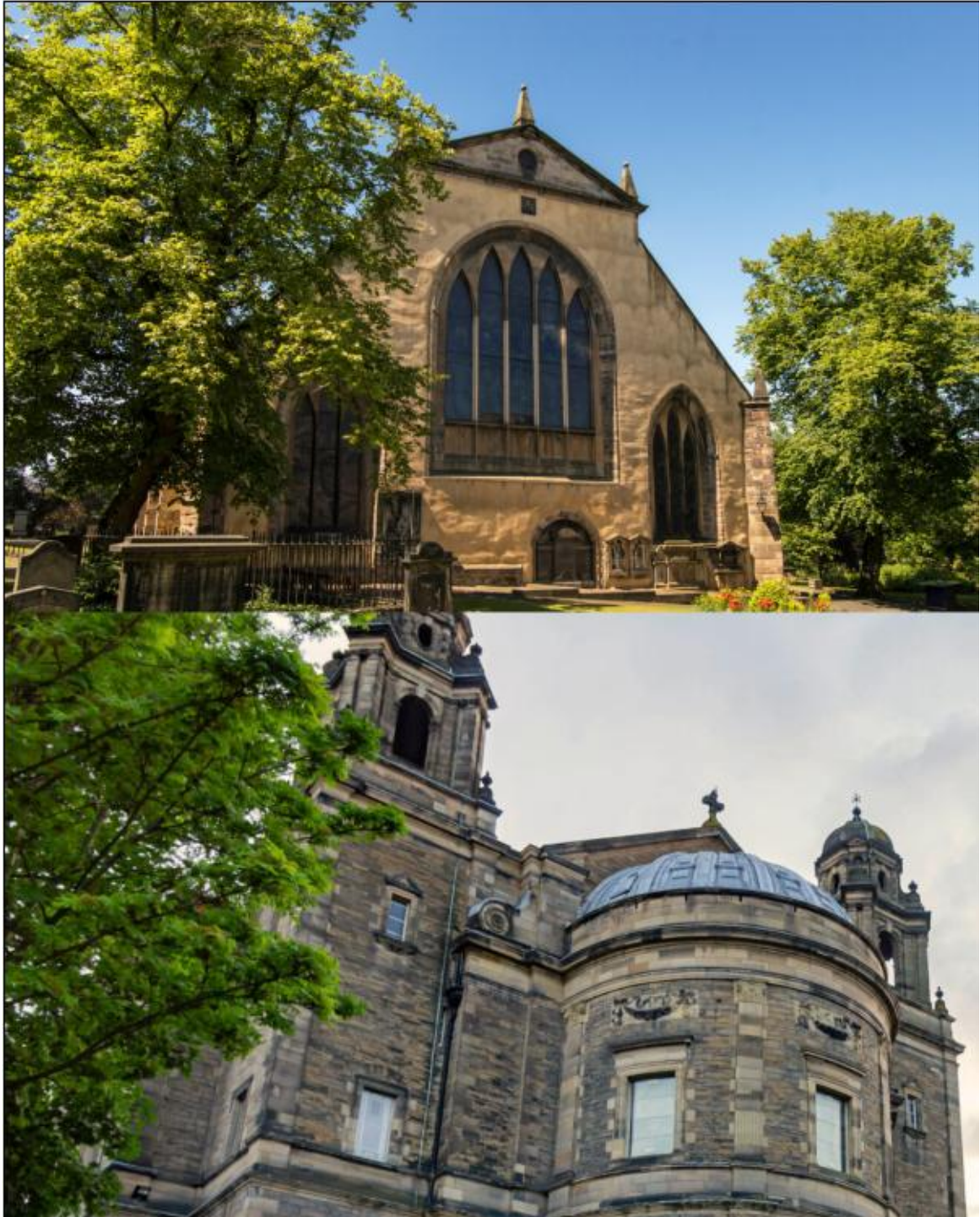


ORDER OF SERVICE - 26 JULY 2026

GREYFRIARS KIRK



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Calum Macdougall
Rev. Suzie Stark
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Locum Minister, Greyfriars
Locum Minister (retd.), St. Cuthbert's
Reader, Greyfriars

GREYFRIARS
KIRK

ST. CUTHBERT'S
PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday 26 July 2026 – Ninth 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: Offertoire (from *Douze Pieces*)

Théodore Dubois
Organist: Stephen Doughty

Introit:

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

attr. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, *tr.* Edward Caswall

Edward Bairstow

Call to Worship

The Rev Calum Macdougall

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: *Let us sing to him, let us sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.*

Leader: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: *Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.*

Leader: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered.

All: *He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 162: The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

1. *The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.
Jehovah, Great I AM! By earth and heaven confessed,
I bow, and bless the sacred name for ever blest.*
2. *The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame and power,
and him my only portion make, my shield and tower.*
3. *He by himself has sworn, I on his oath depend:
I shall, on eagle's wings upborne, to heaven ascend;
I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.*
4. *There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light for ever reigns.*
5. *The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!' they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! – I join the heavenly praise –
all might and majesty are thine, through endless days.*

Thomas Olivers, based on the Jewish *Yigdal*

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: *O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Increase and multiply
upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so
pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever and ever. Amen*

The Word of God

Genesis 29: 15 – 28 (OT p. 27)

Reader: John Kirk

Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters

Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country — giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Romans 8: 26 – 39 (NT p. 168)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Hymn 630: When to the sacred font we came

Caithness

1. *When to the sacred font we came, did not the rite proclaim
that, washed from sin and all its stains, new creatures we became?*
2. *With Christ the Lord we died to sin, with him to life we rise,
to life which, now begun on earth, is perfect in the skies.*
3. *Too long enthralled in Satan's sway, we now are slaves no more;
for Christ hath vanquished death and sin, our freedom to restore.*

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and of the Yeast

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Three More Parables

He said: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Treasures New and Old

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

Anthem: Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

(Jesus, truly human Son of Mary, who suffered on the cross for all our sakes, and from whose wounded side flowed blood and water, sustain us in this life as in the next, O merciful and holy Jesus, gentle Son of Mary.)

attr. Innocent VI

W.A. Mozart

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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Rev Suzie Stark

During Communion, all the bread is gluten free, and we offer a choice of drinking either from a common cup (fermented wine) or from thimbles (pale non-alcoholic or dark fermented wine).

Hymn 233: Come, you thankful people, come St. George's Windsor

1. Come, you thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, will provide for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.
2. All this world is God's own field, bearing fruit his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his storehouse evermore. (over)

4. Even so, Lord, quickly, come; bring your final harvest home:
gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, for ever purified, in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels come, raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father; through him all things were made. For us
and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate
of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day
he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sin. We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Grace

The Rev Suzie Stark

The Narrative of the Institution

The Rev Suzie Stark

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Rev Calum Macdougall

Thanksgiving

The Rev Calum Macdougall

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.*
And so, we join our voices
 to the song of all your people on earth and in heaven:

Sanctus and Benedictus

at H. 651

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, bearer of our sins, *have mercy on us.*
Jesus, redeemer of the world, *grant us peace.*

Those who are able are invited to gather in a circle
 round the Communion Table.

In bread and wine God comes to us, so that we may come to God.

The Distribution

Music for Reflection: Praeludium

Francis Jackson

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. Let us share the peace.

Prayers of the People

Tori Graham

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 465: Be thou my Vision

Slane, at H. 500

1. *Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day or the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
2. *Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*
3. *Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*
4. *Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*
5. *High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

8th c. Irish, tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Benediction

Amen
at H. 819

Organ: Grand Chœur in B flat

Théodore Dubois

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am –Joint Communion at Greyfriars 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 30 July 1:05pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 02 July 9:15am – Early Communion 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Friday 31 July 7:00pm – New York Handbell Ringers 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
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 longer 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.

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 in 2023-2025.

We are delighted that George will also take over as locum minister for our united congregation. Calum MacDougall will be with us through August, and his last Sunday with us will be 06 September.

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 Operations Manager, Mark Harrison at outreach@greyfriarskirk.com.

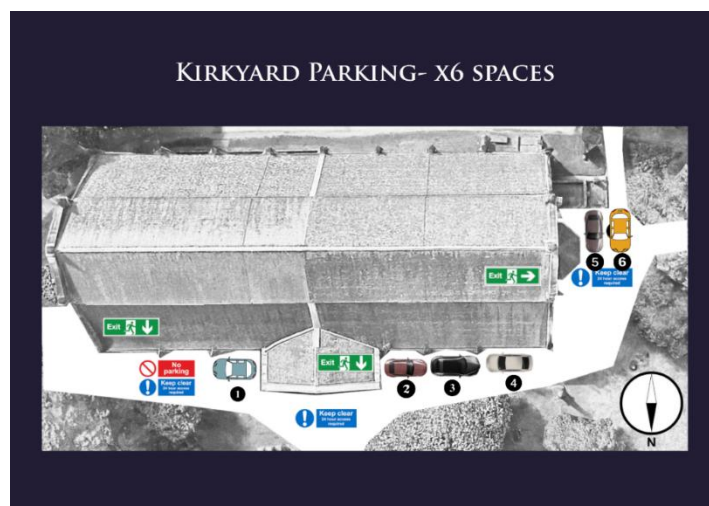
Safeguarding

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](#)* 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.

Volunteers – Sunday Worship

We're seeking to expand the pool of people available to act as welcomers at Sunday services, to be the friendly face to welcome members and visitors alike. Please talk about this with 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.