

ORDER OF SERVICE – 23 NOVEMBER 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

Locum Minister
Reader
Director of Music



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 23 November 2025 – Christ the King

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: Variations on 'Lobe den Herren' Jacques Berthier
Organist: Michael Anderson

Introit: Cantate Domino canticum novum, laus eius in ecclesia
sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

*(Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise in the assembly of
the saints. Let Israel rejoice in Him who made them,
and the children of Zion be joyful in their King.)*

Psalm 149: 1-2

Giuseppe Pitoni

Call to Worship

Minister: From what we know to what we have yet to discover

All: God is calling us on.

Minister: From all that binds us, to the truth that frees us

All: God is calling us on.

Minister: From the blessings of today to the possibilities of tomorrow

All: God is calling us on.

Hymn 457: All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Miles Lane

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

Prof. Bert Kerrigan

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

Collect for the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King. Grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Reflection – My Role in Greyfriars

Jamie Moffat – Caretaker / Duty Manager

The Word of God

Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6 (OT p. 752)

Reader: Bert Hutchings

Colossians 1: 11 - 20 (NT p. 214)

Hymn 127: O worship the King

Hanover

Luke 23: 33 - 43 (NT p. 95)

Reader: The Rev. Calum Macdougall

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

Sermon

Anthem:

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory.

Psalm 24: 7 - 10

William Mathias

Affirmation of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray
without ceasing.

Courage to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Freedom to unmask faults in church and culture.

Reflection, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced.

Energy, to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ
in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives even as we watch for
God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or
in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

Hymn 637: Now through the grace of God

Stracathro

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Parisa Maria Khajepor, daughter of Angela and Soroush

The Blessing

at H. 796

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.

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 449: Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

Benediction

Amen
at H. 819

Organ: Acclamations 'Christus vincit'

Jean Langlais

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 23 November

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 27 November

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 30 November

10:30am – Joint Sunday Service
with St Cuthbert's at
Greyfriars

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

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

Upcoming Events at Greyfriars

Thursday 27 November

12:00pm – Greyfriars @ 12
Concert

Saturday 29 November

7:30pm – Edinburgh Symphony
Orchestra: Winter
Concert

Saturday 06 December

7:00pm – Pitchcraft presents:
Snowtime!



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 next 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=96Mw881riFicJFaEAFmTtI7Skalya8.1>

Our Ecumenical Partners

Advent morning retreat with St Columba's by the Castle

St Columba's will be hosting a retreat morning for Advent.

The session will run on 13 December from 10-1pm, and light refreshments will be provided, as will craft materials for making etc.

To register your interest, please email rector@stcs.org.uk

Find out more on their website:

<https://www.augustine.org.uk/advent-retreat-13th-dec-2025-10am-1pm/>

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 has 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, the Rev. 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

