GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S
Sunday Service at Greyfriars Kirk

The Revd Dr George Whyte	*Interim Moderator*
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC	*Reader*
Dr Caroline Cradock	*Director of Music*

All Saints' Day, Sunday 1 November 2026

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

Today is All Saints' Day, and the liturgical colour for this day in the church year is **white**.

This morning, we welcome **Jamie Sutherland** to lead our worship. Jamie is a Probationer Minister at St Giles'.

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: Prelude on 'Sine Nomine' Ian Hare

Call to Worship Jamie Sutherland

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times.
People: *His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the Lord.
People: *Let the humble hear and be glad.*

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me.
People: *Let us exalt his name together.*

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.
People: *None who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 740: For all the saints Sine Nomine

1. *For all the saints, who from their labours rest;*
   who thee by faith before the world confessed,
   thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.

   Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;*
   thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
   thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

3. *Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,*
   fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
   and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

4. *O blest communion, fellowship divine!*
   We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
   yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

5. *And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,*
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.

6. *The golden evening brightens in the west;*
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

7. *But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;*
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of Glory passes on his way.

8. *From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,*
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia! Alleluia! William Walsham How

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication
Jamie Sutherland

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. *at H. 776*
(Lord, have mercy.)

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son. Give us grace to follow your blessèd saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who perfectly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Hymn 461: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds St. Peter

1. *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!*
   It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.
2. *It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;*
   'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.
3. *Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,*
   my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.
4. *Jesus, my Shepherd, Husband, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and KIng,*
   my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.
5. *Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;*
   but, when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.
6. *Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath;*
   and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

John Newton

The Word of God

Revelation 7: 9 – 17 (NT p. 270) Reader: Kenneth Ballantine

The Multitude from Every Nation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are

before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

1 John 3: 1 – 3 (NT p. 258)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Amen

Hymn 747: Jerusalem the golden Ewing

1. *Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,*
   beneath your contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed:
   I know not, oh, I know not what joys await us there,
   what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.
2. *They stand, those halls of Zion, all jubilant with song,*
   and radiant with the angels and all the martyr throng;
   the Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene,
   the pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.
3. *There is the throne of David; and there, from care released,*
   the shout of those who triumph, the song of those who feast;
   and they who, with their Leader, have conquered in the fight,
   for ever and for ever are clothed in robes of white.
4. *O sweet and blessèd country, the home of God's elect!*
   O sweet and blessèd country that eager hearts expect!
   Jesus, in mercy bring us to that dear land above,
   where you, with God the Father and Spirit, reign in love.

St. Bernard of Cluny, *tr.** John Mason Neale

Matthew 23: 1- 12 (NT p. 4) Reader: Jamie Sutherland

Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father — the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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

Sermon

Jamie Sutherland

Anthem: Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Salisbury Diurnal, by G.H. Palmer William H. Harris (1883–1973)

Affirmation of Faith

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

All: *In every act of kindness, we echo the spirit of the saints. Let our hearts be beacons of hope, illuminating the path for others. True humility is recognizing the divine in every soul we meet. Service isn't a duty; it's the heartbeat of love.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: *We believe and trust in him.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: *We believe and trust in him.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All: *We believe and trust in him.*

This is the faith of the Church.

All: *This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.* *Amen.*

The Offering

St. Magnus, *at H. 806*

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Offertory Prayer

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

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 739: The Church's one foundation Aurelia

1. *The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord:*
   She is his new creation by water and the word;
   from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
   with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. *Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,*
   her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
   One holy name she blesses, and shares one holy food,
   as to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. *In toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,*
   she waits the consummation of peace for evermore,
   till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
   and the great Church victorious shall be the church at rest.
4. *Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One ,*
   and mystical communion with those whose rest is won.
   O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
   like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel John Stone

Benediction *Amen*

at H. 819

Organ: Placare Christe servulis Marcel Dupré

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 9:15am – Early Communion 10:30pm – Sunday Service Thursday 05 November 1:05pm – Midweek Prayers Sunday 08 November 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service	Monday 02 November 7:00pm – Sing Along in the City Friday 06 November 5:00pm/7:30pm – Bohemian Symphony Orchestra Prague Saturday 07 November 7:30pm – Edinburgh Royal Choral Union
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

Jamie Sutherland

We are delighted to welcome Jamie back to Greyfriars this morning. Jamie will be well known to many having been a member here and ordained as an Elder in March 2020. Jamie left us two years ago to pursue his training in the ministry and is now Probationary Minister at St Giles. Jamie has completed his probationary period but is staying on at St Giles whilst he studies for a PhD at New College.

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.

Greyfriars@12: Autumn Series



Part two of the Autumn Series commences on Thursday 12 November – we hope to see you there!

The Annual Oasis Quiz

The Annual Oasis Quiz will be held at St Cuthbert's on Thursday 19th November. Doors will open at 7pm, with the Quiz starting at 7.30pm. There will be a simple soup and bread supper, and teas and coffees available and as always, you are welcome to bring along a bottle of wine to enjoy with your team.

Teams are limited to 5 members, and there is a suggested donation of £10 per team. To register, please contact Oscar: office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk Phone : 0131 229 1142

Charteris Community Ceilidh

GREYFRIARS CHARTERIS CENTRE

The Reel STRAMASH CEILIDH BAND



Free Entry

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Mon 16th Nov 2026

7pm - 10pm

Join us at the Charteris Centre for an evening of music and dancing at our annual community ceilidh!

Everyone welcome

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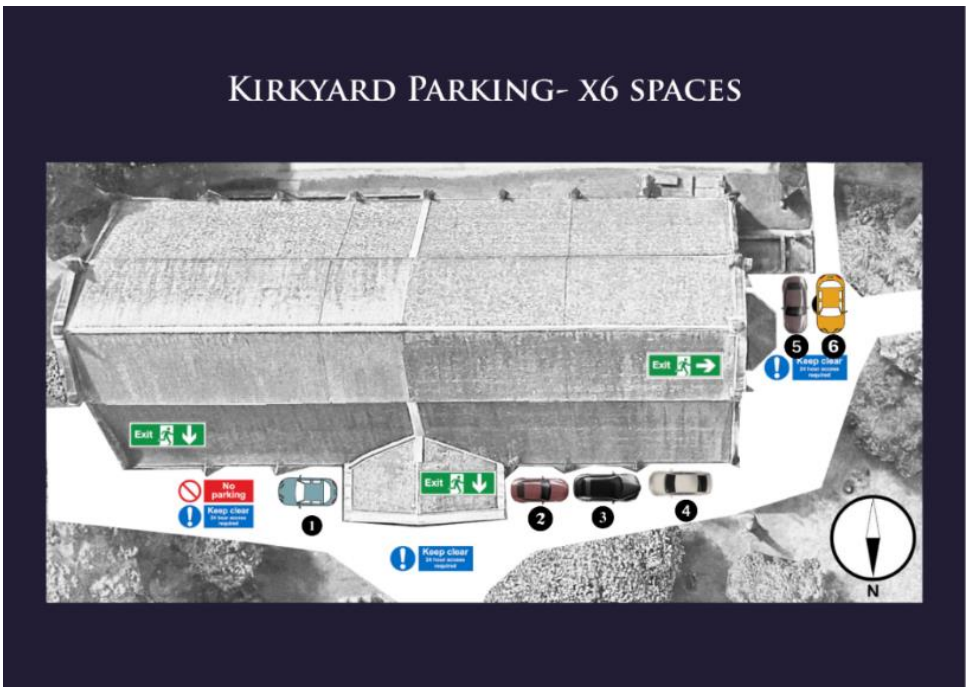
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Car Parking

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.



Volunteers – Sunday Worship

Welcoming members of the congregation and visitors is an important 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

Ministry team and Pastoral Care

If you are in need of pastoral care or would like to hear how things are going at Greyfriars, please feel free to get in touch via the Kirk Office.

Currently we have the services of our locum minister for 2 days a week, but we will do our best to manage the pastoral needs of our congregation.

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.

Phone: 0131 225 1900

Email: communications@greyfriarskirk.com

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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.