



# GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S

## Sunday Service at Greyfriars Kirk

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## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 13 September 2026

### A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

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

This morning, we welcome the **Rev. Alexander Shuttleworth** to lead our worship.

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

**Bible Readings** are from the New Revised Standard Version. If you didn't collect one on the way in, please ask one of our Welcomers 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 broadcast, please make your wishes known.



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**Organ:** Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns

**Introit:**

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk  
in an upright heart before thee this day and evermore. Amen.

Lidley's Prayers, 1566

Richard Farrant

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Alec Shuttleworth

**Leader:** Let us worship God.

**People:** *Praise the Lord, my soul.*

**Leader:** all my inmost being, praise his holy name

**People:** *Praise the Lord, my soul.*

**Leader:** and forget not all his benefits

**People:** *Praise the Lord, my soul.*

**Leader:** who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

**People:** *Praise the Lord, my soul.*

**Leader:** who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,

**People:** *Praise the Lord, my soul.*

**Leader:** who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**People:** *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

**Hymn 147:** All creatures of our God and King  
(omitting verses 5 and 6)

Lasst uns erfreuen

1. *All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright brother sun with golden beam,  
clear sister moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
2. *Swift rushing wind, so wild and strong,  
high clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!  
New-breaking dawn, in praise rejoice,  
and lights of evening find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
3. *Cool flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, with your flames so fierce and bright,  
giving to all both warmth and light:  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
4. *Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds God's blessings on our way, O praise him, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
7. *Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

St Francis of Assisi, tr. William Henry Draper

**Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk**

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

## Prayer of Approach, Adoration and Confession

Rev. Alec Shuttleworth

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.* at H. 777  
( Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. )

### **Collect for the Day:**

*O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.* Amen

### **Hymn 486:** Forgive our sins as we forgive

Detroit

1. *'Forgive our sins, as we forgive', you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*
2. *How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs, and will not let old bitterness depart?*
3. *In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debts to you!*
4. *Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease.  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
our lives will spread your peace.*

Rosamond Eleanor Herklots

## **The Word of God**

**Genesis 50: 15-21** (OT p. 51)

Reader: Rus Loten

### **Joseph Forgives his Brothers**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**Romans 14: 1-12** (NT p. 173)

### **Do not Judge Another**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

(over)

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Amen

**Hymn 527:** Lord, make us servants of your peace

O waly waly

- 1 *Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.*
2. *Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.*
3. *Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.*
4. *May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.*
5. *Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace  
to wake at last in heaven's light.*

James Quinn

## **Forgiveness**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

## **The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant**

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

## **Anthem:** View me, Lord

View me. Lord, a work of thine; shall I then lie drowned in night?  
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at thine altar, pure and bright:  
they that once thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earth's delight.

Wordly joys, like shadows, fade when the heav'nly light appears,  
but the cov'nants thou hast made, endless, know not days nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust, to thy mercies fast I fly;  
though I am but clay and dust, yet thy grace can lift me high.

Thomas Campion

Richard H. Lloyd

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

*We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as  
Lord to the glory of God the Father.*

*In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the  
Church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.*

*We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death  
and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he  
will bring.*

*We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; on  
the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments, and we have the  
gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way.*

*We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both  
Christ's gift and his will.*

*We affirm that every member of the Church is engaged to confess the  
faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will  
serve the world for which Christ died.*

*And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.*

*Amen*

## The Offering

Old 100th, at H. 807

*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.*

## Offertory Prayer

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

## Prayers of the People

Nigel Robb

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

Praise, my soul

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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

## Benediction

*Amen*

*Ae fond kiss, at H. 786*

*May the God of peace go with us as we travel from this place;  
May the love of Jesus keep us firm in hope and full of grace.*

**Organ:** *Fuga cromatica* (from Sonata no.4)

Josef Rheinberger

## NOTES

| Forthcoming Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Upcoming Events at Greyfriars                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Today</b><br/><b>10:30am – Sunday Service</b><br/><b>12:30pm – Gaelic Service</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 17 September</b><br/><b>1:05pm – Midweek Prayers</b></p> <p><b>Sunday 20 September</b><br/><b>10:30am – Sunday Service</b><br/><b>12:30pm – Gaelic Service</b></p> | <p><b>Tuesday 15 September</b><br/><b>6:00pm – Saltmine Theatre</b><br/><b>Company: Rhyming Bible</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 17 September</b><br/><b>12:00 – Greyfriars@12</b></p> |
| <p>Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                            |

## **Welcome Rev. Alec Shuttleworth**

Alec is the Presbytery Clerk of the Presbytery of Fife having spent twenty-plus years in Parish ministry, first in Ayrshire at Tarbolton and Annbank, and then in Kincardine and Saline in Fife.

Before being called to the ministry, he was a broadcaster with Radio Forth in Edinburgh, eventually becoming a Station Manager in Stirling and combining this with a stage career as a singing compere. His passion for singing continues now with the Heart and Soul Swing Band, and indeed it was singing which first brought him to Greyfriars when as part of the New College Choir he recorded a David Mitchell album here.

Alec is married to Margaret, also a Church of Scotland Minister who has just retired as a Prison Chaplain. His son Jack is at New College studying to be a Minister and his daughter Amy very sensibly works in banking.

## **Saltmine Theatre Company: Rhyming Bible**

We will be hosting Saltmine Theatre Company for their brand-new musical production *Halos, Heroes and the Tree of Life* which is inspired by Bob Hartman's much-loved book 'Rhyming Bible'. This vibrant, imaginative show retells iconic Bible stories — including Moses and the Burning Bush, Daniel in the Lions' Den, Jonah and the Whale — in a completely original way, whilst also sensitively portraying the life and death of Jesus.

This is a great event for the whole family!

## **Session Meeting Minute Taker**

Are you interested in what happens at a Kirk Session Meeting? The Session Clerk Team are looking for a volunteer to take the Kirk Session Meeting minutes. Kirk Session meetings are usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening and occur 6 - 10 times per year depending on the level of activity. This is a great opportunity to understand how the church is governed by the Trustees. Please do speak to any member of the team for more details. The team members are - Nigel Robb, Anne Bradbury, Hilary Clydesdale, and Christine McGuinness.

## **Greyfriars@12: Autumn Series**

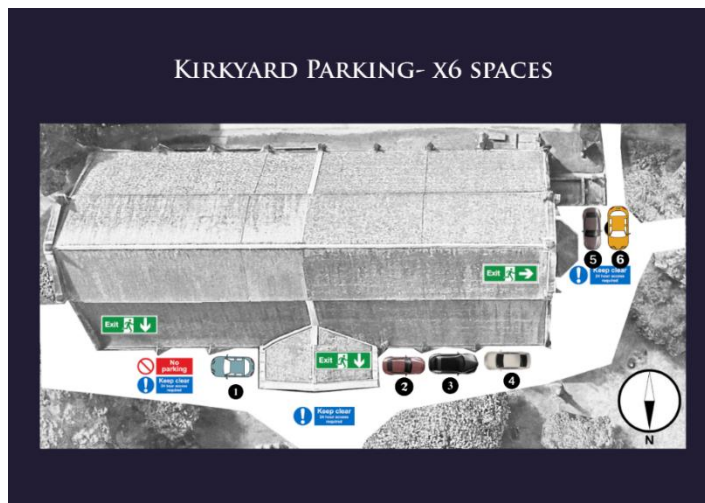
In this series, you can expect performances by bassoonists, pianists and saxophonists. The next concert is on Thursday 17 September.

Remember – you can sign up to the Greyfriars@12 newsletter to receive series updates first. Get in touch with Deborah in the Kirk Office if you wish to be on the mailing list –

[communications@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:communications@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.

## 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](mailto: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 helps us with welcoming, please have a chat with Nigel Robb about this: [sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com)

## Ministry team and Pastoral Care

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](mailto: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