GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S
Sunday Service at Greyfriars Kirk

The Revd Dr George Whyte	*Interim Moderator*
Prof. Bert Kerrigan KC	*Reader*
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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 8 September 2026, Remembrance Sunday

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

Today is the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, and the liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in the church year is **purple**.

This morning, we welcome **The Revd Dr George Whyte** 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: Solemn melody Henry Walford Davies

Introit:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or wait, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ: give rest to the weary: bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield us all: and all for thy love's sake.

St. Augustine Chris Hutchings

Call to Worship The Revd Dr George Whyte

Hymn 161: O God, our help in ages past St. Anne

1. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,*
   our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
2. *Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;*
   sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.
3. *Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,*
   from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. *A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;*
   short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5. *Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;*
   they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. *O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,*
   be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts

Welcome to **Greyfriars Kirk**

Prayer of Approach, Adoration, Confession and Supplication

The Revd Dr George Whyte

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. *at H. 776*

(Lord, have mercy.)

Absolution

Collect for the Day: *Almighty God, keep us mindful of all your benefits and heedful of our high calling, that we may yield ourselves in new obedience to your holy will, and live henceforth as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.* *Amen*

Hymn 710: I have a dream Repton

1. *'I have a dream,' a man once said, 'where all is perfect peace;*
   where men and women, black and white, stand hand in hand, and
   all unite, in freedom and in love, in freedom and in love.'
2. *But in this world of bitter strife the dream can often fade;*
   reality seems dark as night, we catch but glimpses
   of the light Christ sheds on humankind.
3. *Fierce persecution, war, and hate are raging everywhere;*
   God calls us now to pay the price through struggles
   and through sacrifice of standing for the right.
4. *So dream the dreams and sing the songs, but never be content;*
   for thought and words don't ease the pain:
   unless there's action, all is vain; faith proves itself in deeds.
5. *Lord, give us vision, make us strong, help us to do your will;*
   don't let us rest until we see
   your love throughout humanity uniting us in peace.

Pamela J. Pettitt

Call to Remembrance

The Tryst

Leader: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

The Last Post

The Silence

Reveille

Laying of the Wreath

Prayer

The Word of God

Revelation 22: 1 - 5 (NT p. 281) Reader: Rus Loten

The River of Life

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Amen

Hymn 68: O thou my soul, bless God the Lord Coleshill

1. *O thou my soul, bless God the Lord, and all that in me is*
   be stirred up, his holy name to magnify and bless.
2. *Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God, and not forgetful be*
   of all his gracious benefits he hath bestowed on thee.
3. *All thine iniquities who doth most graciously forgive;*
   who thy diseases all and pains doth heal, and thee relieve.
4. *Who doth redeem thy life, that thou to death may'st not go down;*
   who thee with loving-kindness doth and tender mercies crown.
5. *Who with abundance of good things doth satisfy thy mouth;*
   so that ev'n as the eagle's age, renewed is thy youth.

Scottish Psalter

Matthew 5: 38 - 48 (NT p. 5) Reader: The Revd Dr George Whyte

Concerning Retaliation

You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

Sermon The Revd Dr George Whyte

Anthem:

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

John Ireland

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 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

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 706: For the healing of the nations Triumph

1. *For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;*
   for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
   To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
2. *Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release,*
   that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
   Show us how through care and goodness
   fear will die and hope increase.
3. *All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;*
   pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
   In our common search for justice may we hallow life's brief span.
4. *You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;*
   for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind;
   that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan

Benediction *Amen*

at H. 819

God save our gracious King, long live our noble King;
God save the King!
Send him victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us:
God save the King!

Organ: 'Nimrod' Edward Elgar

NOTES

Forthcoming Services	Upcoming Events at Greyfriars
Today **10:30pm – Sunday Service** **12:30pm – Gaelic Service** **Thursday 12 November** **1:05pm – Midweek Prayers** **Sunday 15 November** **10:30am – Sunday Service** **12:30pm – Gaelic Service**	**Thursday 12 November** **12:00pm – Greyfriars@12** **Saturday 14 November** **7:30pm – Heriot-Watt University Orchestra** **Thursday 19 November** **12:00pm – Greyfriars@12** **Friday 20 November** **7:30pm – Edinburgh University Music Society – Chorus and Sinfonia** **Saturday 21 November** **7:30pm – Edinburgh University Music Society – Symphony Orchestra**
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 our Member, Jean Kidd, has passed away.

For those of you who knew Jean, her funeral is being held at Warriston Cloister Chapel on Monday 23 November at 10:30am.

Kirk Shop – Sunday opening for Christmas

After the services on the 29th of November and 6th of December, the shop will be open for the congregation. Why not pick up some presents or tree decorations and support the church in the process? Generous discounts are on offer.

Greyfriars@12: Autumn Series

Part two of the Autumn Series commences this 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 7 pm, with the Quiz starting at 7.30 pm. 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.

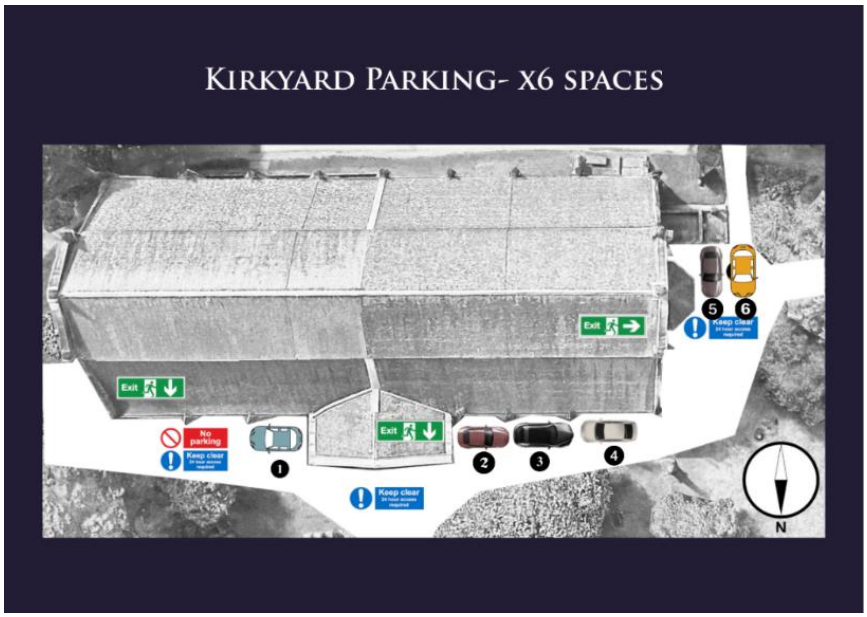
Teams are limited to 5 members, and there is a suggested donation of £10 per team. To register, please contact Oscar: office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk Phone : 0131 229 1142.





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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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.

Many thanks.