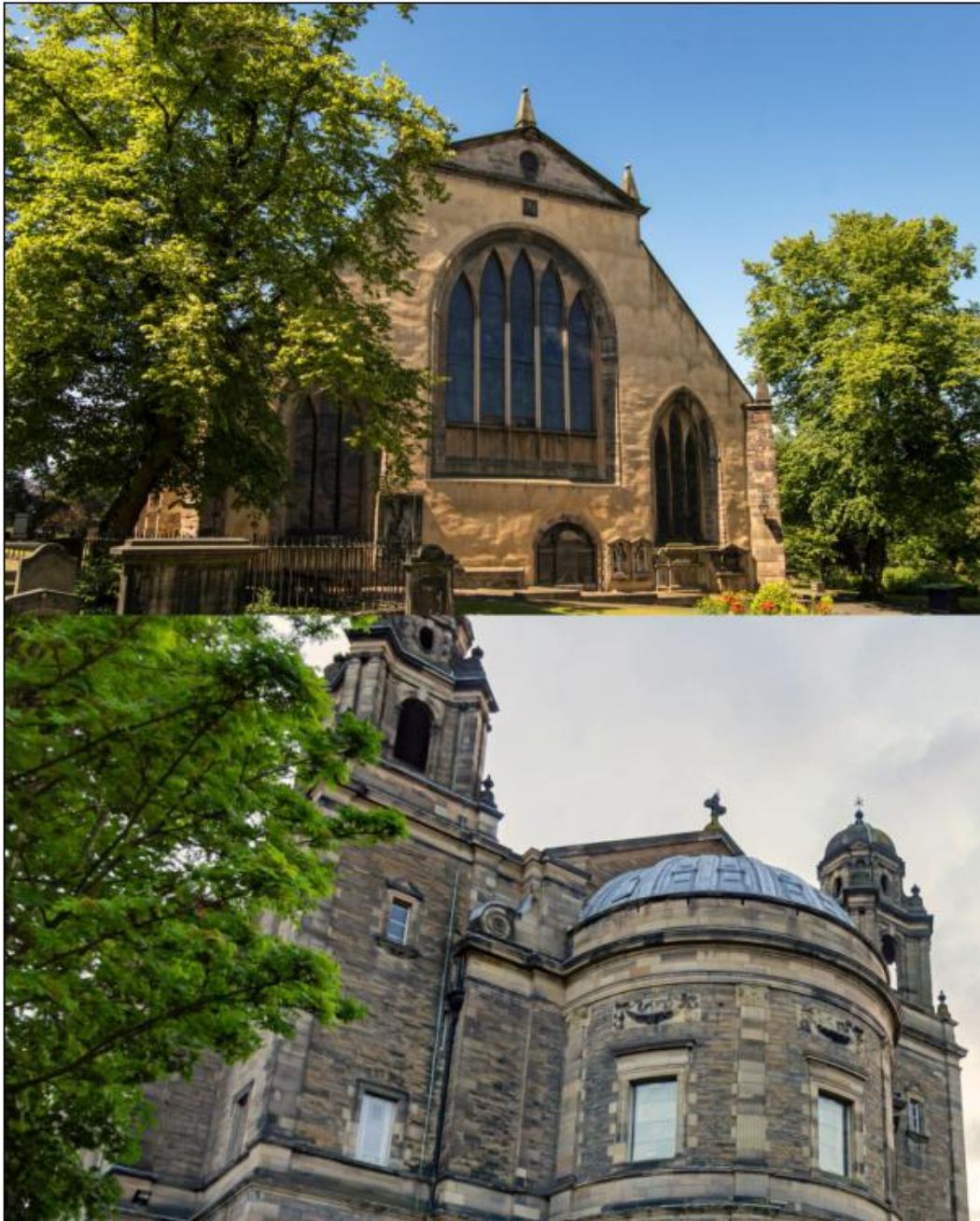


ORDER OF SERVICE – 29 MARCH 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Calum Macdougall
Rev. Suzie Stark
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
Dr. Caroline Cradock
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Locum Minister, Greyfriars
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GREYFRIARS
KIRK

ST. CUTHBERT'S
PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 29 March 2026 – Palm 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 du Chant de l'hymne (Pange lingua) Nicolas de Grigny

Introit: Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

*(Jesus, truly human Son of Mary, who suffered on the cross for
all our sakes, and from whose wounded side flowed blood and
water, sustain us in this life as in the next.)*

attr. Innocent VI

Caroline Cradock

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: *In the house of the Lord we bless you.*

Leader: The Lord is God,

All: *he has made his light shine on us.*

Leader: You are our God, and we will praise you;

All: *you are our God, and we will exalt you.*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

All: *his love endures forever.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 364: All glory, laud, and honour

St. Theodulph

*All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas sing!*

1. *You are the King of Israel, great David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessèd One.*
2. *The company of angels is praising you on high,
while we and all creation together make reply.*
3. *The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.*
4. *To you before your Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*
5. *Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
in every good delighting, our great and gracious King.*

*All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas sing!*

St Theodulph of Orleans, tr. John Mason Neale

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:

*Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city
where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them to
yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread
garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay
at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming
in the name of the Lord.*

Amen

The Word of God

Psalm 118: 1 – 2 and 19 – 29 (OT p. 594)

Reader: James McLean (St. Cuthbert's)

A Song of Victory

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Hymn 354: O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Eisenach

- O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!
Surpassing thought and fantasy that God, the Son of God,
should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.*
- For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.*
- For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us the lost with love he sought,
by words, and signs, and actions, he
brought health and hope to set us free.*
- For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked,
in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.*

5. *For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.*
6. *To him whose boundless love has won salvation for us through
his Son, to God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.*

15th c. Latin, *tr.* Benjamin Webb

Matthew 21: 1 - 11 (NT p. 24)

Reader: The Rev. Suzie Stark

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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

Sermon

The Rev. Suzie Stark

Anthem: Crux fidelis, inter omnes arbor una nobilis,
Nulla silva talem profert fronde, flore, germine,
Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus sustinet.
(*Faithful cross, above all other, one and only noble tree,
none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit
compares with thee: sweet the wood and sweet the iron,
sweet the load that hangs on thee.)*

Venantius Fortunatus, tr. *John Mason Neale

Chris Hutchings

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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Rev. Calum Macdougall

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

Hymn 399: My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

- 1. My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me:
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*
- 2. He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow;
But people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!*

3. *Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.*

*Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.*

5. *They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord done away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.*

*Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.*

Samuel Crossman

Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with
the Father; through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly
human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he
suffered death and was buried. On the third day
he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and
his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus, Lamb of God, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, bearer of our sins, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, redeemer of the world, *grant us peace.*

Those who are able are invited to gather
in a circle round the Communion Table.

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Chorale and Variation
on *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* Felix Mendelssohn

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 365: Ride on, ride on in majesty

Winchester New

1. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes 'Hosanna!' cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.*
2. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.*
3. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.*
4. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.*
5. *Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

Henry Milman

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.*

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today Remember: clocks go forwards! 10:30am – Joint Communion at Greyfriars Kirk 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 02 April 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Friday 03 April 12:00-3:00pm – Good Friday Service 'Waiting by the Cross' 9:00pm - Tenebrae Sunday 05 April 10:30am – Easter Sunday Service 12:00pm – Gaelic Service	Monday 06 April 1:00pm – Holy Trinity Concert Band Thursday 09 April 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12 Spring Concert Series begins! Sunday 12 April 7:00pm – Matthew Walters Organ Recital
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

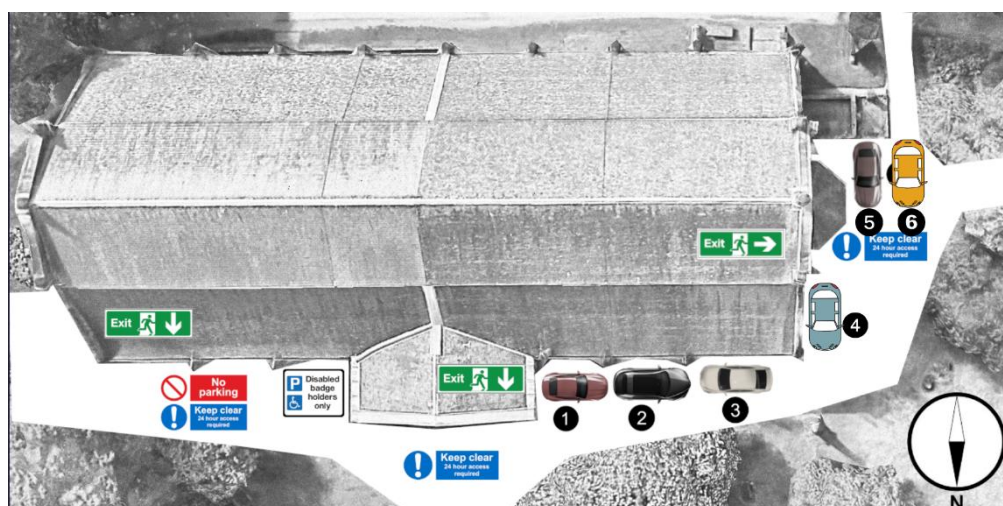
Refreshments

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.

Car Parking

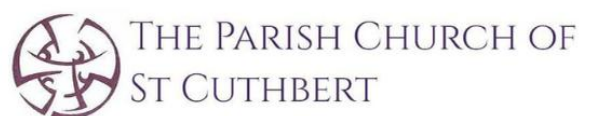
In order to help us manage access to the Kirkyard can anyone who requires access to park please arrive between 10:10am and 10:25am. If there is no one at the gate then please call 07598 470 320, and one of our welcomers will come down to unlock the gate and let you in.

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