

ORDER OF SERVICE – 5 OCTOBER 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Prof. William Storrar
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
Dr. Caroline Cradock

Guest Preacher
Reader
Director of Music



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 5 October 2025 – Seventeenth 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 >.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Organ: Prelude on 'East Acklam'

Francis Jackson

Introit: O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me
in thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, and
patience, in all my adversities. Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

attr. Orlando Gibbons

Henry Loosemore

Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.

People: You are clothed with honour and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

Leader: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for
people to cultivate, bringing forth food from the earth,

People: Wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face
shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

Leader: So let us worship God our Creator in thanksgiving
for the harvest that sustains life.

Hymn 233: Come, you thankful people, come St. George's Windsor

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. at H. 776
(Lord, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labour to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Reflection – My Role in Greyfriars

Bob Walker: the Study Service

Hymn 231: For the fruits of all creation East Acklam

The Word of God

Lamentations 3: 19 - 26 (OT p. 794) Reader: Anne Bradbury

2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14 (NT p. 227)

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

Hymn 240: God in such love for us lent us this planet Epiphany

Luke 17: 5 - 10 (NT p. 85) Reader: Rev. Prof. William Storrar

Sermon

Anthem: Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it;
and crownest the year with thy goodness.

Psalm 65: 9, 11

Maurice Greene

Statement of Faith

In this Harvest Season, as we gather in gratitude
to rejoice at the wonders of the Earth,

*we testify with the Psalmist to God's glory, wrapped
in light.*

As we join with one another to restore the land,
to refresh the air,

*we trust in God the Son who became
one of us to save our plundered planet.*

As we rededicate our lives to feeding the hungry,
to providing for future generations,

*we turn to God the Spirit
who breathes life into our failing efforts.*

In this Harvest Season,

*we affirm the mystery of God's loving purpose for
the healing of the Earth, made known to us in Jesus
Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

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 Thanksgiving and Intercession: Catherine Alexander

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 147: All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Benediction

Amen
at H. 820

Organ: Dialogue no.1

Peter Hurford

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

12.30 pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 09 October

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 12 October

10:30pm – Sunday Service

12:30 – Gaelic Service

Upcoming Events

Today

3:00pm – Pet Blessing

Tuesday 09 October

12:00pm – Greyfriars @ 12
concert

Sunday 12 October

6:30pm – Caileachs Herbarium
concert

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



Today's Guest Preacher

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Prof. William Storrar. After parish ministry, he taught practical theology at Aberdeen and Glasgow Universities before appointment to the Chair of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology at New College. He and his wife Joanna were formerly members of Kirk o' Field Church before moving to the United States in 2005. Professor Storrar recently retired as Director Emeritus of the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, New Jersey. Will and Joanna are delighted to be back worshipping at Greyfriars.

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.

Locum Minister

We are delighted to share the news that Rev Calum Macdougall has agreed to become our Locum Minister with immediate effect. Calum will be taking the service and preaching for the first time next week. 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.

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.

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.

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

Our Ecumenical Partners

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

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 16 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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