

ORDER OF SERVICE – 9 NOVEMBER 2025

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 9 November 2025 – Remembrance Sunday

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: Nimrod

Edward Elgar

Organist: Michael Anderson

Introit: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or wait,
or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those
who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ: give rest to the weary:
bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted,
shield us all: and all for thy love's sake.

St. Augustine

Chris Hutchings

Call to Worship

Leader: We come on this special day to give thanks to God
for our freedoms,

People: for our right of free speech, liberty of opinion,
diversity of thought.

Leader: We come to this special place to exercise
our right of public worship;

People: to join together as a congregation praising God
for his love;

Leader: to give thanks for the life , teaching and resurrection of Jesus Christ;

People: for the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit as we make our life's pilgrimage;

Leader: with thankful hearts for those who began our heritage,

People: with gratitude for those who fought for freedom and made the supreme sacrifice;

Leader: remembering those who returned from warfare broken in body, mind and spirit,

People: grateful too for those who kept the home fires burning,

Leader: encouraged by all who work for peace throughout the world,

People: and who seek to improve living standards for every one of God's children.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 124: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prayers of Approach, Adoration and Supplication

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
(Lord, have mercy.)

at H. 776

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, keep us mindful of all your benefits and heedful of our high calling, that we may yield ourselves in new obedience to your holy will, and live henceforth as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 68: O thou my soul, bless God the Lord

Coleshill

The Word of God

2 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 5 and 13 - 17 (NT p. 221)

Reader: Emma Richardson

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

A Prayer

The Tryst

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

Commitment to Peace

We fall silent on this day because we never wish to forget or return to days where every family, every community is touched by the plague of war and death. In remembering the sacrifices made on our behalf we are asked to be the change which our world so desperately needs.

To that end, silence is not enough, it must be matched by our actions. I therefore ask you the following three questions, trusting that in answering "I will" we might together build a kingdom of peace.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **I will.**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **I will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **I will.**

May God help you to fulfil these promises.

When you go home tell them of us and say:
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

The Kohima Epitaph

Hymn 81 (Psalm 121): I to the hills will lift mine eyes French

Luke 1 : 68 - 70 (NT p. 62)

Reader: Emma Richardson

Sermon: 'God's Favour'

Anthem:

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

John Ireland

Affirmation of Faith

God, you have been our steadfast help in ages past as you were for our ancestors. They, as we, placed their trust in you for the present and their hope for years to come.

Throughout the ages you have supported and inspired people of faith.

As God the Father you have guided your people through times of trouble.

You have led them in times of calm and in times of joy.

You brought your Son into the World to be a sacrifice for mankind's sin.

You bring Him into our hearts and minds to strengthen us in life's journey.

He calls us to serve him in humility and to do justly and to love mercy;

to care for the nations and to resist evil and to forgive wrongdoing.

You have imparted your Holy Spirit on each of us that our defence is sure to guide us through this earthly life and to receive us at our homecoming.

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

Prayers of the People: Rosemary Scott

***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 706: For the healing of the nations

Triumph

Benediction

*Amen
at H. 819*

The National Anthem

at H. 703

God save our gracious King, long live our noble King;
God save the King!
Send him victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us:
God save the King!

Organ: Alla Marcia

John Ireland

NOTES

Forthcoming Services

Today

12.30 pm – Gaelic Service

Thursday 13 November

1:10pm – Midweek Prayers

Sunday 16 November

10:30am – Sunday Service

12:30pm – Gaelic Service

7:00pm - Refugio

Upcoming Events at Greyfriars

Thursday 13 November

12:00pm – Greyfriars @ 12
Concert

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

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.

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?

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 (e.g. in Candlemaker Row) remains free on Sunday until 12.30 pm and every day after 6.30 pm.

Our Ecumenical Partners

Book event: Rev. Brandon Robertson – AUC

Join Rev Brandon Robertson on 12 November, 7:30-9:00pm for an evening of discussion, audience Q&A, and book signing for his most recent book: 'Queer & Christian - reclaiming the Bible, our Faith and our Place at the Table'. This book (endorsed by people such as Walter Brueggemann and Brian McLaren) is part memoir, part Bible study and part Bible ethics.

Cost: Tickets are £10/£5 concession. All proceeds from this event will go to the [Equality Network and Scottish Trans](#). You can find out more and purchase tickets at www.augustine.org.uk

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.

The course is offered by SCCAN (Scottish Communities Climate Action Network) and is accredited by the [Carbon Literacy Project](#).

For more information and to register your interest please email Katrina katrina.tweedie@augustine.org.uk

You can find more information on all the events above on the Augustine website: <https://www.augustine.org.uk/>

Philip Paris: Waterstones Book Event

In case you missed our book event with historical fiction author, Philip Paris' back in September, make sure to head along to Waterstones in the West End on 11 November at 7pm. Philip will be discussing his latest novel, A Fire in Their Hearts.

Tickets can be booked [on Eventbrite](#). Find out more at www.waterstones.com/events

Charteris coffee mornings

The regular fortnightly coffee mornings have resumed – the next is on Thursday 13 November, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am

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 – 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. Please use the contact information below 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 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