

ORDER OF SERVICE - 19 April 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Interim Moderator
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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 19 April 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter

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: 'Erstanden ist der heilige Christ' BWV628

J S Bach

Introit:

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that
trusteth in him.

Psalm 34: 8

R. Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

Leader: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day
to the rising of this life itself.
The purpose of God be between us and each purpose;

People: *The Hand of God between us and each hand;*

Leader: the pain of God between us and each pain;

People: *the love of Christ between us and each love.*

Leader: O God, you brought us to the light of this new day;

People: *bring us to the guiding light of eternity .*

1. *Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore.
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore!
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!*
2. *Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:*
3. *His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules both earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:*
4. *He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall before his feet:*
5. *Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We then shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!*

Charles Wesley

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 Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever *Amen*

Hymn 363: We have a gospel to proclaim

Walton (Fulda)

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.
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.*

Edward Joseph Burns

The Word of God

1 Peter 1: 17 -23 (NT p.249)

Reader: Ken Ballantine

A Call to Holy Living

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Psalm 116: 1 – 4 and 12 – 19 (OT p. 593)

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

I love the Lord, because he has heard
 my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
 therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
 the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
 I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
 ‘O Lord, I pray, save my life!’
What shall I return to the Lord
 for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
 and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord
 in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
 is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
 I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
 You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
 and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
 in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
 in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Amen

Hymn 414: Come, you faithful

Ave Virgo Virginum

1. *Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God has brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters:
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.*
2. *'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark is flying
from his light, to whom we give love and praise undying.*
3. *Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render,
comes to gladden Christian hearts, which, with true affection,
welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.*
4. *Neither could the gates of death, not the grave's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold you as a mortal,
Here today amid your own now you stand, bestowing
your own peace, which evermore passes human knowing.*

St John of Damascus

St. Luke 24: 13 - 35 (NT p. 96)

Reader: Rev. Dr. Karen Campbell

The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[f] from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.^[g] Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[h] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests

and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. [i] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah [i] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us [k] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us? ' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Sermon

Anthem:

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain, but now hath Christ arisen, arisen,
arisen, arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:
Till trump from east and west shall wake the dead in number..
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain, but now hath Christ arisen, arisen,
arisen, arisen.

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three day prison,
Our faith had been in vain, but now hath Christ arisen, arisen,
arisen, arisen.

Dutch carol

arr. Charles Wood

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

Nigel Robb

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 738: Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austrian Hymn

1. *Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy
foes.*
2. *See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage –
grace which, like the Lord the Giver, never fails from age to age?*
3. *Saviour, since of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy Name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, and all boasted pomp and
show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.*

John Newton

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: Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV533

J S Bach

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 23 April 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 26 April 10:30am – Joint Communion Service at St Cuthbert’s 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Friday 24 April 7:00pm – Greyfriars Quiz Night Saturday 25 April 7:30pm – Dunedin Consort: Foldings and Whirlings Sunday 03 May 4:30pm – Icelandic Men’s Choir
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

We welcome Rev. Dr. Karen Campbell, our Interim Moderator, as our minister today. She will also be chairing our Stated Annual General meeting.

Stated Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Kirk will be held **today** after the service at noon in the Session Room and all are welcome to attend. The business of the meeting is to adopt the statutory accounts for the congregation for 2025, which can be found under Notices and News on the Kirk website. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the meeting, and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

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

You're Invited! Quiz Night at the Kirk

If you haven't already submitted your name for the Greyfriars Quiz Night, make yourself known to Deborah in the Kirk Office ASAP!

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.

We're inviting people involved here at the Kirk, across GCP and Charteris. You're more than welcome to bring family and friends!

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

Greyfriars@12 Spring Series – CHANGE TO SCHEDULE

There has been a change made to the upcoming Greyfriars@12 Spring Series programme. There will be **no lunchtime concerts** for the next two Thursday's (23rd and 30th of April). This is due to essential organ maintenance work to our Peter Collins organ which was unfortunately recently damaged.

Please find the revised list of upcoming concerts overleaf and on our website.

Charteris Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is on Thursday 30 April, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am.

GREYFRIARS
at
Spring Concert Series



09
APRIL

The Phoenix Duo
cello/piano

16
APRIL

Richard Beauchamp
(piano)

07
MAY

Andrew Lees & accompanist
(violin/piano)

14
MAY

Scottish Saxophone Quartet

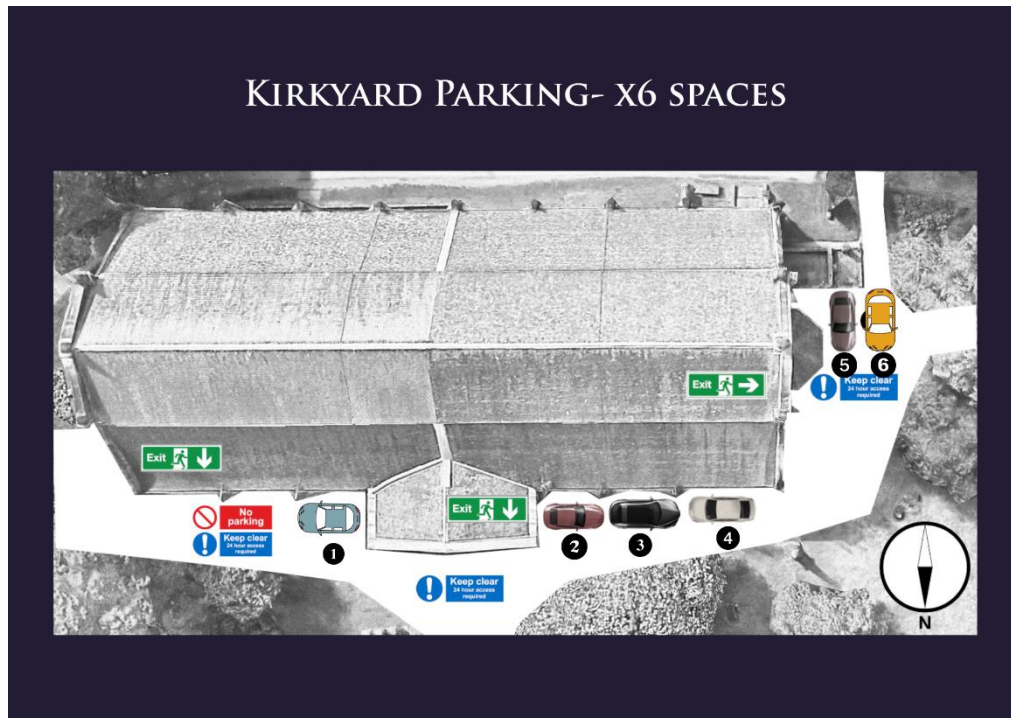
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MAY

Giles Longstaff
(organ)

28
MAY

St Aloysius College Opera Group

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.

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 thank