

ORDER OF SERVICE - 2 AUGUST 2026

GREYFRIARS ST. CUTHBERT'S PARISH CHURCH AT
GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Calum Macdougall
Rev. Dr. George Whyte
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC
Dr. Caroline Cradock

Locum Minister
Interim Moderator
Reader
Director of Music



GREYFRIARS

life in all its fullness / beatha na lànachd

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 2 August 2026 – Tenth 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: Le Père, Le Fils

Jean Langlais

(from Trois méditations sur la Sainte Trinité)

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 145*)

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: *My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.*

Leader: The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

People: *My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.*

Leader: You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: *My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.*

Leader: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

People: *My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name for ever and ever.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 160: Praise my soul, the King of heaven Praise, my soul

1. *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.*
2. *Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Praise him! Praise him! glorious in his faithfulness.*
3. *Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him! widely as his mercy flows.*
4. *Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise the high eternal One.*
5. *Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.*

Henry Francis Lyte

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

The Rev. Dr. George Whyte

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. at H. 648

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by the true and living bread, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 666: Let all mortal flesh keep silence Picardy

1. *Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending, comes our homage to demand.*
2. *King of kings., yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords we now receive him in the body and the blood,
as he gives to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.*
3. *Rank on rank the host of heaven streams before him on the way,
as the Light of light descending from the realms of endless day
conquers all the powers of darkness, drives the gloom of hell away.*
4. *At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high'.*

Liturgy of St. James, tr. Gerard Moultrie

The Word of God

Genesis 32: 22 – 31 (OT p. 32)

Reader: Tori Graham

Jacob Wrestles at Peniel

Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Romans 9: 1 - 5 (NT p. 169)

God's Election of Israel

I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit — I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

1. *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till my want is o'er.*
2. *Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.*
3. *When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee.*

William Williams

Matthew 14: 13 - 21 (NT p. 16)

Reader: The Rev. Dr. George Whyte

Feeding the Five Thousand

Now when Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. George Whyte

Anthem:

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, "Where, where is now thy God?"

Psalm 42: 1 - 3

Herbert Howells

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Amen

The Offering

Gonfalon Royal, at H. 810

*Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth, whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayers of the People

Rosemary Scott

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 445: Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

1. *Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.'*
2. *Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?*
3. *Alleluia, bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*
4. *Alleluia, King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
alleluia, born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.*
5. *Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.'*

William Dix

Benediction

Amen
at H. 820

Organ: Le Saint Esprit
(from Trois méditations sur la Sainte Trinité)

Jean Langlais

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 9:15am – Early Communion 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 06 August 1:05pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 09 August 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Friday 07 & Saturday 08 August 7:30pm – FRINGE: Edinburgh Youth Orchestra Sunday 09 August 3:30 & 5:30pm – FRINGE: Whitburn Band present Wallace and Gromit Tuesday 11 August 1:00pm – Blues band: The Barking Magpies
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

Ministry Team

This morning we welcome the Rev. Dr. George Whyte, who is now the Interim Moderator of our united congregation. He will also be our Locum Minister after 6 September, which is to be the last Sunday with our current Locum, the Rev. Calum MacDougall. The service that Sunday will be attended by the Lord Provost, who comes here to take part in the historic ceremony of the Kirking of the Captain for the Edinburgh Riding of the Marches on the following Sunday.

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.

Change to Midweek Prayers start time

The start time for our service of Midweek Prayers has been moved forward by five minutes, to allow a little longer before we re-open to visitors at 1.30 pm. Join us every Thursday from 1:05 pm to 1:25 pm.

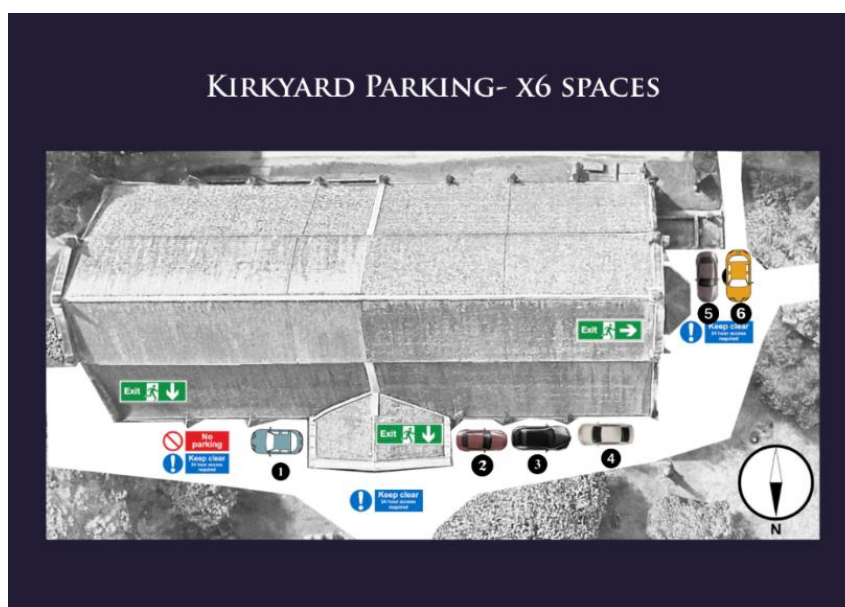
Beadle

We're sad to share the news that our Beadle, Peter, will be leaving us at the end of September. He has become a strong asset of the Greyfriars Family, and we wish him well on his new adventures down south.

With Peter's departure, we're looking to recruit a new Beadle. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in the position and finding out more information, please contact our Operations Manager, Mark Harrison, at outreach@greyfriarskirk.com.

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

*Deborah Meikle in the office at communications@greyfriarskirk.com will email you the link.

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

Welcoming members of the congregation and visitors is an imperative part of our Sunday Worship. As in all things, many hands make light work. If you could give a Sunday every one to two months to help us with welcoming, please have a chat with Nigel Robb about this: 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