



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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 11 October 2026

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

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

This morning, we welcome **Rev Suzie Stark** 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: Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

J S Bach

Organist: Andrew Adair

Introit:

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it
unto the end.

Psalm 119: 33

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Call to Worship

Rev Suzie Stark

Leader: Rejoice in God always! Rejoice in God's steadfast love.

People: *Rejoice in Christ's enduring grace.*

Leader: Rejoice in God's saving Word.

People: *Rejoice in the Spirit's gentle guidance.*

Leader: Rejoice in God's healing presence.

People: *Again, I say, rejoice!*

Leader: Let us worship God.

Hymn 509: Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

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

Welcome to Greyfriars Kirk

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

at H. 648

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth and serve you with thankfulness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 462: The King of Love my Shepherd is

Dominus Regit me

1. *The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.*
2. *Where streams of living waters flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.*
3. *Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.*
4. *In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*
5. *Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what wonder and delight from thy pure chalice floweth!*
6. *And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever!*

Henry Williams Baker

The Word of God

Exodus 32: 1 – 14 (OT p. 83)

Reader: Laura Dunlop

The Golden Calf

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them

from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Philippians 4: 1 – 9 (NT p. 212)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Exhortations

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Amen

1. *Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way,
guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day:
rule in our hearts , and keep us ever true,
directed, strengthened , and upheld by you.*
2. *We are your own, the children of your love,
your family, with your beloved Son;
come to us, Holy Spirit, like a dove,
and fill our hearts that we may be as one;
as one with you, our comforter and friend;
as one with him, our way, our life, our end.*
3. *We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things kind and fair,
one with the joy that finds a voice in song,
one with the grief that trembles into prayer,
one in the power that sets us free from fear
to follow truth, and so to find you near.*

John White Chadwick.

Matthew 22: 1 - 14 (NT p. 25)

Reader: Rev Suzie Stark

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed

those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

Sermon

Rev Suzie Stark

Anthem:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21: 1 - 4

Edgar Bainton

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

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

Sharon Barnes

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 449: Rejoice! the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

- 1 Rejoice! The Lord is King,
 your Lord and King adore.
 Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:
 Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice;
 rejoice; again I say: Rejoice!
2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
 the God of truth and love;
 when he had purged our stains,
 he took his seat above:
3. His kingdom cannot fail;
 he rules both earth and heaven;
 the keys of death and hell
 are to our Jesus given:
4. He sits at God's right hand
 till all his foes submit,
 and bow to his command,
 and fall before his feet:
5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
 for Christ, the Judge, shall come,
 and take his servants up
 to their eternal home:
 We then shall hear the archangel's voice;
 the trump of God shall sound: Rejoice!

Charles Wesley

Benediction

Amen
at H. 820

Organ: Fugue in C major

J S Bach

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service Sunday 18 October 10:30am – Sunday Service 12:30pm – Gaelic Service 7:00pm - Refugio	Saturday 17 October 3:00pm – The Sixteen Tuesday 20 October 4pm – Concert: Pinewood School Friday 23 & Saturday 24 October – Greyfriars Art Fair (Fri) 4pm – 9pm (Sat) 10am – 6pm
Find information on services and events on our website, or by scanning the QR code.	

Union Update

There are two important steps in the process to call a new minister which will be taken in the next few weeks. Please see the following two pages for details. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Session Clerk Team.

Nigel Robb – sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com

Christine Stevenson – deputysessionclerk_cs@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk

Hilary Clydesdale - dpsessionclerk-hc@greyfriarskirk.com

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Election Of Nominating Committee

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of this congregation of Greyfriars St Cuthbert's will be held in the Parish Church of St Cuthbert on Sunday 25th October at the close of morning worship for the purpose of appointing a Nominating Committee.

The task of the Nominating Committee will be to nominate one person to this congregation to be the new Minister.

At that meeting, the congregation shall be invited to elect thirteen people who are on the Electoral Roll of this congregation Greyfriars St Cuthbert's to serve on the Nominating Committee. If you wish to propose anyone to serve on the Committee you may do so at the meeting providing the person has indicated a willingness to serve.



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Please, therefore, give due consideration to who you would like to represent the congregation in this process. We have the responsibility of electing a committee who can represent the breadth of congregational life as they interact with ministers who apply for the charge. So, we need a good spread of ages, a reasonable gender balance and people from the different groups, activities and places of worship which form our "community of communities".

Nominations (and seconding) will be received on the day from anyone whose name appears on the Electoral Register (the list of communicant members and adherents prepared by the Kirk Session).

If you wish to check on whether your name is on the Register please contact the Session Clerk at sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com

Should you wish to nominate someone who is unable to attend on the day, please bring written confirmation of their willingness to serve.

When the meeting has finished nominating potential Committee members and there are more than thirteen names a vote will be held by ballot where each person present whose name is on the Electoral Register will be able to vote for up to thirteen of the persons nominated. The count will be held immediately afterwards, and the names of the Nominating Committee will be read out.

Result of Vote at Kirk Session Tuesday 06 October

At the Kirk Session meeting last Tuesday (6th of October) the Session voted by a very large majority to depart from the Church's practice in relation to human sexuality in order for applications for the proposed appointment of a Minister to the congregation to be considered from, amongst others, individuals who are in a same sex civil partnership or a same sex marriage.

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

Thank you to all who attended part one of the Autumn Series – we hope you enjoyed it!

The full programme for part two will be announced soon and it begins on Thursday 12 November.

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

Charteris Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning will be on this Thursday, 15 October, at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre, 140 Pleasance, from 10.30 am.

A message from Edinburgh Food Project

Thank you so much for Greyfriars' Harvest collection. The donations that were dropped off weighed in at 32.2kg which is about the same as a Giant Otter! Your ongoing generosity makes a real difference to people facing hardship in our city

St. Columba's - Sunday Forum Today

Trials and Tribulations: A Brief Exploration of Clinical Research with Dr Katie Brooks

Join us with Coffee from 11.30am, with the forum beginning shortly afterwards.

From vaccines and antibiotics to the latest treatments for cancer and rare diseases, clinical research has transformed healthcare and improved countless lives. But how did clinical trials develop, what challenges have they faced, and where might they be heading in the future?

In this accessible and thought-provoking talk, **Dr Katie Brooks** will explore the origins of clinical research, the key milestones and setbacks that have shaped its development, and the opportunities and ethical questions arising from advances in science and technology today.

The Sixteen: Choral Workshop

The Sixteen are bringing back their Choral Workshop for Wellbeing this year on 18 October at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre (Binks Hall).

Whether you sing regularly in a choir or simply enjoy singing with others, these workshops offer a rewarding opportunity to spend the day making music while learning how to look after your voice.

Tickets can be purchased on the sixteen website - <https://thesixteen.com/event/choral-workshop-for-wellbeing-edinburgh/>

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. Teams will be welcomed from members of the congregation, volunteers and staff normally attending Greyfriars.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it and would like to ask you to call or email the office to register, so that we can ensure that there is plenty of soup. As in previous years, there will be prizes supplied by local businesses. The contact details are Email: office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk Phone : 0131 229 1142

Scottish Historic Buildings- Request for Information

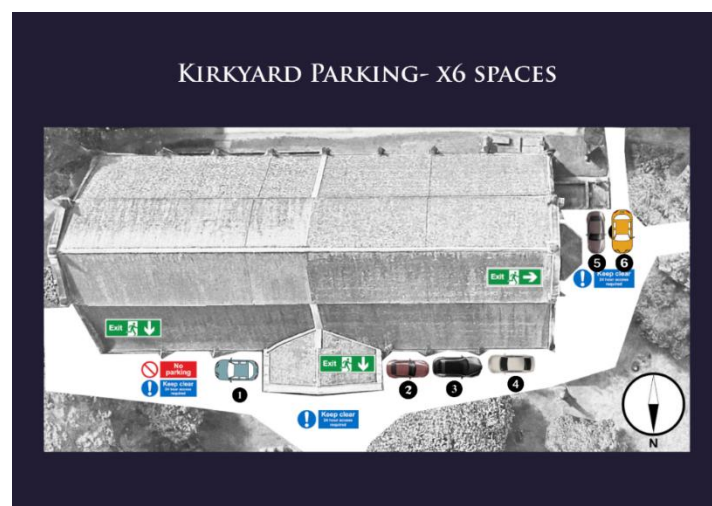
Scottish Historic Buildings Trust are looking for anyone who was/ knew others who were part of the Tron Kirk congregation and the social strand e.g. individuals who attended social events in the building like Hogmanay etc.

Anyone with memories of the building in regard to these two main themes should contact Project Officer, Lucy-Anne Hutchison via email lucy-anne.hutchison@shbt.org.uk

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 help us with welcoming, please have a chat with Nigel Robb about this: 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: communications@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.