

ORDER OF SERVICE – 25 JANUARY 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS
KIRK

ST. CUTHBERT'S
PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 25 January 2026 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

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: Tempo moderato (Sonata no.4)

Josef Rheinberger

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation.

All: *Whom shall we fear?*

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of all of life.

All: *Of whom shall we be afraid?*

Leader: One thing we asked of the Lord and that will we seek after:

All: *to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to seek him
in his temple.*

Leader: We will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy:

All: *We will sing and make melody to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 352: O for a thousand tongues to sing

Lyngham

- O for a thousand tongues, to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*
- Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*

3. *He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.*
4. *He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*
5. *Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!*
6. *My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.*

Charles Wesley

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Choir: Glory be to God on high.

C.V. Stanford

Collect for the Day:

*Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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

Isaiah 9 : 1 - 4 (OT p. 664)

Reader: Charles Revolta, St. Cuthbert's

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

(over)

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1 : 10 - 18 (NT p. 177)

Reader: Alison Elliot, Greyfriars

Divisions in the Church

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hymn 509: Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

St. Andrew

1. *Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding, saying, 'Christian, follow me.'*
2. *As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake,*
3. *Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying 'Christian, love me more.'*

4. *In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'*
5. *Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Saviour, make us hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.*

Cecil Frances Alexander

Matthew 4 : 12 - 23 (NT p. 3)

Reader: The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea,
across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who
sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat
in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'*

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake — for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Anthem:

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came; they, with one united breath,
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God, they reached their promised rest.

Isaac Watts

Ernest Bullock

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

During communion, we offer a choice of drinking from
a common cup (fermented wine) or from thimbles (pale
non-alcoholic or dark fermented wine); the bread is gluten free.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Lighting of the Menorah

Hymn 132: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

3. *To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.*
4. *Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

Walter Chalmers Smith

Affirmation of Faith

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
(for source, see the NOTES)

*We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things,
is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful.*

*We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered
and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's
eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh:
God and human in one person.*

*We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of
the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith
we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God,
for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us
the Holy Spirit.*

*Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather
engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.*

*We believe that the sacraments are joined to the Word in order that the
Word may be more fully confirmed. Baptism is given to us
as the pledge of our adoption, in which we are grafted into the body
of Christ and renewed in holiness of life by His Spirit.*

The holy Supper of our Lord is a testimony of our unity with Jesus Christ, who died only once and was raised for our sake. The body and blood of Jesus Christ are food and drink for the soul just as bread and wine are nourishment for the body.

As for the true Church we believe that it ought to be governed in accordance with the order established by our Lord Jesus Christ. In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained, the poor and afflicted can be helped in their need, assemblies can be gathered in the name of God, and both great and small can be edified. Amen

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.	<i>And also with you.</i>
Lift up your hearts.	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Let us give thanks	
to the Lord our God.	<i>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</i>

Choir: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

Blessèd is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Service in B flat, Op.10

C.V. Stanford

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Intermezzo (Sonata no.4) Josef Rheinberger

The Peace

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 363: We have a gospel to proclaim

Walton

1. *We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth;
the Gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.*
2. *Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.*
3. *Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross; for all he loved, his life he gave.*
4. *Tell of that glorious Easter morn — empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.*
5. *Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church to live for him, the Lamb who died.*
6. *Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.*

Edward Joseph Burns

Benediction

Amen
at H. 820

Organ: Fuga cromatica (Sonata no.4)

Josef Rheinberger

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 29 January 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 01 February 9:15am – Early Communion 10:30am – Sunday Service	Thursday 29 January 6:30pm – Silent Disco Yoga Friday 30 January 6:30pm - Dunedin Consort Lilian Gordis: French Connection Thursday 05 February 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

Affirmation

This morning's Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the French Confession of 1559, based on a translation of the original text by Dr Ellen Babinsky, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Dr Joseph D. Small, Office of Theology and Worship, PC (USA).

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.

Newsletter: "The Kirk Post"

The next edition of The Kirk Post will be published in February. The deadline for an article submission is Monday 9 February. Please send these to Deborah using the email address below.

If you did not receive a copy of the first edition, and would like to, please email Deborah in the Kirk office at communications@greyfriarskirk.com and she will add you to the distribution list.

Car Parking

In order to help us manage access to the Kirkyard can anyone who requires access to park please arrive between 10:10am and 10:25am. If there is no one at the gate then please call 07598 470 320, and one of our welcomers will come down to unlock the gate and let you in.

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.

Tuesday 27 January 7.30pm: Edinburgh Street Pastors Introductory Event at the Parish Church of St Cuthbert

Please join us for an introduction to the work of Edinburgh Street Pastors. If you are interested in finding out more about what Street Pastors do or interested in joining them to help with the important work they do in our capital, please come along to this event. It will be held in the Lindisfarne Room at the Parish Church of St Cuthbert, on Tuesday 27 January.

Greyfriars Kirk re-opening to Visitors

After a month well-spent carrying out essential maintenance and providing our volunteers with some rest, as well as the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills through our new development programme, we will be re-opening to daily visiting from Monday 02 February.

You can view our opening hours [on our website under 'Visitor Info'](#).

Greyfriars@12 Winter Series

We're back with the next series of our lunchtime concerts from Thursday 5 February. The first concert is the RSNO String Quartet. Please spread the word that the new season is almost upon us!

A5 leaflets are available to take away from the stand by the doors.

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 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 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, or you can donate by card through our new card readers by the main doors, which allow you to choose the amount

Many thanks