



GREYFRIARS ST. CUTHBERT'S

SUNDAY SERVICE – 9 AUGUST 2026

AT GREYFRIARS KIRK

Rev. Calum Macdougall	<i>Locum Minister</i>
Rev. Dr. George Whyte	<i>Interim Moderator</i>
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC	<i>Reader</i>
Dr. Caroline Cradock	<i>Director of Music</i>

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

Today is the **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**, and the liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in the church year is **green**.

This morning, we welcome the **Revd Calum Macdougall** to lead our worship.

Hymns are sung standing, unless otherwise indicated. If you didn't collect one on the way in, please ask one of our Elders for a hymnbook.

Bible Readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version. If you didn't collect one on the way in, please ask one of our Elders for a copy.

Congregational responses are printed in *italics*. The congregation is encouraged to join in with the saying of '**Amen**' at the end of prayers.

Please join us after the service under the Peter Collins Organ for tea and coffee.

All our services are available for viewing at any time on our YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen on the live broadcast, please make your wishes known.

Organ: Andante religioso & Allegretto (Sonata IV) F. Mendelssohn
Organist: Stephen Doughty

Introit: O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me
in thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, and
patience, in all my adversities. Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

attr. Orlando Gibbons

Henry Loosemore

Call to Worship

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to You, O Lord.

People: *Lord, hear our voice and be attentive to our prayers.*

Leader: With the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him
is great power to redeem.

People: *We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in His word
we hope.*

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me
will never be hungry."

People: *We come to be fed, to be forgiven, and to be made new.*

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who calls us to walk in love.

People: *We will worship with joy, gratitude, and open hearts.*

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:

*Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light
of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that
we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* Amen

Hymn 509: Jesus calls us

St. Andrew

1. *Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding, saying, 'Christian, follow me.'*
2. *As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake,*
3. *Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying 'Christian, love me more.'*
4. *In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'*
5. *Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Saviour, make us hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.*

Cecil Frances Alexander

The Word of God

Genesis 37: 1 – 4 and 12 – 28 (OT p. 36)

Reader: Van McKellar

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Joseph is Sold by his Brothers

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." ' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him' — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they

stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Romans 10: 5 - 15 (NT p. 170)

Salvation Is for All

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Amen

Hymn 485: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Repton

1. *Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe 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

Jesus Walks on the Water

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

Sermon

The Rev. Calum Macdougall

Anthem: Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make
thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord,
thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5: 8 and 4: 8

S. S. Wesley

Affirmation of Faith

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

What do you believe when you confess your faith
in "God the Father Almighty"?

*That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful
beyond measure.*

What do you affirm when you confess your faith
in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

*That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and
justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over
those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving
him above all else, we give glory and honour to God.*

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

*That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor
known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond
by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who
opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to
repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service.*

What do you affirm when you speak of "the life everlasting"?

*That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him we were
chosen before the foundation of the world. By him the eternal
covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled. To
him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted
as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him we
are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all
eternity.*

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

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 456: Christ is the world's true light

Nun Danket, at H. 182

1. *Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation,
the daystar clear and bright of every race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes, where people own his sway;
from bondage freedom breaks, and night is turned to day.*
2. *In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord, we shall forsake our fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.*
3. *One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own you;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone you;
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain:
come, heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.*

George Wallace Briggs

Benediction

Amen, at H. 820

Organ: Marche Triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott Sigfrid Karg-Elert

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Thursday 13 August 1:05pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 16 August 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Today 3:30pm & 5:30pm – Fringe: Whitburn Band Tuesday 11 August 1:00pm – The Barking Magpies Wednesday 12 & 13 August 5:00pm & 7:30pm – Lie Down and Listen Friday 14 August 3:00pm – Fringe: The Story of China
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.

Union update following the first meeting of the new Kirk Session

The first meeting of the Edinburgh: Greyfriars St Cuthbert's (Church of Scotland) Kirk Session was held at St Cuthbert's on the evening of 4 August.

The majority of the meeting was taken up with planning the way ahead and the following appointments have been made:

Locum Minister (from 8 September 2026) Rev Dr George Whyte	Session Clerk Team Session Clerk: Professor Nigel D Robb, TD Depute Session Clerks Christine Stevenson Anne Bradbury Dr Hilary Clydesdale
Treasurer Malcolm Beveridge	Presbytery Elder Jim McLean
Safeguarding Officers Safeguarding Officer at Greyfriars: Alison Noble Safeguarding Officer at St Cuthbert's: TBC	Convener of the Finance Management Group Andrew Campbell

We have also convened a small group to produce the Parish Profile, which is one of the first stages in seeking to call a new minister. George Whyte has produced a draft timeline for us to work to, and we will provide more detail as the work progresses.

Any Congregational Meetings that are needed for decision making will be organised to follow joint services.

We will keep you informed as we move forward. We are at the beginning of a new and challenging phase in our history. We have much to integrate and develop as a new congregation.

We ask for patience and understanding as we move forward and we will continue to provide updates on the progress which is being made.

Nigel

Professor Nigel D Robb, TD

Session Clerk

Edinburgh: Greyfriars St Cuthbert's (Church of Scotland)

Kirkyard Exhibition

After this morning's service do inspect our new exhibition about the kirkyard, at the back of the church. The kirkyard attracts huge numbers of visitors and the aim is to draw more of them into the kirk to learn more about that historic space. The panels are movable and will usually be stacked away for services and concerts.

This project was possible thanks to the generous donations from The Binks Trust, Greyfriars Foundation, and congregational member Heather Jack who donated in memory of her late friend.

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.

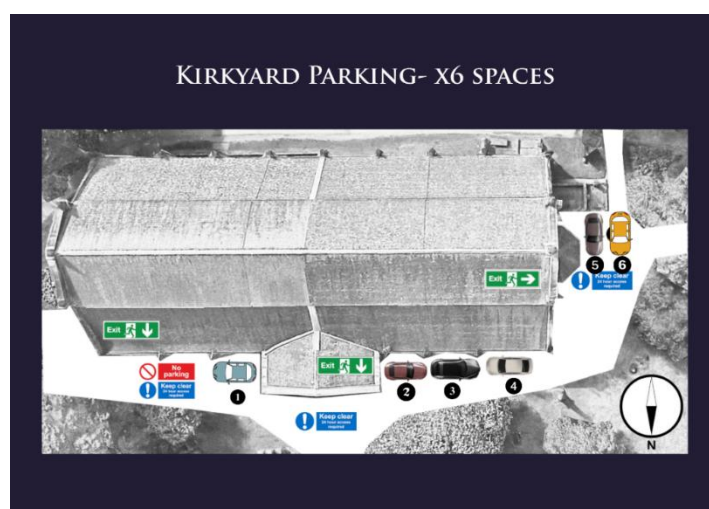
With Peter's departure, we're looking to recruit a new Beadle. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in the position and finding out more information, please contact Operations Manager, Mark Harrison at outreach@greyfriarskirk.com

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.

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: sessionclerk@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.