



GREYFRIARS ST CUTHBERT'S

Sunday Service at St Cuthbert's

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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 25 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 **Revd Dr George Whyte**, our Interim Moderator and Locum Minister, leads our worship.

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated this morning, and all are welcome to respond to Jesus' gracious invitation to 'Take, eat' at His Table.

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 **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

I give to you a new commandment, a new
commandment I give to you; that you love
one another as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Text: St John 13:34, and an antiphon for Maundy Thursday
Music: Peter Nardone (b.1965)

OPENING SENTENCE

The law was given through Moses,
but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

St John 1: 17

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

535 Who would true valour see

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

during which, the KYRIE ELEISON is sung by the choir:

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

Music: Mass of St Cedd, Peter Nardone (b.1965)

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God our redeemer,
you heard the cry of your people,
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery.
Free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to the promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

PSALM 90

Lord, you have always been our home
through every generation known;
before the hills or earth were made
you are the eternal God alone.

Hymn 54
First Tune

From dust we came, to dust return,
for in your clear eternal sight
a thousand years pass as a day
or as a few hours in the night.

Our lives like grass spring from the ground
and flourish in the morning sun;
then evening comes, and brightness fades
and we and all our strength are done.

Teach us to value life's brief span,
and let our minds be truly wise.
'How long, O Lord, till you return?'
In mercy hear your servants' cries.

At each day's dawning, make us glad;
fill us with your love all our days;
and we will sing aloud for joy
and offer you our lifelong praise.

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 90: 1-6, 12-14,
The Compilers of Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition

THE GOSPEL

St Matthew 22: 34-46

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

The Revd Dr George Whyte

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE NICENE CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 649

THE OFFERING *is collected.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT
ENTRANCE PSALM

19 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high

Psalm 24

THE GRACE

THE NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

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.

THE GREAT PRAYER
OF THANKSGIVING

*during which, the SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS
are sung by the choir:*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Music: Mass of St Cedd, Peter Nardone (b.1965)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AGNUS DEI
sung by the choir

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Music: Mass of St Cedd, Peter Nardone (b.1965)

THE HOLY COMMUNION *All are welcome to respond to Jesus' gracious
invitation to 'Take, eat' at His Table. Please remain
seated; the elders will bring the elements to you.*

*We stand at the elements are returned, in procession,
to the Holy Table.*

THE PEACE

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

DISMISSAL HYMN

511 Thy hand, O God, has guided

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish



NUNC DIMITTIS
sung by all

**Lord now lettest thou thy servant de- · part in · peace:
ac- · cording · to thy · word.**

**For mine eyes have · seen thy sal- · vation:
which thou hast prepared**

before the · face of · all · people.

To be a light to · lighten the · Gentiles:

and to be the · glory of thy · people · Isra - el

Glory · be to the · Father:

and to the Son · and to the · Holy · Ghost:

as it · was in the be · ginning:

is now and ever shall be · world without · end. A- · men

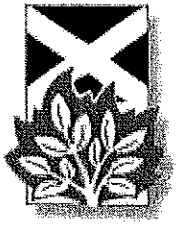
Text from St Luke 2: 29-32

Music: William Hine (1687-1703)

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Voluntary in G Op.6, No.7

John Stanley (1712-1786)



Greyfriars St Cuthbert's, Edinburgh
Notices for St Cuthbert's Church
25th October 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

As we freely gather to elect our Nominating Committee we should remember those in other lands for whom being a Christian can bring persecution and danger. May they be sustained in their faith and witness.

This Sunday

Communion

Today's bread is gluten free. The wine in the common cups and around the edge of the Timbale trays are Port wine. The Timbales around the centre of each tray are non alcoholic

After service

The Congregation meet following the 10.30am Communion Service to appoint the Nominating Committee for the appointment of our new Minister.

Sunday 1st November 2026 – St Cuthbert's

We are led in Worship next week by our Interim Moderator and Locum Minister Rev Dr George Whyte, as we celebrate All Saints. Please note that the usual 9.30am communion service will be a little later and will be held at 9.45am.

Sunday 1st November – Greyfriars Kirk

Next week, the early morning Communion service is at 9.15am followed by Worship Service at 10.30am. The 10.30 service will be led by Jamie Sutherland, Probationer Minister, St Giles Cathedral.

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 27th October, 2pm: Funeral of Jeanette Rennie

Many of you will have known or worked with Jeanette Rennie from St John's Episcopal Church in Together projects over the years. Her funeral will be held at Mortonhall Crematorium at 2pm on Tuesday 27th October.

Wednesday 28th October, 1pm: Funeral of Patricia Boyd

Pat Boyd, wife of Rev Kenneth Boyd, will be laid to rest on Wednesday 28th October at St John's, at 1pm. All are welcome to pay their respects.

Thursday 19th November, 7pm: OASIS Quiz for FreshStart

We will be holding our Annual OASIS Quiz on 19th November this year. Doors will open at 7, with the quiz to start at 7.30pm. There will be soup and bread available, and you are welcome to bring a bottle of wine to share with your team. Teams are limited to 5, with a suggested donation of £10 per team. All money raised will go to FreshStart. Please register teams with the church office at office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk, in order that we can ensure numbers for catering.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

Saturday Coffee Mornings

31 st October	11am-2pm
28 th November	11am-2pm

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

Dear All,

The first reminder for this Sunday is that the clocks go back overnight as British Summer Time ends. Please enjoy the extra hour's sleep rather than arriving at church an hour early.

This Sunday, 25th October is a very important day in our journey to find a new minister. As I am sure you have heard on many occasions, we are electing the Nominating Committee.

The role of the Committee is to bring forward a nominee to be our new minister. The nominee will take a service in one of our church buildings and then we will vote at a Congregational Meeting thereafter.

The membership of the Nominating Committee is thus very important. We need them to be able to represent the life of the whole congregation, but equally we need them to be able to convince the right person that they are being called to Greyfriars St Cuthbert's. As with all recruitment, not only do we need to find the right candidate in our eyes, but we also need to persuade them that we are the right congregation for them.

Please, before Sunday, think carefully and prayerfully about whether you would be willing to serve if asked, whom you would wish to nominate as a member of the Committee and whom you would like to vote for should their name be put forward. If the person you wish to nominate cannot be at church on Sunday for the meeting, then please bring written confirmation from them that they would be willing to serve on the Committee if elected. This can be a handwritten note, an email or I have prepared a form which can be sent by email if you contact me at sessionclerk@greyfriarskirk.com or Deborah at communications@greyfriarskirk.com

We can only accept nominations and seconding from those present in person. If you need to confirm that the person you wish to nominate is on the Electoral Roll, Scott Turnbull and I will have copies and can check for you – equally we will need to confirm that all who might propose or second are on that roll. Once nominated, the names will appear on the screens in the church.

If there are more than 13 nominees, the voting is by secret ballot. You will be given a voting paper at the start of the meeting. It will have 13 spaces, and you may vote for up to 13 nominees. Please bring a pen with you. The votes will be counted and the membership of the Committee announced before we have refreshments. The Committee will meet George briefly thereafter to confirm meeting dates.

Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday morning.

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