



GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday Service at St Cuthbert's

The Revd Dr George Whyte

Interim Moderator

Mr Graham MacLagan

Director of Music

The Last Sunday of Creationtide

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Sunday 4 October 2026

A warm welcome to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's.

Today is the **Last Sunday of Creationtide**, which is a worldwide celebration of prayer and action from 1 September to 4 October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi), so we celebrate **Harvest Thanksgiving**. The appointed liturgical colour for this day of thankfulness, and celebration of God's goodness and provision in creation is **green**.

This morning, we welcome back the **Revd Suzie Stark** to lead our worship.

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.

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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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

The earth is yours, O God,
you nourish it with rain;
the streams and rivers overflow,
and land bears seed again.

The whole rich land is yours.
for fodder or for plough,
and so, for rain, sun, soil, and seed,
O God, we thank you now.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 227

Text: Michael Saward (b.1932), paraphrased from Psalm 65

Music: 'Rossleigh', Brian Dunning and Sheilda Dunning

OPENING SENTENCES

God cares for the earth and makes it fruitful,
he crowns the year with his good gifts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for his love,
and for the marvellous things he has done.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

233 Come, you thankful people, come

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

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

please be seated

COLLECT FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Almighty God,
we offer you thanks for your goodness and care
in giving to us the fruits of the earth in their seasons.
Give us grace to use them rightly, to your glory,
for the relief of those in need, and our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ, the living Bread
who came down from heaven and gives life to the world,
and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the childlike and lowly of heart:
grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

528 Make me a channel of your peace

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

EPISTLE

Revelation 14: 14-18

PSALM 145

**1 The Lord is very gracious,
in him compassions flow;
in mercy he is very great,
and is to anger slow.**

Tune at Hymn 75

**2 The eyes of all things wait on thee,
the giver of all good;
and thou, in time convenient,
bestow'st on them their food:**

**4 My mouth the praises of the Lord
to publish cease shall ne'er:
let all flesh bless his holy name
for ever and for e'er.**

**3 Thine hand thou open'st lib'rally,
and of thy bounty gives
enough to satisfy the need
of ev'ry thing that lives.**

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

The Scottish Psalter 1929, Psalm 145: 8, 15-16, 21

THE GOSPEL

St Matthew 13: 24-33

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Praise to God, immortal praise,
for the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous source of every joy;
let thy praise our tongues employ.

All the spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land;
all that liberal autumn pours
from her rich o'erflowing stores.

These to thee, my God, we owe:
source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these my soul shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise. Amen.

Text: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1734-1825)

Music: Stanley Vann (1910-2010)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

230 Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

DOXOLOGY

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

please stand

Hymn 806

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

229 We plough the fields and scatter

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Festival March on 'St George'

Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)



Greyfriars St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh
Notices for St Cuthbert's Church
4th October 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

As we give thanks for the bounty of this good earth may we continue to pray for, and work towards, a more fair sharing of resources.

Harvest Donations

Any perishable items donated at today's Harvest Service will be taken to the Grassmarket Community Project, and any non-perishable items will be donated to the foodbank at St Columba's by the Castle. Many thanks for your generosity this Harvesttide.

Next Sunday

We are led in Worship by Rev Dr George Whyte at 10.30am and there will be a short celebration of Holy Communion immediately thereafter in the Anam Chara Chapel.

Tuesday 6th October, 7pm: Kirk Session Meeting

We remind the members of the Kirk Session that we meet at 7pm here in the Lindisfarne Room.

Wednesday 7th October, 12.30pm: soul space

Our new season begins on Wednesday with the theme 'For All The Saints'. The reflection next week is led by Rev Suzie Stark. Please do come along and bring your friends and enjoy this reflection, where there is an opportunity to seek some solace at this cusp in our annual year with the shorter days approaching and the night's drawing in.

Sunday 18th October, 12noon: Coffee Concert with Sopranaria

Moira Scott, Robert Duncan, and Barbara Scott will be giving a coffee concert following the service on Sunday 18th October, with duets and art songs from Donizetti, Faure, Brahms, and more. There will be a retiring Collection towards the work of the Church.

Sunday 18th October, 4pm: Pinewood School Concert

Please join us for a free concert given by Pinewood School.

Sunday 25th October, 1pm: Coffee Concert with Madison Cozens

Madison Cozens and Martyn Strachan will be giving a coffee concert following the service on Sunday 25th October. Madison Cozens is a New Zealand-born Scottish mezzo-soprano who has recently graduated from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Throughout her time in Edinburgh, Madison studied privately with Margaret Aronson and sang with the Edinburgh Studio Opera. There will be a retiring Collection towards the work of the Church.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Mornings

26 th September	10am-1pm (In Lindisfarne Room)
31 st October	11am-2pm
28 th November	11am-2pm

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.

Bible Fellowship Group Meetings from 3rd September

All are welcome to the Thursday nights Bible Fellowship meetings from 7.30pm to 8.45pm via Zoom. Our next subjects are the speeches by Paul in Acts. If you have not tried such a group before, please give this one a try. You will receive a warm welcome. You can listen or join in the discussions as suits you. Zoom details from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com



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 next 2 pages for details.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Session Clerk Team.

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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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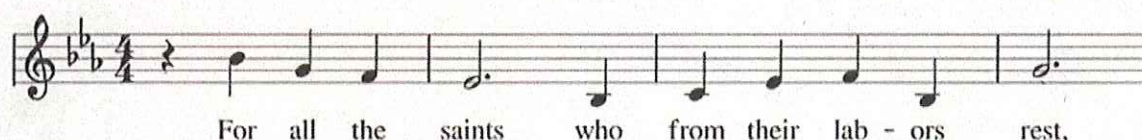
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Please, therefore, give due consideration to who you would like to represent the congregation in this process. We have the responsibility of electing a committee who can represent the breadth of congregational life as they interact with ministers who 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.

For all the Saints

William W. How, 1823-1897

SINE NOMINE, 10 10 10 with alleluias
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958



7 October 2026 – St Columba
4 November 2026 – All Saints
2 December 2026 – St Andrew
3 February 2027 – St Cecilia
3 March 2027 – St Baldred
7 April 2027 – St Cuthbert
5 May 2027 – The Apostles
2 June 2027 – St Margaret



soul space at St Cuthbert's

A quiet space with short reflections at 1pm and 4.30pm

Church open for contemplation 12.30-5.00pm

First Wednesday of every month



Sunday 25th October
1pm

Love Alone Will Last

A classical recital featuring the music of Elgar,
Handel, and Gershwin

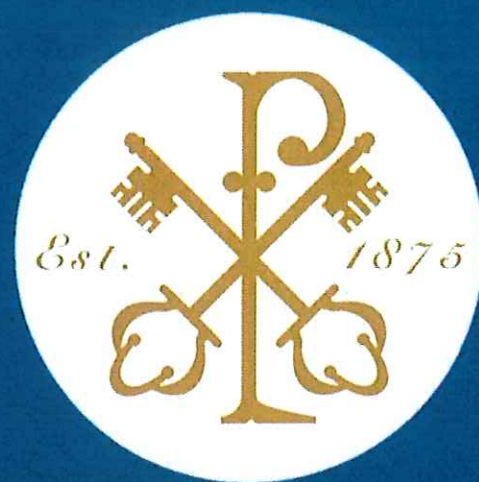
Mezzo-soprano: Madison Cozens
Piano: Martyn Strachan

Free Entry
Greyfriars St Cuthbert's

CONCERT

PINEWOOD SCHOOL

MUSICAL DIRECTOR - HARRIET STARKEY



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT

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SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026 4PM

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