

ORDER OF SERVICE - 19 JULY 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 19 July 2026 – Eighth 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: Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

Introit: Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Psalm 119: 33

Thomas Attwood

Call to Worship

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Leader: In the fields of the world, wheat and weeds
grow side by side.

People: *Yet God sees the harvest that is coming.*

Leader: In our hearts, faith and doubt live together.

People: *Yet God tends us with patience and love.*

Leader: The Gardener knows what is worth keeping.

People: *We come to be gathered into God's care.*

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who plants,
protects, and provides.

People: *We lift our voices to the Lord of the harvest!*

Hymn 210: Awake, my soul, and with the sun

Morning Hymn

1. *Awake, my soul, and with the sun
your daily stage of duty run;
shake off your sleep, and joyful rise
to pay your morning sacrifice.*
2. *Wake, and lift up yourself, my heart,
and with the angels take your part,
who all night long unwearied sing
high praise to the eternal King.*
3. *Lord, I my vows to you renew;
disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will,
and with yourself my spirit fill.*
4. *Direct, control, suggest, this day,
all I design, or do, or say,
that all my powers, with all their might,
in your sole glory may unite.*
5. *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Thomas Ken

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: *Almighty God, your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts
and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Hymn 268: O God of Bethel

Salzburg

1. *O God of Bethel! by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage hast all our fathers led:*
2. *Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace:
God of our fathers! be the God of their succeeding race.*
3. *Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread, and raiment fit provide.*
4. *O spread thy covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode our souls arrive in peace.*
5. *Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore;
and thou shalt be our chosen God, and portion evermore.*

Genesis 28: 20-22

Scottish Paraphrases

The Word of God

Psalms 139: 1 – 12 and 23 – 24 (OT p. 606)

Reader: Stephanie Rae

The Inescapable God

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Romans 8: 12 – 25 (NT p. 168)

Life in the Spirit

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Amen

Hymn 490: Jesus, lover of my soul

Aberystwyth

1. *Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!*
2. *Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.*
3. *Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find!
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.*
4. *Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.*

Charles Wesley

Matthew 13: 24 – 30 and 36 - 43 (NT p. 15)

Reader: The Rev. Calum Macdougall

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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 verlanget 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 delight in the living God.

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

Psalm 84: 1-2, 4

Johannes Brahms

Affirmation of Faith

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

*We believe in the God who meets us in unexpected places, who opens
our eyes to holy ground beneath our feet, and who knows us
completely — our thoughts, our ways, our hearts.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ, who sows good seed in the world,
who calls us to live as children of the Kingdom,
and who will bring all things to fullness in God's time.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, who groans with creation
for redemption, who strengthens us in hope,
and who assures us that nothing can separate us
from the love of God.*

*We believe that God's grace is greater than our fears, God's purpose
stronger than the weeds of this world, and God's promise sure
— that we shall see the glory of the Lord
in the land of the living, and live again in life perpetual.*

Thanks be to God.

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

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 192: All my hope on God is founded

Michael

1. *All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he will renew;
safe through change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.*
2. *Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.*
3. *God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore, from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.*
4. *Day by day the mighty Giver
showers gifts on us below;
his desire our souls delight in,
pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand at his hand, joy awaits at his command!*
5. *Still from earth to God in heaven
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall.*

Robert Bridges,
based on Joachim Neander

Benediction

*Amen
at H. 123*

Organ: Prelude on 'Hyfrydol'

R. Vaughan Williams

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 23 July 1:05pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 26 July 10:30am – Joint Communion at Greyfriars 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Today 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 Friday 31 July 7:00pm – New York Handbell Ringers
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 a longer grace period between the end of Midweek Prayers and re-opening to visitors, the start time for the Service has moved by five minutes. Join us every Thursday from 1:05pm to 1:25pm.

Union Matters

Following the overwhelmingly positive votes by both congregations, and confirmation from Presbytery, our Union as Greyfriars St Cuthbert's will take effect on 1 August. At that point our Greyfriars Interim Moderator Rev Dr Karen Campbell will step down, with our heartfelt thanks for supporting us in this role over the period of ministerial vacancy thus far. Presbytery has appointed the Rev Dr George Whyte as Interim Moderator of the united congregation. George was minister at Colinton before becoming Clerk in Edinburgh Presbytery, then Principal Clerk to the General Assembly. He was Interim Moderator and Locum at St Cuthbert's for a period in 2023, and took on similar roles at St Giles 2023-2025.

We are delighted that George will also take over as locum minister for our united congregation, as Suzie Stark at St Cuthbert's and our own Calum MacDougall each hand over that responsibility.

Greyfriars@12

Thank you to all who attended this year's Summer Organ Series.

We have one special lunchtime concert taking place this Thursday, 23 July. Following that, Greyfriars@12 will resume with the Autumn Series in September.

Charteris Coffee Morning

There is still one more coffee morning to go on Thursday 23 July before the summer break.

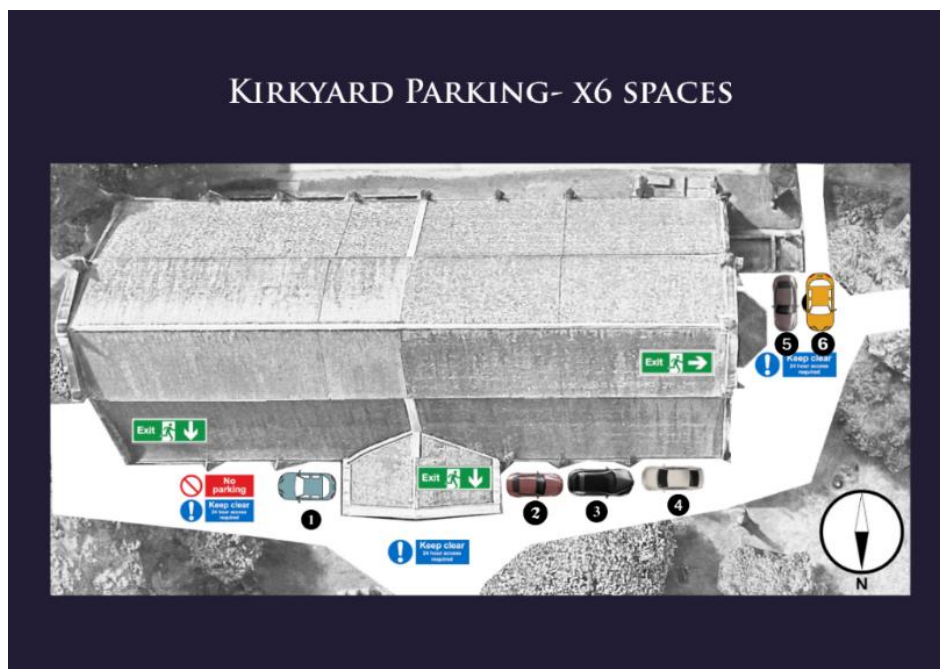
Safeguarding

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.

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.

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