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*

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday 18 October 2026

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

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

This morning, the service is led by our Interim Moderator the **Revd Dr George Whyte**.

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 in E minor BWV533 J S Bach

Introit:

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.

(This place is God's handiwork, a mystery beyond price; it is above reproach.)

Gradual for the Dedication of a Church Anton Bruckner

Call to Worship Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC

Leader: We lift our eyes to the hills - from where will our help come?

People: *Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth*.

Leader: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: *We will say to the Lord, "You are our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust."*

Leader: Jesus taught his disciples to pray always and not lose heart.

People: *We come seeking the God who hears our cries.*

Leader: Will not God grant justice to those who call out day and night?

People: *God is faithful and near to all who seek him*.

Leader: Let us worship the God of justice and mercy.

Hymn 201: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness Moredun

1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his name.

2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3. Fear not to enter his courts, in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4. These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his name.

John Monsell

Welcome to **Greyfriars Kirk** Revd Dr George Whyte

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication
Revd Dr George Whyte

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
at H. 648

Absolution

Collect for the Day:
Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn 122: Let all the world in every corner sing Luckington

1 Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'

2. Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, 'My God and King!'

George Herbert

Exodus 33: 12 – 23 (OT p. 85) Reader: Rus Loten

Moses' Intercession

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the

rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

1 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10 (NT p. 218)

Salutation

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Amen

Hymn 625: O thou who camest from above Hereford

1 O thou who camest from above
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thine endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley

Matthew 22: 15 - 22 (NT p. 26) Reader: Revd Dr George Whyte

The Question about Paying Taxes

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the

emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon Revd Dr George Whyte

Anthem:

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
And, that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my outmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee;
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

George Herbert J.S. Bach

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 Rosemary Scott

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 436: Christ triumphant, ever reigning, Guiting Power

1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is by the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

5. So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!

Michael Saward.

Benediction *Amen*
at H. 820

Organ: Fugue in E minor BWV533 J S Bach

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today **10:30am – Sunday Service** **12:30pm – Gaelic Service** **Thursday 22 October** **1:05pm – Midweek Prayers** **Sunday 25 October** **10:30am – Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's** **12:30pm – Gaelic Service**	**Tuesday 20 October** **4pm – Concert: Pinewood School** **Friday 23 & Saturday 24 October – Greyfriars Art Fair** **(Fri) 4pm – 9pm** **(Sat) 10am – 6pm** **Saturday 31 October** **6:30pm – Concert: Tim Burton's Universe**
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.

Congregation

I am sorry to have to pass on the news that Dr Stephen Lunn passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday 13th October at the Royal Infirmary.

Stephen was our Session Elder of longest standing, having been ordained 05 December 1971. I am sure that there are many members of the former Greyfriars congregation who will remember him well, as I do from my time attending the Kirk up to the early 1980s.

Once funeral arrangements are known, I shall ensure the congregation are informed.

- Nigel D Robb, Session Clerk

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
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Hilary Clydesdale - dpsessionclerk-hc@greyfriarskirk.com
Anne Bradbury - dpsessionclerk-ab@greyfriarskirk.com

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.



Rev Dr George J Whyte, Interim Moderator

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. Copies of a form to complete are available in the church today.
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.

Update from the Flower Team

You will see that there are no pedestals of flowers at the pulpit and Gaelic areas, and there are now flowers on all the window ledges and on the Chancel brackets. This is because we have had to change the way the flowers are done to accommodate the ever-increasing changes to the use of the Kirk… Sunday Services, Wedding Services and Receptions, Funeral and Memorial Services, Concerts and Ceilidhs, and the ever-growing visitor footage. All of which require rearranging the layout of the Kirk. Inevitably the flower arrangements need to be moved elsewhere or arranged elsewhere and moved into place for the Sunday Service. This is a heavy job for Jaimie and Craig, and sometimes the flowers “rearrange” themselves in the process of being moved.
The flowers in their new positions will not need to be moved and lighten the load for Jaimie and Craig.
However, we will still be arranging fresh flowers as usual for Remembrance Sunday, Christmas, Easter and Harvest Services. Those members of the Congregation who annually donate flowers for a special occasion will still be able to have this done in the usual way.
Another benefit of this new system means the Flower Team can demonstrate their artistic talents in other ways than large pedestals. Smaller arrangements can be used for the windows without detracting from the colourful beauty of the stained glass. The first of these uses the Japanese Art of Ikebana, a minimalistic style representing flowers of the season. We hope you like them.

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

The Annual Oasis Quiz

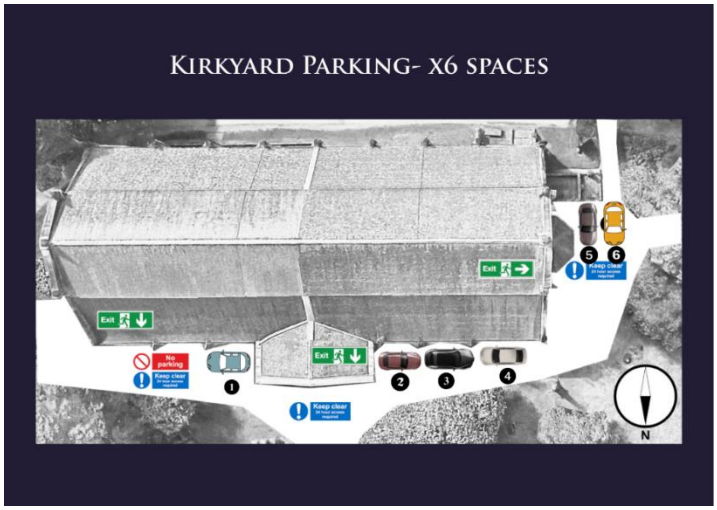
The Annual Oasis Quiz will be held at St Cuthbert's on Thursday 19th November, Doors will open at 7pm, with the Quiz starting at 7.30pm. There will be a simple soup and bread supper, and teas and coffees available and as always, you are welcome to bring along a bottle of wine to enjoy with your team.

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

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

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.