

ORDER OF SERVICE - 5 APRIL 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 5 April 2025 – Easter Day

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: Choral on O filii et filiae

Denis Bédard

Introit: Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise,
Christ has opened paradise! Alleluia!
Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley

Noel de Jongh

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: *Christ is risen indeed!*

Leader: From the darkness of the tomb

All: *there has risen the promise of new life.*

Leader: From the depths of despair,

All: *there has come the assurance of hope.*

Leader: God, this is your grace, marvellous and wonderful.

All: *This is your way, always and forever.*

Leader: You raise us up with Christ,

All: *you create us anew, Alleluia!*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 413: The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad

Ellacombe

1. *The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*
2. *Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*
3. *Now let the heavens be joyful and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.*

St John of Damascus, tr. John Mason Neale

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:

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Word of God

Acts 10: 34 - 43 (NT p. 138)

Reader: Stephen Todd

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Then Peter began to speak: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Colossians 3: 1 - 4 (NT p. 216)

The New Life in Christ

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Amen

Hymn 410: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Easter Hymn

1. *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*
2. *Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.*
3. *But the anguish he endured,
our salvation has procured;
Now in heaven Christ is King,
where the angels ever sing.*
4. *Sing we to our God above
praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all you heavenly host,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

from Lyra Davidica

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Anthem: Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days had lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

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.

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.

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

arr. John Kitchen

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 431: O sons and daughters, let us sing!

O Filii et Filiae

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. *O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!*
2. *That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay: Alleluia!*
3. *An angel robed in white they see,
who sat, and spoke unto the three,
'Your Lord goes on to Galilee.' Alleluia!*
4. *That night th' apostles met in fear;
among them came their Lord most dear,
and said, 'My peace be on all here.' Alleluia!*
9. *On this most holy day of days,
our hearts and voices, Lord, we raise
in this triumphant hymn of praise: Alleluia!*

Jean Tisserand,
tr. John Mason Neale

Affirmation of Faith

Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed! This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared, first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God, Father God, the creator of life bringing light from darkness, and hope from despair.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of resurrection. Triune God, this is our faith and hope as we celebrate the Risen Christ.

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.*

Sanctus and Benedictus at H. 768

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to your name, O Lord most high! Blessèd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Agnus Dei at H. 778

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us. Give us your peace.*

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

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Prière à Notre-Dame Léon Boëllmann

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. Let us share the peace.

Prayers of the People Alison Noble

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 419: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

Maccabeus

1. *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*
2. *Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*
3. *No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Edmond Budry, tr. Richard Hoyle

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: Toccata from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Easter Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 09 April 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 12 April 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – 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.

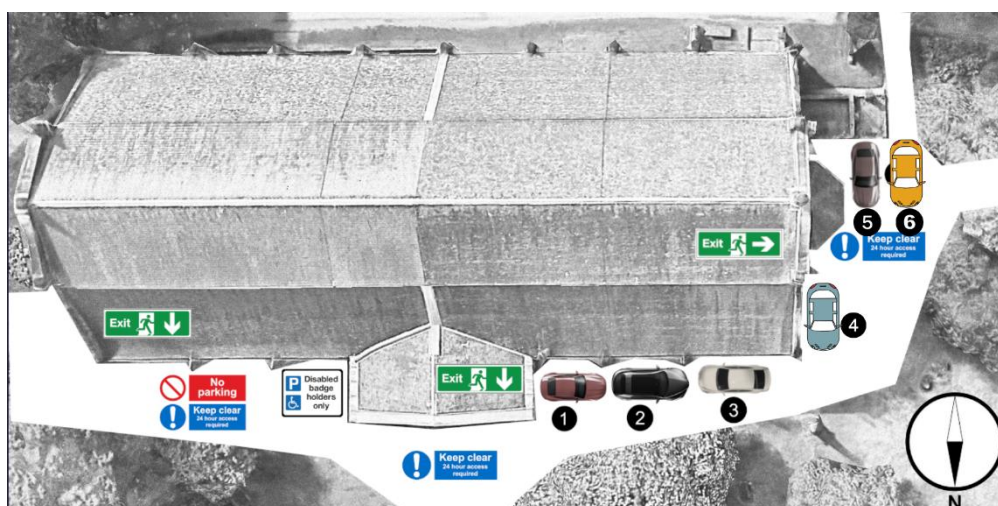
Greyfriars@12 Spring Series

The Greyfriars@12 Spring Series will commence on Thursday 09 April with The Phoenix Duo (cello & piano).

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.



You're Invited! Quiz Night at the Kirk

We are holding a Quiz Night here at the Kirk on **Friday 24 April**, from **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

You should have all received an email with the Easter Special edition of The Kirk Post. If you didn't, and would like to receive it going forward, email Deborah in the Kirk office:

communications@greyfriarskirk.com

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 in to Deborah.

BBC's Any Questions at St Cuthbert's

On Friday April 10th, 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.

. Doors open 6.30pm, prompt start 7pm.

Reserve your interest [on Eventbrite](#).

Charteris Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is on 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
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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