

*SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GREYFRIARS, KIRKCUDBRIGHT*

Sunday 2nd November 2025 – All Saints Day

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

**Sung Eucharist at 11.am with
The Right Revd Gordon Mursell
refreshments afterwards in Greyfriars House
All are very welcome**

**Thursday 6th November 2025, 10am
Holy Communion, Greyfriars
The Rt Revd Gordon Mursell
Followed at 11am – 11.15am by
Churches Together in Prayer**

Diary dates and Notices

Remembrance Sunday 9th November: just a reminder that there will be a short service at the **War Memorial at 11am** and this will be followed by a service at 11.15am in Greyfriars; with refreshments afterwards in Greyfriars House.

Sunday 30th November; there will be a joint service at St Mary's church beginning at **10.30am**

Remembering Service (All Souls); this Churches Together Service will be held at Greyfriars Church on **Sunday 30th November at 4pm.** Please do add to the list at the back of church any one you wish to be remembered in prayer.

Winter Wonderland/ Christmas Fayre is over two days **Saturday 22nd 11am – 3pm and Sunday 23rd November 11am to 4pm.** Gwen has circulated full details to everyone. Helpers are required for the stalls and **donations of bottles/drink cans etc. bring a brace from now on and cakes (on Saturday only,)** to the Office in Greyfriars House. **Please sign up on the list on the noticeboard to help.**

Church AGM: takes place on **Sunday 16th November.** Wine/soft drinks will be served in church prior to the AGM. At this important annual meeting we re-appoint our Vestry members. Members of the Congregation have responded well to this request.

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.

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

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.

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**)
Revd Alison's rest days are Monday and Saturday.

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.

Atkinson Place: a two-bedroom home is available to rent from the end of November at No. 5 Atkinson Place. To view please contact Vivien McAlpine on 07761 292151 or via GM Thomson 35 Buccleuch Street Dumfries

New website: our new updated website is now up and running, please do look through and let Revd Alison have any feedback, as well as any good quality photographs you are willing to share. The address is the same as before - www.greyfriarsstmarys.org.uk

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son
Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your
blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those
who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:1-3. 15-18

A reading from the book of Daniel.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream:
I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever."

PSALM Psalm 149

R *My mouth, O God, shall speak of wisdom [and my heart shall meditate on understanding].*

Alleluia!

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation
of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful
in their king.

Let them praise his name in
the dance;

let them sing praise to him with
timbrel and harp. **R**

For the Lord takes pleasure in
his people
and adorns the poor with victory.
Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds. **R**

Let the praises of God be in their
throat
and a two-edged sword in their
hand;
To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;
To inflict on them the judgement
decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Alleluia! **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and

power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this
table
as strangers and pilgrims here on
earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of
your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.