will welcome me in their homes.' So he called in all the people who were in debt to his master. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?' '100 barrels of olive oil,' he answered. 'Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'sit down and write fifty.' Then he asked another one, 'And you — how much do you owe?' 'A thousand sacks of wheat,' he answered. 'Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'write 800.' As a result the master of this dishonest manager praised him for doing such a shrewd thing; because the people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light." And Jesus went on to say, "And so I tell you: make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home. Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what belongs to you? No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a servant will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

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

Sermon

Prayer

Anthem:

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came; they, with one united breath,
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God, they reached their promised rest.

Isaac Watts

Ernest Bullock

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Offering

Tallis's Canon, *at H. 808*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise God, the Trinity of love,
before, beneath, around, above.

Offertory Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Rev. Wendy Drake

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 122: Let all the world in every corner sing

Luckington

Benediction

Amen
at H. 820

Organ: Introduction and fugato

Herbert Brewer

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events
Today 12.30 pm – Gaelic Service 7:00pm - Refugio	Thursday 25 September 11:00am – Philip Paris: Book Launch Event
Thursday 25 September 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers	Saturday 27 September 9:30am – The Sixteen Choral Workshop 3:00pm – The Sixteen Concert
Sunday 28 September 10:30am – TLC service with St Cuthberts 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Sunday 28 September 2:00-5:00pm – Doors Open Day
Sunday 05 October 10:30 – Harvest Thanksgiving	Sunday 05 October 3:00pm – Pet Blessing

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



Rev. Wendy Drake

Rev Wendy Drake was Ordained and Inducted to St Martin's, Edinburgh (at the back of Portobello) in the late 1970s, she was one of the first female parish ministers in the Church of Scotland. In the early 1990s, Wendy moved out to Lothian Presbytery to become minister of the Linked charge of Cockpen and Carrington linked with Lasswade linked with Rosewell. In 2004 Wendy had a brain haemorrhage and in 2007 took early retirement. After experimental surgery courtesy of the NHS, Wendy is still here today and is very happy to be with you to conduct worship.

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 Greyfriars member and former flower committee member, May Linton, has died. Funeral details to follow.

The funeral service for Melvyn Noble will take place on Friday 3rd October, 11.30am at Mortonhall Crematorium in the Pentland Chapel.

Locum Minister

We are delighted to share the news that 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. You can contact Calum by email MMacdougall@churchofscotland.org.uk or arrange to meet with him by phoning the Kirk office on 0131 225 1900.

Harvest Service of Thanksgiving

This year's Harvest Service is taking place on Sunday 5 October. We will be collecting donations for the St Columba's foodbank.

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.

Free Food Giveaway

One of our volunteer welcomers, Caitlin, is holding a free food giveaway in the Kirk on Tuesday 23 September from 5-6pm. Caitlin collects surplus food from local supermarkets and runs the giveaway for anyone in the local community. This initiative is to stop food close to its 'best before' date going to waste.

We're pleased to be able to support Caitlin and she is keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to volunteer and help welcome people into the Kirk for the giveaway. Additionally, if you have any leftover food to donate on the day including tinned and canned foods, pasta and rice, instant noodles, cooking ingredients etc. this is more than welcome.

Please get in touch with the kirk office if you are interested in participating communications@greyfriarskirk.com

Participate in Doors Open Day

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

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, 10am-4pm.

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.

Today, 2-3.30pm, 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 12.45-3.15pm 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 katrina.tweedie@augustine.org.uk

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 7 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: communications@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 coffee mornings

The regular fortnightly coffee mornings have resumed – the next is on Thursday 02 October, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am

Volunteers – Kirk weekday welcomers

We're looking for friendly volunteers to join our Welcomers team, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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 get in touch with Meg in the Kirk office: visitorops@greyfriarskirk.com

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 deputysessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com

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.

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

You can contact our new Locum Minister, Calum Macdougall, to discuss pastoral matters with him either by email: MMacdougall@churchofscotland.org.uk or arrange to meet with him by calling the Kirk 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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