

ORDER OF SERVICE - 12 JULY 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

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Locum Minister
Reader
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GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 12 July 2026 – Sea Sunday
Seventh Sunday after 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: Chorale prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

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

People: *for his steadfast love endures for ever.*

Leader: Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;

People: *they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.*

Leader: He commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

All: *They mounted up to heaven, they went down
to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity.*

Leader: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;

All: *Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.*

Leader: Let us extol him in the congregation of the people,

All: *let us praise him in the assembly of the elders.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 269: Eternal Father, strong to save

Melita

1. *Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:*

*Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.*

2. *O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:*

3. *O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bade their angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:*

4. *O Trinity of love and power,
shield all of them in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go:*

*thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

William Whiting

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 God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you. Give us peace in your service, and in the world to come the joy of seeing you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

Hymn 9 (Psalm 16): O God my refuge, keep me safe Wetherby

1. *O God, my refuge, keep me safe: on you my good depends;
O Lord, you are my Lord alone, your saints my choicest friends.*
2. *Whoever turns to other gods will find remorse and shame;
to them I make no sacrifice, nor will I speak their name.*
3. *The Lord is my inheritance, a prize beyond compare;
his word instructs me day and night, his own beloved heir.*
4. *At all times I have set the Lord before my face to stand;
no trial, no pain can shake my hope with him at my right hand.*
5. *My heart and soul rejoice in you and in your power to save:
you will not leave your Holy One to perish in the grave.*
6. *You lead me to the path of life: before your face I'll stand
and drink my fill of endless joys that flow at your right hand.*

David G. Preston

The Word of God

Genesis 25: 19 - 34 (OT p. 22)

Reader: Stan Brown

The Birth and Youth of Esau and Jacob

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Esau Sells His Birthright

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

(over)

Romans 8: 1 - 11 (NT p. 168)

Life in the Spirit

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Amen

Hymn 485: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Repton

1. *Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.*
2. *In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word rise up, and follow thee.*

3. *O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!*
4. *With that deep hush subduing all our words and works
that drown the tender whisper of thy call,
as noiseless let thy blessing fall as fell thy manna down.*
5. *Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.*
6. *Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness
and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!*

John Greenleaf Whittier

Matthew 13: 1 – 9 and 18 - 23 (NT p. 14)

Reader: The Rev. Calum Macdougall

The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

(over)

The Parable of the Sower Explained

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

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

Sermon

The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Anthem:

Blessèd be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

from 1 Peter 1

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Christian Faith

Authorised for use in worship
by the General Assembly in 1992

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love.

*We praise God the Father: who created the universe and keeps it
in being. He has made us his sons and daughters to share
his joy, living together in justice and peace,
caring for his world and for each other.*

*We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son: born of Mary, by the power
of the Holy Spirit, he became one of us, sharing our life and our
death. He made known God's compassion and mercy,
giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin,
offering healing and wholeness for all. By his death on the cross
and by his resurrection, he has triumphed over evil.
Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.*

*We trust God the Holy Spirit: who unites us to Christ and gives life
to the Church; who brings us to repentance and assures us
of forgiveness. The Spirit guides us in our understanding
of the Bible, renews us in the sacraments,
and calls us to serve God in the world.*

*We rejoice in the gift of eternal life: we have sure and certain hope
of resurrection through Christ, and we look for his coming
again to judge the world. Then all things will be made new;
and creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father,
through the Son, in the power of the Spirit,
one God, blessed for ever.*

Amen

The Offering

Tallis's Canon, at H. 808

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise God the Trinity of love, before, beneath, around, above.*

Offertory Prayer

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayers of the People

Sharon Barnes

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 644: O Jesus, I have promised

Wolvercote

1. *O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me, my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*
2. *Oh, let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me, and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*
3. *Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.*
4. *O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end:
now give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.*

John Ernest Bode

Benediction

Amen (at H. 819)

Organ: Allegro maestoso e vivace e Fuga
from Sonata no.2 in C minor

Felix Mendelssohn

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am –Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 16 July 1:05pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 19 July 10:30am –Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Thursday 16 July 12:00pm – Summer Organ Series: Jamie Rogers Sunday 19 July 5:00pm – Orquestra Jovem das Gerais (Brazilian Youth Orchestra) Thursday 23 July 12:00pm – Greyfriars@12: Brass Quintet from the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland
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.

Midweek Prayers- change to start time

To allow for a longer grace period between the end of Midweek Prayers and re-opening to visitors, the start time for the Service has moved forward by five minutes. Join us every Thursday from 1:05pm to 1:25pm.

Greyfriars@12 Organ Series

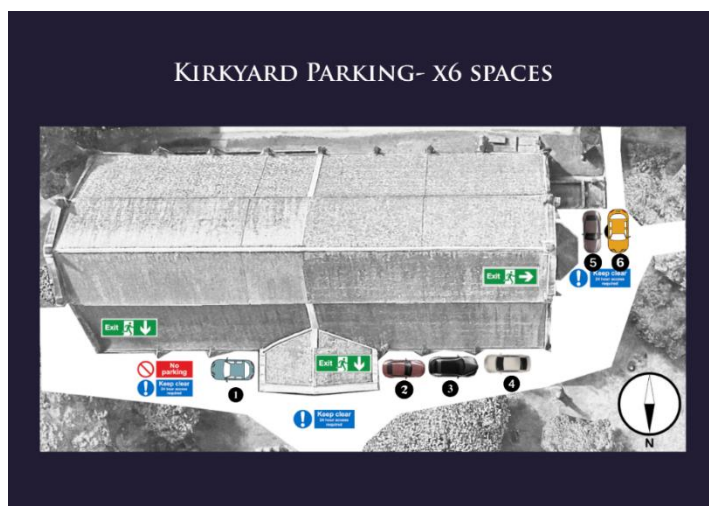
The finale of the Summer Organ Series is on Thursday 16 July with a recital by Canterbury Cathedral Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers.

Charteris Coffee Morning

Apologies for the confusion around the date of the final coffee morning before the summer break. There is still one more to go, on Thursday 23 July.

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.

TLC Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne 16th Aug 2026

This year The Local Church Pilgrimage is returning to Lindisfarne.

On Sun 16th Aug 2026, the bus will leave from outside Augustine United Church at 9.45am. Please register in advance [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_xbbHJ7M7OeEXh_4o_uvBDX0QAGSI8yYSmxcdrKW2Zbdlypg/viewform)* to book a seat on the bus or to let us know you will travel by car and to offer spaces in your car if you are able to do so.

*https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_xbbHJ7M7OeEXh_4o_uvBDX0QAGSI8yYSmxcdrKW2Zbdlypg/viewform

The cost is £15 per person (£10 unwaged / under 12 years old). Please pay in cash on Sun 16th Aug before we depart Edinburgh.

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 Calum Macdougall mmacdougall@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.