

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH GREYFRIARS, KIRKCUDBRIGHT

Sunday 5th October 2025 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Please remember in your prayers: Hazel Dempster, Elizabeth Campbell, Molly Wishart, Sylvia Elliott, Allen Stanton, Peter Inge, Anne Redon, Mike Moore, Andy Courtneidge, Louise Boyd, Maureen Irvine, John Curtis, Laura Durling, Elizabeth Hazlett, Bishop Gregor Duncan, Dierdre McGill, Judy Parker and Colin Shields.

**Harvest & Patronal Festival
Holy Communion
at 11am with**

The Revd Alison Hudson

Preacher: Revd David Preston

**No coffee after church, Churches Together
Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall**

**Thursday 9th October 2025, 10am
Holy Communion, Greyfriars
The Revd David Humphries
Followed at 11am – 11.15am by
Churches Together in Prayer**

Confirmation Service: We look forward to welcoming Bishop Nick next **Sunday 12th October** to our confirmation service here at Greyfriars Church, please note the start time is **10.30am**. Please do pray for our candidates as they prepare for this special occasion.

Diary dates and Notices

Clergy Conference for the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway takes place this week in Ayr. Please pray for Bishop Nick and all the clergy of the diocese as they gather for this important time together.

Visitors: Mr and Mrs Jim and Mindy Kinner are attending Holy Communion this Thursday during their visit from the USA. Mr Kinner's ancestors were married in Greyfriars Church. He is bringing the Proclamation of Banns and Marriages dated February 15, 1764, commemorating this. We are very pleased to be welcoming them to Kirkcudbright.

Winter Wonderland/ Christmas Fayre is now over two days **Saturday 22nd 11am – 3pm and Sunday 23rd November 11am to 4pm**. Gwen will circulate full details to everyone. Helpers are required for the stalls and donations of bottles/drink cans etc. bring a bar from now on and cakes (on the day) to the Office in Greyfriars House. Contact is Gwen 330239.

Churches Together in Prayer: is an opportunity to gather and, for 15 minutes, pray together for the peace of the world, as well as any other concerns that are on our hearts. Do join us when you can.

Church AGM: while this is not until November, at this important annual meeting we re-appoint our Vestry members. If anyone would like to consider standing for Vestry, please do speak to Revd Alison in the first instance.

Ex officio Members:

Gwen Shaw will continue as Secretary
Linda Gaston will continue as Treasurer
Paul Campbell is standing down as Property Convener, there is a vacancy for a Lay Representative

Three year term Vestry members:

John Boyd, Doreen Blackadder and Francis Cassera will continue to serve

Ann Gault, Sandra Walsh and Sue Davies are stepping down, leaving three vacancies

The Vestry meeting times will be agreed once the new Vestry has been formed.

Neurodivergent and Disability Friendly Church:

This is something that we seek to be and to do better. There is a quiet area in the north transept for those who would value a quiet space during worship. If there are other ways, we can help you worship, please speak to Revd Alison or one of the stewards.

Greyfriars House: The larger of the upstairs rooms is now a church office. Revd Alison works from there on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Each

Tuesday the kettle will be on for **Coffee and Chat** from 2-2.30pm, do pop in. (On the 4th Tuesday of each month this will form part of the **Craft Café**)

Church opening: We will continue to open on a Thursday afternoon during October. Thank you to everyone who has stewarded over the summer and welcomed visitors into our beautiful church.

Coffee Rota: volunteers are needed to prepare and serve refreshments after church on a Sunday. This is an enjoyable and important part of our church life. Please put your name down on the sheet in the porch if you are able to help out occasionally.

Flower rota: if anyone is willing to help with occasional flowers in church please speak to Gwen. They do not need to be elaborate; a garden bunch is entirely acceptable.

Rest Days: Please note that Revd Alison has changed one of her rest days from Friday to Monday.

Contact details for Revd Alison, if you have an item for the notices, would like a visit, or for any other reason:

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Revd Alison's rest days are Monday and Saturday

Do visit the Church Website for the latest news, photographs, or information - www.greyfriarsstmarys.org.uk
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