

ORDER OF SERVICE – 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS
KIRK

ST. CUTHBERT'S
PARISH CHURCH

ST. COLUMBA'S
BY THE CASTLE

AUGUSTINE
UNITED

SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Sunday 28 September 2025 – Sixteenth 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:

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man,
and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Book of Common Prayer

Christopher Tye

Call to Worship

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC,
Greyfriars Kirk

Leader: We come from various places and traditions

People: but we have much more in common than separates us.

Leader: We come to worship God the Father who created us
and sent his Son into the world.

People: At this time we reflect on Creation and on God's mercy
and steadfastness.

Leader: We are united in our love for our Saviour Jesus Christ;

People: for his life and witness, death and resurrection.

Leader: We are sustained by the constant presence
of the Holy Spirit

People: which gives us the ability of immediate
direct connection in prayer.

Leader: So let us gather our thoughts
so that at this time we may listen;

People: listen to God speaking through praise, prayer,
scripture, sermon and the sacrament.

Leader: **So** let us worship God together in humility and joy.

Hymn 706: For the healing of the nations

Triumph

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

Rev. Suzie Strang, St. Cuthbert's

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

(at H. 648)

Collect for the Day:

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Word of God

Psalm 46 (OT p. 547)

Reader: Christine Stevenson,
St. Cuthbert's Parish Church

1 Timothy 6: 6 – 19 (NT p. 226)

by a Reader from
St. Columba's by the Castle

Hymn 540: I heard the voice of Jesus say

Kingsfold, *at H. 291*

Luke 16: 19 – 31 (NT p. 85)

Reader: Katrina Tweedie,
Augustine United

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

Sermon: 'Wandering from the Faith'

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Anthem:

In paradisum deducant angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem. Chorus angelorum te
suscipiat, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere, aeternam habeas requiem.

*(May the angels lead you into paradise: may the martyrs receive you as
you arrive, and bring you into the holy city of Jerusalem. May the choir
of angels receive you, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may you have
eternal rest.)*

Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

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

Hymn 497: Almighty Father of all things that be

Chilton Foliat

Holy Communion

Celebrants:

The Rev. Fiona Bennett, Minister, Augustine United

The Reverend Juliet Stephenson, Rector of St. Columba's by the Castle

It should be noted that the bread used is gluten free. The Common Cup
contains alcoholic wine. The trays will contain non alcoholic wine.

Introduction

Statement of Faith

We believe in God above us; maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of all that lives and breathes.

We believe in God beside us; Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured
and nailed to a tree. Man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the Earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended to Heaven to be everywhere present,
and his Kingdom will come on Earth.

We believe in God within us; Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church, spirit of healing
and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life.

Amen

Invitation and Thanksgiving

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are filled with 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. Hosanna in the highest. *(at H. 651)*

Consecration

One: And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upstairs room,

All: send down your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and
wine, that the story of hope – of death and rising, of new life and
the fruit of the Kingdom – may continue on, in us and through us.

The Peace is shared

Invitation and Distribution

Music for Reflection:

Méditation (Communion), from Suite médiévale

Jean Langlais

(over)

Closing Responses

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to share in God's story of hope.

All: And so we offer ourselves to its telling. Breathe your life through ours that the story may continue on, in us and through us, until the world is remade. Amen.

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 124: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Benediction

Amen
at H. 821

Organ: Allegro maestoso e vivace e Fuga
from Sonata no.2 in C minor

Felix Mendelssohn

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

12.30 pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 02 October

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 05 October

09:15am – Early Communion

10:30pm – Harvest

Thanksgiving

12:30 – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Sunday 28 September

2:00-5:00pm – Doors Open Day

Thursday 02 October

12:00pm – Greyfriars @ 12
Concert

Sunday 05 October

3:00pm – Pet Blessing

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 Greyfriars member and former flower committee member, May Linton, has died. Her funeral service will take place on 14 October, 11am here at Greyfriars Kirk.

The funeral service for Melvyn Noble will take place on Friday 3 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.

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

Today, we will be opening our doors from 2pm to 5pm to visitors, 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 Covenanters' Prison throughout the entire weekend, 10am-4pm.

We hope to see you there!

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

Preserving the history of our church

During a recent tidy up, we have found several boxes of papers in the gallery under the West Window. These include past orders of services, project plans and other documents that should be preserved as part of the history of our church.

If there is anyone with experience of archiving material in the congregation who would be willing to volunteer to help with this project, please contact Nigel Robb: deputysessionsclerk@greyfriarskirk.com or Mark Harrison: outreach@greyfriarskirk.com.

Our Ecumenical Partners

Augustine United: upcoming events

Doors Open Day	Sun 28 th Sept	2-4pm	AUC
Coffee Social: Come OUT with Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Sun 28 th Sept	1:30 – 3pm	Coffee Saints Little King St, Edinburgh EH1 3AR (Opposite the side entrance of John Lewis)
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 1 st Oct	7.30pm	Online
Contextual Bible Study	Thurs 2 nd Oct	12 noon	Online
Our Tribe Online	Thurs 2 nd Oct	7.30pm	Online
Sunday Worship	Sun 5 th Oct	11am	AUC & Online
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 5 th Oct	12 noon	Online
Remembering Space	Sun 5 th Oct	1pm	AUC (Sanctuary)
Neurodivergent Affirming Space (NDAS)	Sun 5 th Oct	12.30-3pm	AUC (Studio)
Zoom ID for worship: 84317815003 Zoom ID for all social events: 3140057633 Password: 1861AUC Zoom Telephone number: 0131 4601196			

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?

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

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

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 deputysessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com

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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