



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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Sea Sunday

Sunday 12 July 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is **Sea Sunday**, the day which many Christian Churches set aside to remember and pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work.

The liturgical colour for this day is **blue**, representing the sea.

This morning, **Mr John Kirk**, Elder of St Cuthbert's, leads our worship.

The choir are on holiday for the month of July. They return on **Sunday 2 August**.

Hymns are unannounced and sung standing unless otherwise indicated. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if there is not a hymnbook (purple Church Hymnary) near your seat.

The text of the **Psalm** can be found in this Order of Service. The **Alleluia**, the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated.

Bible Readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if you would like a copy.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. The congregation is encouraged to join in with the saying of '**Amen**' at the end of prayers.

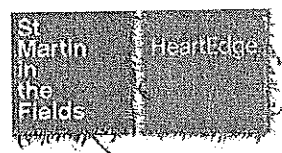
Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

Please note this service is being filmed and broadcast live on the church's website and YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen, please make your wishes known.



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APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCE	The sea belongs to the Lord, for he made it – O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!	Psalm 95: 5a, 6
CALL TO WORSHIP	Let us worship God.	
GATHERING HYMN	36 God is our refuge and our strength	Psalm 46
CALL TO PRAYER		<i>please remain standing</i>
PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION	Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.	<i>please be seated</i>
ABSOLUTION		
COLLECT FOR SEA SUNDAY	Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ calmed the stormy sea: watch over all who sail the oceans, protect those who work at sea, comfort their families, and strengthen all who minister to seafarers. Grant that, amid the changing tides of this world, we may always be guided by your presence and brought safely to the harbour of your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE PEACE	The peace of the Lord be with you and also with you.	
HYMN	603 For the gift of God the Spirit	

THE OFFERING *is collected, and received during the singing of:*

DOXOLOGY

**Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,
whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest
to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.**

Hymn 810

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF
THANKSGIVING and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)

DISMISSAL HYMN

260 Eternal Father, strong to save

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
12th July 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

This Sea Sunday, we pray for all who work upon the waters — mariners, fishers, merchant crews, and those who support them. Hold their long journeys, their risks, and their waiting families before God, asking for protection, courage, and calm. Entrust every voyage to the One who guides through storm and stillness, and pray that each harbour meets them with peace.

Thank you from Suzie

Dear Friends, You are all so very kind and generous! I cannot begin to express how touched and grateful I am by your good wishes and by the generous gifts received as I step down as Locum. It has been a great pleasure to have spent the last 16 months as part of the St Cuthbert's community, a very special time for me.

While I will be leading worship regularly over the summer it will be in a less formal capacity than previously, nevertheless I look forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks.

Thank you one and all, With love and every blessing, Suzie

Union Update

We have been advised this week that OSCR have given their consent to the proposed change of name for the new United Congregation. The new legal name will be Edinburgh Greyfriars St Cuthberts Church of Scotland, and this will change on the first of August.

Dr Hazel Hastie will step down as our Interim Moderator on the 31st of July, and her successor will be Rev Dr George Whyte.

Pastoral cover

From 6th July to 13th July, pastoral support and care will be supplied by Rev Calum Macdougall, Locum Minister at Greyfriars. You can contact the pastoral team either through email at sessionclerk@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk or by calling 07741 650912.

Today: No Communion service in the Anam Chara after the Service

Please note that there will be no Communion service after today's service. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Wednesday 15th July, 10.30am: Funeral for Betty Tait

Warriston Crematorium

The funeral of Betty Tait will take place at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, on Wednesday 15 July at 10.30am. All are warmly invited to attend and asked to wear something bright and cheerful as we give thanks for Betty's ever-cheery demeanour and her positive outlook.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

Pop along for a coffee and a chat in the Lindisfarne Room.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

25 th July	11am-2pm
29 th August	10am-1pm (In Lindisfarne Room)

FreshStart

FreshStart are very grateful for all our donations of household items and non-perishable food. Please continue to place your donations in "The Big White Box" in the vestibule. If you are unable to deliver them, please telephone Jim McLean on **0131 332 5114** and leave a message with your name, phone number and that the call is about FreshStart, or email jamesangusmclean@gmail.com

Prayer Circle

Prayer requests should be made to **Irene Gill** on **0131 226 2727**. For longer term prayer, please add names to the purple book in the vestibule. If you could be part of the Prayer Circle and spend time praying for others, please contact Irene.

Greyfriars Summer Organ Series

The annual organ series at Greyfriars Kirk is underway with recitals taking place every Thursday at 12pm, with the final recital on 16 July. You can find further details on the Greyfriars website. Come along and hear the incredible Peter Collins Organ in action!