

ORDER OF SERVICE - 3 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 3 May 2026 – Fifth 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 >.

Piano: Allemande, from Suite no.2, BWV813

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

The Rev Calum Macdougall

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

All: *We bless you in the house of the Lord.*

Leader: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you.

All: *You are our God, we will extol you.*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

All: *His steadfast love endures for ever.*

Leader: O that our ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes.

All: *We will praise you with upright hearts
and observe your statutes.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 200: Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

1. *Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.*
2. *To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with your constant loving-kindness,
hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*
3. *Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain, what
they gain from you for ever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.*
4. *Praise and honour to the Father, praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory while unending ages run.*

7th c, tr. John Mason Neale

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

The Rev Calum Macdougall

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

at H. 776

Collect for the Day:

*Living God, so teach us to know you through your Son Jesus Christ, that
we may walk in harmony with his will, and share the power
of his eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Hymn 461: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

St. Peter

1. *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.*
2. *It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.*
3. *Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.*
4. *Jesus, my Shepherd, Husband, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.*
5. *Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
but, when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.*
6. *Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.*

John Newton

The Word of God

Acts 7: 55 – 60 (NT p. 134)

Reader: Tori Graham

The Stoning of Stephen

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 2: 2 – 10 (NT p. 250)

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and

'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Amen

Hymn 642: Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Abbot's Leigh

1. *Ye that know the Lord is gracious, ye for whom a corner stone
stands, of God elect and precious, laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation, walls that may re-echo praise.*
2. *Living stones, by God appointed each to his allotted place,
kings and queens, by God anointed, shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation, tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation to an old and weary earth.*
3. *Tell the praise of him who called you out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven, strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven, praise and magnify the Lord!*

Cyril Alington

John 14: 1 - 14 (NT p. 116)

Reader: The Rev Calum Macdougall

Jesus the Way to the Father

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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

Sermon

The Rev Calum Macdougall

Anthem:

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth!

Meine seele verlangt und sehnet sich nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn;
mein Leib und Seele freuen sich in dem lebendigen Gott.

Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen, die loben dich immerdar.

(How lovely are your dwelling places, Lord of hosts!

My soul desires and yearns for the courts of the Lord.

My body and soul long for the living God.

Happy are they that dwell in your house, who praise you for ever.)

Psalm 84: 1-2, 4

Johannes Brahms

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

Affirmation of Faith

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through the Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe

- that God has revealed themselves as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.*
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.*
- that God calls the church to follow them in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.*
- that God frees the prisoner, supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, and blocks the path of the ungodly.*
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimise forms of injustice, and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honour and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen

Prayers of the People

Carol Stewart

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 739: The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

1. *The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord:
She is his new creation by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*
2. *Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, and shares one holy food,
as to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*
3. *In toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious shall be the church at rest.*
4. *Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
and mystical communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

Samuel John Stone

Benediction

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.*

Piano: Adagio sostenuto from 'Moonlight' Sonata, op.27, no.2

Ludwig van Beethoven

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 07 May 1:10pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 10 May 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Today 4:30pm – Icelandic Men’s Choir Wednesday 06 May 7:30pm – Dunedin Consort Thursday 07 May 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12 Saturday 09 May 7:30pm – Heriot-Watt University Summer Concert
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.

Church music today

As our Peter Collins Organ continues to receive essential maintenance, all the music in today’s service will be performed on our Grand Piano. All being well, the organ will be back in action next week!

Greyfriars@12 Spring Series

Following a couple of weeks with no lunchtime concerts due to the essential organ maintenance work, Greyfriars@12 starts again this Thursday 07 May.

The poster features a background of musical notation on staves. At the top, the text 'GREYFRIARS at 12' is displayed, with '12' in a large purple circle. Below this, the title 'Spring Concert Series' is written in purple. A list of six concerts follows, each with a date in a purple circle and the performer's name in a purple bar.

GREYFRIARS at **12**
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**
- 21**
MAY **Giles Longstaff**
(organ)
- 28**
MAY **St Aloysius College Opera Group**

Congregational Database

Everyone who is a member of the congregation or a regular attender ("adherent") should have received earlier this month from the Kirk office, either by email or by post, a print-out of the information we hold about you on the database. It includes contact details and membership status. This is a **reminder**, if you have not already done so, **to reply confirming that the record is correct or recording any corrections.** Apart from our responsibilities under GDPR, this is to ensure that the voters' roll is complete ahead of the congregational vote on the Union on 31 May.

Greyfriars Kirk: office contact details

By post: 1 Greyfriars Place, Edinburgh EH1 2QQ

Telephone: 0131-225-1900

Email: communications@greyfriarskirk.com

Progress Towards Union

The current state of play is set out in the latest congregational newsletter available today in hard copy, or on the website here: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/greyfriars-st-cuthberts-union/>

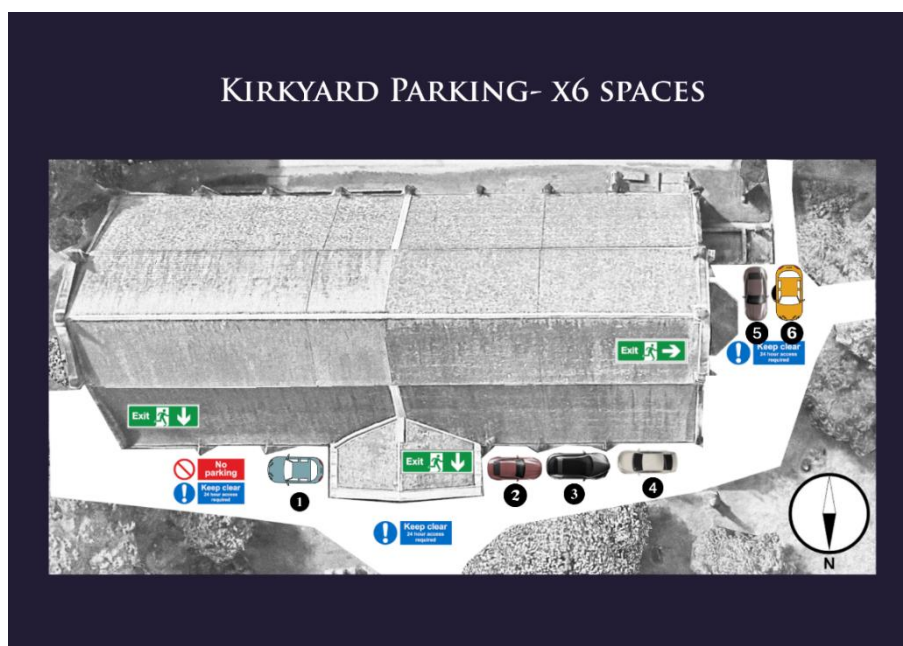
Charteris Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is on Thursday 14 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 Kirk 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.