

ORDER OF SERVICE – 22 MARCH 2026

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 22 March 2026 – Passion Sunday

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars. All our services are available on our YouTube channel at < bit.ly/greyfriarstv >.

Organ: Récit de Tierce en taille

Nicolas de Grigny

Introit: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk in an upright heart before thee this day and evermore. Amen.

Lidley's Prayers, 1566

Richard Farrant

Call to Worship

The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear us!

People: *Let your ears be attentive to our supplications!*

Leader: We wait for the Lord, our souls wait,
and in his word we find our hope;

People: *Our souls wait for the Lord more than the watchman waits for the morning,*

Leader: For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is the power to redeem.

People: *It is he who will redeem his people from all their iniquities.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 554: Rock of ages, cleft for me

Petra

1. *Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power.*
2. *Not the labours of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.*
3. *Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
stained by sin, to thee I fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.*
4. *While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar through realms unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.*

Augustus Montague Toplady

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

led by Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

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

at H. 648

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Hymn 540: I heard the voice of Jesus say

Kingsfold

1. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.*
2. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*
3. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done.*

Horatius Bonar

The Word of God

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14 (OT p. 836)

Reader: Tori Graham

The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Romans 8: 6 - 11 (NT p. 168)

Life in the Spirit

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Amen

Hymn 553: Just as I am

Saffron Walden

1. *Just as I am, without one plea,
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you call us, 'Come to me', O Lamb of God, I come.*
2. *Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come.*
3. *Just as I am you will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because your promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come.*
4. *Just as I am – your love unknown
has broken every barrier down –
now to be yours, and yours alone, O Lamb of God, I come.*
5. *Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above – O Lamb of God, I come.*

Charlotte Elliott

John 11: 1 - 6 and **17 - 37** (NT p. 112)

Reader: Rev. Calum Macdougall

The Death of Lazarus

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

Jesus Weeps

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

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

Sermon

Anthem: Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exultavit illum, et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

(For our sakes, Christ Jesus became obedient unto death, even to death on a cross. Wherefore God also highly exalted Him, and gave him the name that is above every name.)

Philippians 2: 8 - 9

Anton Bruckner

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

Margaret Wallace

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 436: Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Guiting Power

1. *Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*
2. *Word incarnate, truth revealing, Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing by your humble birth:*
3. *Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
Death is by the cross defeated, sinners justified:*
4. *Priestly king, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:*
5. *So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

Michael Seward

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: *Pange lingua* en taille à 4

Nicolas de Grigny

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 26 March 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 29 March Remember: clocks go forwards! 10:30am – Joint Communion at Greyfriars Kirk 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Today 7:30pm – Meadows Chamber Orchestra Thursday 26 March 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12 7:30pm – EUMS Spring Concert Friday 27 March 7:30pm – EUMS Spring Concert Saturday 28 March 7:30pm – Garleton Singers Concert
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

Union with St Cuthbert's

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

This morning, over coffee after the service, we are offering an opportunity for informal discussion, and to ask and answer questions about the prospective Union.

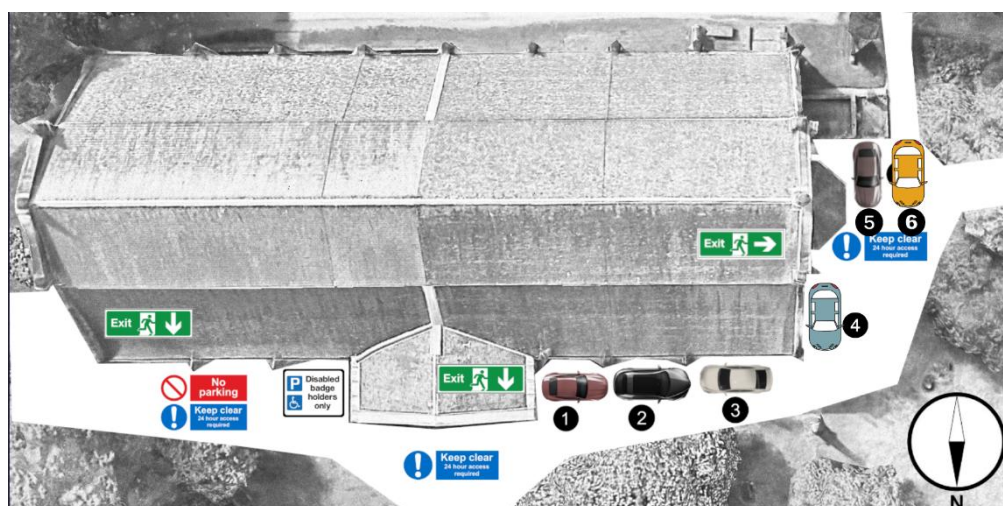
Refreshments

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

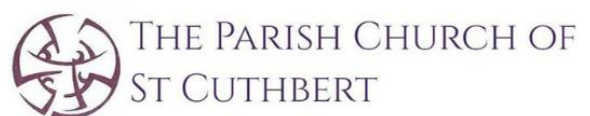
In order to help us manage access to the Kirkyard can anyone who requires access to park please arrive between 10:10am and 10:25am. If there is no one at the gate then please call 07598 470 320, and one of our welcomers will come down to unlock the gate and let you in.

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 capacity is 6 cars parked in the Kirkyard.



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)

7pm Stations of the Cross (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)

7pm Tenebrae Service (St Cuthbert's)

Good Friday 03 April

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

11am Good Friday Service (St Cuthbert'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

7:30am Dawn Communion Service in the Garden (St Cuthbert's)

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

10:30am Service at Greyfriars Kirk

Greyfriars@12 Winter Series

The finale of the Winter Series of Greyfriars @ 12 is upon us!

The final concert in this series is by the SPS Choir of the University of Edinburgh this Thursday, 26 March.

The Spring Series will start on Thursday 09 April.

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 at St Columba's

Grassmarket Residents' Association (GRASS) invite you to a free Hustings for Central Edinburgh candidates for the Scottish Parliamentary elections on Thursday 09 April.

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 6.30pm, prompt start 7pm.

Reserve your interest [on Eventbrite](#).

Charteris Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is on Thursday 02 April, 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

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 – 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