

ORDER OF SERVICE - 24 MAY 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 24 May 2026 – Day of Pentecost

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: Le Banquet Céleste

Olivier Messiaen
Organist: John Harris

Introit: If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray
the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that
he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

John 14: 15 – 17

Thomas Tallis

Call to Worship

The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

All: *The Lord looks on the earth and it trembles.
The Lord touches the mountains and they smoke.*

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live;

All: *let us sing praises to our God while we have life.*

Leader: May our meditations be pleasing to God;

All: *let us rejoice in the Lord always.*

Leader: The Lord breathes the Spirit of Life among the people;

All: *let the Spirit of Truth fill God's house this day.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 111: Come down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

1. *Come down, O Love Divine, seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*
2. *O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*
3. *Let holy charity my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*
4. *And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
we cannot guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

Bianco da Siena,
tr. Richard Littledale

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
(Lord, have mercy.)

at H. 776

Collect for the Day: *Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit and opening the way of life eternal to every race and nation. Keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

Amen

The Word of God

Numbers 11: 24 – 30 (OT p. 140)

Reader: Stephanie Rae

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Acts 2: 1 - 21 (NT p. 127)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each

of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Amen

Hymn 596: Breathe on me, Breath of God

Veni Spiritus

1. *Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.*
2. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.*
3. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, direct my heart's desire,
till every earthly part of me glows with your holy fire.*
4. *Breathe on me, Breath of God; so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.*

Edwin Hatch

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.'

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

Sermon

The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Anthem: Come down. O Love Divine

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O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing; true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Amen

Bianco da Siena, tr. Richard Littledale

William Harris

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

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

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 640: Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

All for Jesus

1. *Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.*
2. *Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.*
3. *Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
keep us holy through your presence,
holy through the gifts you give.*

William Brian Foley

Affirmation of Faith

The Rev. Calum Macdougall

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.

We believe and trust in Christ's promised gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, who unites and gives life to the people of God in the Church and who, guiding the worship, mission and outreach of the Church, makes Christ known in the world.

Amen

The 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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin 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: Concerto No. 2 (A Minor) BWV 593,
2nd Movement: Adagio J.S. Bach

The Peace

Prayers of the People Catherine Alexander

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: *hear our prayer.*

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 625: O thou who camest from above

Hereford

1. *O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.*
2. *There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.*
3. *Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.*
4. *Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thine endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.*

Charles Wesley

Benediction

Amen

Hymn 786:

Ae fond kiss

*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: Concerto No. 2 (A Minor) BWV 593,
2nd Movement: Allegro

J.S. Bach

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 28 May 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 31 May 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Thursday 28 May 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12 Saturday 30 May 7:30pm – Edinburgh Symphony Orchestra: Summer Concert Saturday 06 June 7:30pm – Edinburgh Royal Choral Union: A Blaze of Light
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

Greyfriars@12 Spring Series

The last lunchtime concert in the Spring series will be by St Aloysius College Opera Group on Thursday 28 May.

The Summer Organ Series is next, starting on Thursday 18 June with Imogen Morgan from St Mary's, Edinburgh.

Congregational Meeting and Vote

On Tuesday 5 May, Greyfriars and St Cuthbert's Kirk Sessions each voted decisively in favour of the Union as expressed in the draft Basis of Union and draft Basis of Reviewable Charge. Both documents are on our website under Notices and News

The next stage in the formal process is the congregational meeting and vote, to be held after the morning service at 11.45 am next Sunday, 31 May. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion, followed by a vote by secret ballot. This is a critical milestone in our congregational life, so please come if you can.

On arrival for the 10:30am service, a ballot paper will be issued to everyone attending who is on the list of Members and Regular Attenders ("Adherents"). The lists have been updated by the recent round robin circulation by email and post seeking up to date details.

If you have not had such a message, you are not on the list and you will be unable to vote, so please get back immediately to Deborah Meikle in the Kirk Office at communications@greyfriarskirk.com or Jo Elliot sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com if you wish to attend and vote.

Under Church law, voting by proxy or by post is not allowed but there is the option of joining the meeting and voting online. If you plan to do so, please get in touch with Deborah and she will issue you with the confidential access code for the zoom meeting and confirm what to expect.

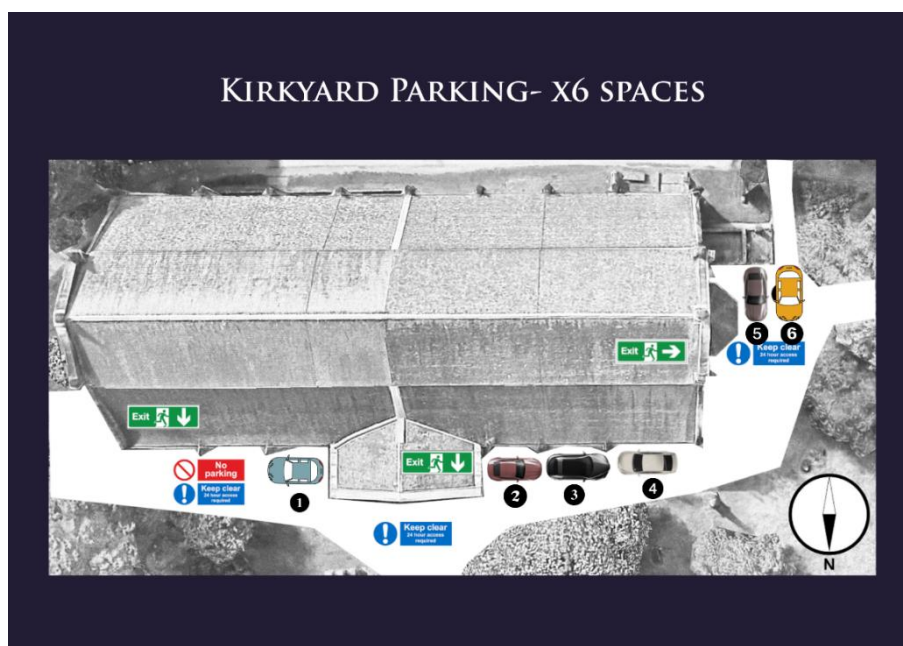
Charteris Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is on Thursday 28 May, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am.

Car Parking

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 thanks

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SUNDAY 31 MAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30am-11:30am
REFRESHMENTS
FESTIVAL 1pm-5pm
CAKES & CRAFTS
1pm-4pm

THURSDAY 4 JUNE

An Evening of
MUSIC & SONGS
from LOCAL SCHOOLS
6.45pm
All Welcome

FRIDAY 5 JUNE

**Gardens
OPEN TO EVERYONE**
(Special Invite Only Event Inside)

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30am-11:30am
FESTIVAL 1pm-5pm
LIVE MUSIC, FACE PAINTING,
PHOTOGRAPHER

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TUESDAY 9 JUNE

**BUCKSTONE
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7:30pm-8:30pm
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SUNDAY 14 JUNE

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