

ORDER OF SERVICE – 15 MARCH 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO
WORSHIP

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Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
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Locum Minister
Reader
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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 15 March 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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: Récit de Tierce en taille

Nicolas de Grigny

Introit: Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine et tu das escam
illorum in tempore opportuno. Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

*(The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them
their food in due season. Glory to you, O Lord. Amen.)*

Gradual for the Feast of Corpus Christi
(Psalm 145: 15)

Charles Wood

Call to Worship

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Leader: In this Lenten journey, we remember the wilderness,
but we also remember the promise —
that God's love is stronger than our sin,
and His mercy is deeper than our shame.

People: *We bring our whole selves before the Lord — our doubts,
our fears, our gratitude, and our praise.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: *We lift them to the Lord!*

Leader: Let us worship in spirit and in truth, with gratitude for what has been done, and with hope for what is yet to come.

People: *Thanks be to God, who makes all things new!*

Leader: So let us worship God together in joy and with anticipation.

Hymn 509: Jesus calls us!

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

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

led by The Rev. Calum Macdougall

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

at H. 648

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, you have delivered us from the death of sin and raised us to new life in your love, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; and in baptism you have made us one with him so that now we are the children of light. Grant that we may walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Hymn 485: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Repton

1. *Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.*
2. *In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
rise up, and follow thee.*
3. *O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!*
4. *With that deep hush subduing all our words and works
that drown the tender whisper of thy call, as noiseless let
thy blessing fall as fell thy manna down.*
5. *Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.*
6. *Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness
and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!*

John Greenleaf Whittier

The Word of God

1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13 (OT p. 278)

Reader: Isobel Hutchings

Samuel anoints David

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.'

Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Ephesians 5: 8 - 14 (NT p. 208)

Renounce Pagan Ways

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

Amen

Hymn 167: Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

1. *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till my want is o'er.*
2. *Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let
the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong
Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.*
3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee.*

William Williams

John 9: 1 - 17 (NT p. 109)

Reader: The Rev. Calum Macdougall

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

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

Sermon

Anthem: Magnificat in Bb

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden: for behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessèd. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scatterèd the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath fillèd the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promisèd to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Christian Faith

Authorised for use in worship
by the General Assembly in 1992

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

*We praise God the Father: who created the universe and keeps it
in being. He has made us his sons and daughters to share
his joy, living together in justice and peace,
caring for his world and for each other.*

*We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son: born of Mary, by the power of the
Holy Spirit, he became one of us, sharing our life and our death.
He made known God's compassion and mercy, giving hope and
declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness for
all. By his death on the cross and by his resurrection, he has
triumphed over evil. Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.*

*We trust God the Holy Spirit: who unites us to Christ and gives life to the
Church; who brings us to repentance and assures us
of forgiveness. The Spirit guides us in our understanding
of the Bible, renews us in the sacraments, and calls us to serve
God in the world.*

*We rejoice in the gift of eternal life: we have sure and certain hope
of resurrection through Christ, and we look for his coming again
to judge the world. Then all things will be made new; and
creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father,
through the Son, in the power of the Spirit,
one God, blessed for ever.*

Amen

The Offering

Old 124th, at H. 818

*Praise ye the Lord, ye servants of the Lord;
praise ye his name, his lordly honour sing:
thee we adore; to thee glad homage bring;
thee we acknowledge; God to be adored
for thy great glory, Sovereign, Lord, and King.*

Offertory Prayer

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayers of the People

Stephanie Rae

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 457: All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Miles Lane

1. *All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.*
2. *Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
praise him whose path of pain you trod,
and crown him Lord of all.*
3. *Let every tongue and every tribe, responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.*
4. *Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.*

Edward Perronet

Benediction

Hymn 786:

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

Organ: Chorale improvisation 'Nun danket alle Gott'

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service 7:00pm – Refugio Thursday 19 March 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 22 March 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Monday 16 March 7:00pm – Palm Beach Chamber Players Thursday 19 March 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12 7:00pm – Soundbath: The Ocean Descent Friday 20 March 7:30pm – The University of Northern Iowa Wind Ensemble Saturday 21 March 12:00pm - University of Arkansas Vesper Choir Sunday 22 March 7:30pm – Meadows Chamber Orchestra
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.

Session Meeting

A short meeting of the Kirk Session will be held in the Session Room at noon **today**, Sunday 15 March, in order to attest the Communion Roll and Adherent's Roll.

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.

Greyfriars@12 Winter Series

The Winter Series of Greyfriars @ 12 continues! The next concert is by the pianist Ben-David Zisman this Thursday, 19 March.

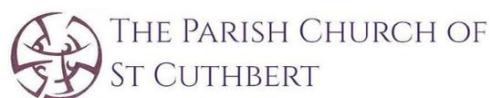
Please take an A5 leaflet to share with family and friends.

Charteris Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning will be this Thursday, 19 March, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

In partnership with:



Palm Sunday 29 March

10:30am Joint Communion with St Cuthbert's at Greyfriars Kirk

Monday 30 March 8am Eucharist & Breakfast (St Columba's)

Tuesday 31 March 8am Eucharist & Breakfast (St Columba's)

Wednesday 01 April 8am Eucharist & Breakfast (St Columba's)

Maudy Thursday 02 April

8am Morning Prayer & Breakfast (St Columba's)

7-9pm Foot washing, Last supper, Stripping the Altar and watch (St Columba's)

Good Friday 03 April

8am Pre-Sanctified Eucharist & Veneration of the Cross (St Columba's)

12-3pm 'Waiting by the Cross' Meditations at Greyfriars Kirk

9pm Tenebrae by Candlelight at Greyfriars Kirk

Holy Saturday 04 April

8pm Easter Vigil, Fire & Renewal of Baptism Vows (St Columba's)

Easter Sunday 05 April

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service on Arthur's Seat

9am Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt in the Church Garden (St Columba's)

10:30am Service at Greyfriars Kirk

Union with St Cuthbert's

The newsletter summarising responses to the recent survey and narrating progress to date is available to pick up in the Kirk today, and on our website.

Next Sunday 22 March, over coffee after the morning service, we will offer an opportunity for informal discussion and to ask and answer questions about the prospective Union.

BBC's Any Questions at St Cuthbert's

On Friday 10 April, St Cuthbert's will be hosting BBC's Any Questions. There are 200 tickets available, and these are accessible [through Eventbrite](#).

There is also a link to tickets via the St Cuthbert's website: www.stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk

Hustings for Central Edinburgh Scottish Parliamentary Candidates

The Grassmarket Residents' Association (GRASS) invite you to a free hustings for Central Edinburgh candidates for the Scottish Parliamentary elections. Come along and make your voice heard – residents and local businesses all welcome.

If you can't attend, please email your questions for candidates to grassmarket.residents.assoc@gmail.com and we will do our best to present them. Doors open 6.30 pm, start 7pm.

Reserve your interest [on Eventbrite](#).

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