

ORDER OF SERVICE - 12 April 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 12 April 2026 – Low 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: Offertory in E flat

Alexandre Guilmant
Organist: Peter Horsfall

Call to Worship

The Rev Calum Macdougall

Leader: Praise the Lord!

ALL: We give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord.

ALL: Full of honour and majesty are his works.

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works.

*ALL: He sent redemption for his people; he will keep
his covenant for ever.*

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

ALL: His praise endures for ever.

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 412: The strife is o'er, the battle done

Vulpius

1. *The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
now be the song of praise begun,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
2. *The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed;
let shouts of holy joy outburst,*
3. *The three sad days have quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head!*
4. *He broke the bonds of death and hell;
the bars from heaven's gateway fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell,*
5. *Lord, by the painful wounds you bore,
death lost its sting for evermore;
living in you, our praises soar.*

17th c. Latin, tr. Francis Potts

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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 417: Now the green blade riseth

Noël Nouvelet

1. *Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*
2. *In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*
3. *Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*
4. *When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

John Crum

The Word of God

Acts 2 : 14a and 22 – 32 (NT p 127)

Reader: Leslie Munro

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption " This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

1 Peter 1: 3 – 9 (NT p 249)

A Living Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Amen

1. *This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain: but Christ has now arisen!*
2. *My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:*
3. *Death's flood has lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:*

George Ratcliffe Woodward

John 20:19 – 31 (NT p. 123)

Reader: The Rev Calum Macdougall

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to

him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human; God, of the being of the Father, the only Son from before time began; human from the being of his mother, born in the world; fully God and fully human; human in both mind and body.

As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father.

Although he is both divine and human he is not two beings but one Christ. One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God; truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead, but by being one person. For as mind and body form one human being, so the one Christ is both divine and human.

The Word became flesh and lived among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 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

Jo Elliot

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 427: Alleluia! Alleluia! hearts to heaven and voices raise

Lux Eoi

- 1. Alleluia! Alleluia! hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.*
- 2. Christ is risen, Christ the firstfruits of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine, from the furrows of the grave.*
- 3. Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;
so that we, with hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.*
- 4. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour, who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the blessed Trinity.*

Christopher Wordsworth

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: Fugue in D (BWV 580)

J.S. Bach

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 16 April 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 19 April 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service 7:30pm - Refugio	Thursday 16 April 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12 Saturday 18 April 7:00pm – The Linton Singers Thursday 23 April 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12 Saturday 25 April 7:30pm – Dunedin Consort: Foldings and Whirlings
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

By tradition, the Sunday after Easter is a holiday for our Kirk choir and organist. We welcome Peter Horsfall, assistant organist at St. John's, and thank him for this morning's organ music.

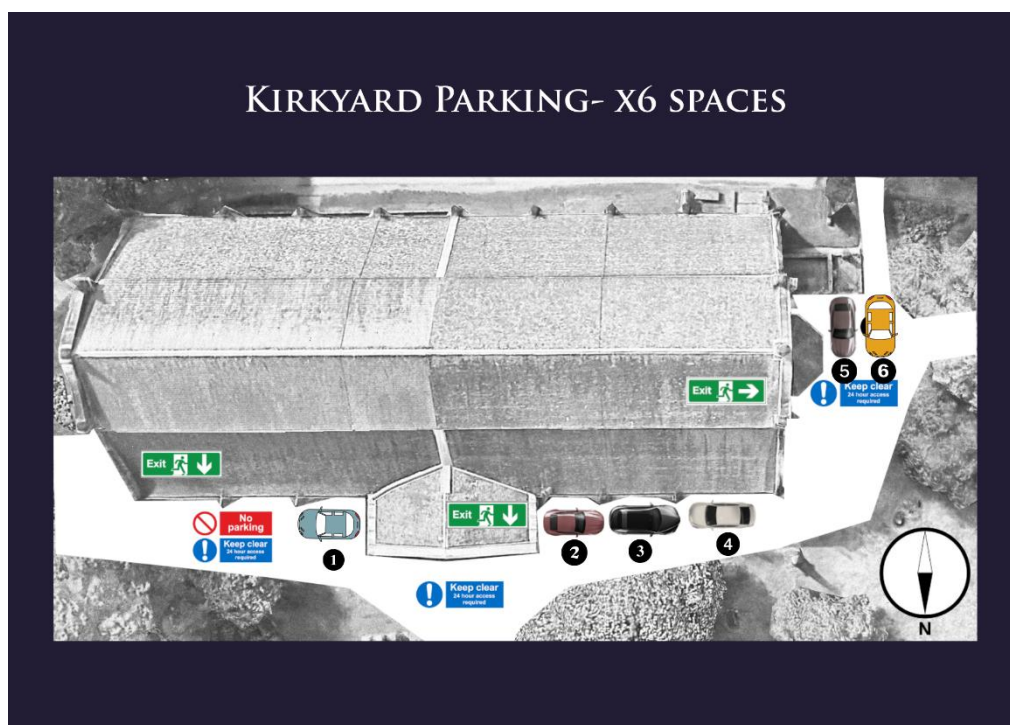
Refreshments

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

The car parking map has been revised – please make sure you review the latest version below.

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.

To gain access through the gate, please call 07598 470 320 and a keyholder will let you in and advise you of which space to park in.

Greyfriars@12 Spring Series

The Greyfriars@12 Spring Series continues on Thursday 16 April with pianist, Richard Beauchamp.

You're Invited! Quiz Night at the Kirk

We 're holding a Quiz Night here at the Kirk on **Friday 24 April, 7-8:30pm**. The idea behind this Quiz Night is to provide an opportunity for all of us across the Greyfriars Family to get to know each other a little better and have a great night not only full community, but also competitive spirit!

RSVP to Deborah in the office either letting her know you will attend and happy to be assigned a team, or if you have gathered your own team!: communications@greyfriarskirk.com

The Kirk Post

The next edition of the Kirk Post will be published in May. The deadline for sending in an article is Monday 13 May.

A reminder that *everyone* is invited to contribute for this newsletter. We're aiming to share the diverse skillset, stories and updates from people across the Greyfriars Family. You can send your contributions into Deborah.

Charteris Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is this Thursday, 16 April, 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 – 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