

ORDER OF SERVICE – 16 NOVEMBER 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

Today's Preacher
Locum Minister
Reader
Director of Music



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 16 November 2025 – Twenty-third 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: Lento from Set 2, no.3

C.V. Stanford

Introit: Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God:
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for
his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

John Keble

H. Walford Davies

Call to Worship

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done
marvellous things.

People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Hymn 202: Stand up and bless the Lord

Carlisle

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Supplication

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

at H. 648

Collect for the Day:

*Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us
to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

Reflection – My Role in Greyfriars

Meg Daniels - Visitor Operations Coordinator

Hymn 264: Judge Eternal, throned in splendour

Rhuddlan

The Word of God

Isaiah 65: 17 - 25 (OT p. 722)

Reader: Andrew Morrice

2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13 (NT p. 222)

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

Hymn 578: Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

Luke 21: 5 - 19 (NT p. 90)

Reader: Rev. Prof. William Storrar

Sermon

Anthem: God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Sarum Primer, 1558

John Rutter

Statement of Faith

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe the love of the Father enfolds us,

we believe the wisdom of the Son enlightens us,

we believe the gift of the Spirit enables us.

In this threefold faith we rejoice and find our strength,

love to unite us, light to guide us, and

courage to steady us, through Jesus Christ our Risen 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 the People: Tom Richardson

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 512: To God be the glory, great things he has done!

Benediction

Amen
at H. 820

Organ: Voluntary no. 1

William Boyce

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 16 November

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

7:00pm – Refugio – Holy
Communion with
silence and symbol

Thursday 20 November

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 23 November

10:30am – Sunday Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

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

Upcoming Events at Greyfriars

Thursday 20 November

12:00pm – Greyfriars @12
Concert

Friday 21 November

7:30pm – Edinburgh University
Music Students

Saturday 22 November

7:30pm – Edinburgh University
Music Students



Our preacher this morning, the Rev. Prof. William Storrar, is a member of Greyfriars with his wife Joanna. He is an Honorary Professor in the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh.

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

Please make sure you are aware of the rules regarding parking in the Kirkyard for Sunday Services.

- Parking in the Kirkyard is prioritised for those leading worship, music, involved in catering, or for those requiring disabled access by reason of impaired mobility.
- The ideal capacity is 6 cars parked in the kirkyard.
- Use the map below to understand where vehicles need to be safely parked.

Please note that City centre parking (for instance in Candlemaker Row) remains free on a Sunday until 12.30 pm and every day after 6.30 pm.



Nativity on the Mound

The blessing of the Nativity scene at the Mound will take place on Sunday 30 November. This annual civic event begins at 3.00 pm in the Assembly Hall courtyard with the Salvation Army Band, then at 3.30 pm a service of hymns, reading, and prayer, with an introduction by the Lord Provost, three different city choirs, and several Edinburgh clergy of different denominations, including our own Locum Minister, the Rev. Calum Macdougall. At 4.00 pm all will move to the Mound (closed to traffic) for the final blessing.

Join us for Advent Study

Our Locum Minister, the Rev. Calum Macdougall, will be running an Advent Study starting on 30 November, running for four Sundays until Sunday 21 December. The sessions will start at 6.00 pm, last for one hour, and will take place online via zoom. The chosen book is "Waiting For The Light" by William Delia, which is available from Amazon on Kindle or as a paperback.

Everyone interested is very warmly invited to take part in the Advent Study using the zoom link below (scan the QR code from the printed copy of the Order, or click the link in the online copy on our website).



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86949388553?pwd=96Mw881riFicJFaEAFmTtl7Skalya8.1>

Thank you for attending the Big Breakfast event

St Cuthbert's pass on their thanks to all of our members who Came to their Big Breakfast event at the end of October. £228 was raised for the STV Children's Appeal, which will be matched by Kelloggs.

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 27 November, 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.

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 the Kirk office: volunteering@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 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.

Offerings by Gift Aid:

The Gift Aid scheme allows us to reclaim tax on offerings, by 25p in the £. If you are a UK taxpayer, please take advantage by using one of the envelopes in the backs of the chairs.



It is important to **fill in your name** (and address if you are not already on our list) – we have been getting some blank envelopes back which cannot be used for tax reclaim.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code that will take you to our donation page.

Many thanks