



Greyfriars St Cuthbert's Church of Scotland

The Revd Dr George Whyte OBE KSG *Interim Moderator*

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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 9 August 2026

A warm welcome to St Cuthbert's.

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

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

INTROIT

Focus my eyes on you, O Lord,
to worship in spirit and in truth.

Turn round my life to you, O Lord,
to know from this time you've made me new.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 567: 1, 2
Text and Music: Ian White (b.1956)

OPENING SENTENCES

The life I live is not my life,
but the life which Christ lives in me.

Galatians 2: 20

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

460 Join all the glorious names

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

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

please be seated

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of your Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and 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

608 Spirit of truth and grace

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Kings 19: 9-18

EPISTLE

Romans 10: 5-15

PSALM 85

**1 O Lord, thou hast been favourable
to thy beloved land:
Jacob's captivity thou hast
recalled with mighty hand.**

Tune at Hymn 56

**2 Thou pardon-ed thy people hast
all their iniquities;
Thou all their trespasses and sins
hast covered from thine eyes.**

**4 Yea, what is good the Lord shall give;
our land shall yield increase:
Justice, to set us in his steps,
shall go before his face.**

**3 I'll hear what God the Lord will speak:
to his folk he'll speak peace,
And to his saints; but let them not
return to foolishness.**

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

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 85: 1-2, 8, 12-13

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 22-33

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly.
Amen.

Text: St Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Music: L.J. White (b.1910)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

565 My life flows on in endless song

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

**Praise God, the source of life and birth,
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame:
all glory, honour to God's name.**

Hymn 809

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

468 Son of God, eternal saviour

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Andante and Chorale

Ernest A. Dicks (1865-1948)



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
9th August 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

May this week be shaped by a spirit of generous welcome. Hold before God all who will cross the threshold of our newly united congregations — long-standing members, occasional attenders, and those who come for the first time. Pray that every visitor may sense warmth, belonging, and the quiet assurance that they are seen and valued, and give thanks for the new life emerging in this shared community, trusting that God is already preparing blessings in the relationships yet to form

Today

We welcome Revd Suzie Stark back to lead our worship today. After the service, there will be a short Service of Communion in the Anam Chara Chapel. All are welcome.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

Pop along for a coffee and a chat. Throughout the Festival, these will be held in the Melrose Room.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

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

TLC Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne 16th Aug 2026

This year The Local Church Pilgrimage is returning to Lindisfarne. On Sun 16th Aug 2026, the bus will leave from outside Augustine United Church at 9.45am. Today is the last day to register. If reading online, please click here* to book a seat on the bus or to let us know you will travel by car and to offer spaces in your car if you are able to do so. The cost is £15 per person (£10 unwaged / under 12 years old). Please pay in cash on Sun 16th Aug before we depart Edinburgh. Deborah Meikle in the office at communications@greyfriarskirk.com will email you the link.

Greyfriars Kirkyard Exhibition

You are welcome to pop along to Greyfriars Kirk to view the new exhibition about the kirkyard, at the back of the church. The kirkyard attracts huge numbers of visitors and the aim is to draw more of them into the kirk to learn more about that historic space. The panels are movable and will usually be stacked away for services and concerts. This project has been possible thanks to generous donations from The Binks Trust, Greyfriars Foundation and congregational member, Heather Jack who kindly contributed a donation in memory of her late friend.

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**](mailto: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.

Union update following the first meeting of the new Kirk Session

The first meeting of the Edinburgh: Greyfriars St Cuthbert's (Church of Scotland) Kirk Session was held at St Cuthbert's on the evening of 4th August.

The majority of the meeting was taken up with planning the way ahead and the following appointments have been made:

Locum Minister wef 8th September 2026

Rev Dr George Whyte

Session Clerk Team

Session Clerk

Professor Nigel D Robb, TD

Depute Session Clerks

Christine Stevenson

Anne Bradbury

Dr Hilary Clydesdale

Treasurer

Malcolm Beveridge

Presbytery Elder

Jim McLean

Safeguarding Officers

It was felt that as we are continuing to worship in both buildings, it is advisable to have Safeguarding Officers who regularly attend both buildings as well as to cover for periods of leave

Safeguarding Officer at Greyfriars

Alison Noble

Safeguarding Officer at St Cuthbert's

TBC

Convener of the Finance management Group

Andrew Campbell

We have also convened a small group to produce the Parish Profile, which is one of the first stages in seeking to call a new minister. George Whyte has produced a draft timeline for us to work to, and we will provide more detail as the work progresses. Any Congregational Meetings that are needed for decision making will be organised to follow joint services.

We will keep you informed as we move forward. We are at the beginning of a new and challenging phase in our history. We have much to integrate and develop as a new congregation.

We ask for patience and understanding as we move forward and we will continue to provide updates on the progress which is being made.

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Professor Nigel D Robb, TD

Session Clerk

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