

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GREYFRIARS, KIRKCUDBRIGHT**

Sunday 11th January 2026 – Baptism of Christ

Please remember in your prayers: Hazel Dempster, Elizabeth Campbell, Molly Wishart, Allen Stanton, Anne Redon, Dr Mike Moore, Andy Courtnadge, John Curtis, Laura Durling, Elizabeth Hazlett, Deirdre McGill, Judy Parker, Richard Cliff, Dee DuRose and Jackie Scott.

**Sung Eucharist at 11am with
The Revd Alison Hudson
refreshments afterwards in Greyfriars House
All are very welcome**

**Thursday 15th January, 10am
Holy Communion, Greyfriars
The Revd Alison Hudson
Followed at 11am – 11.15am by
Churches Together in Prayer**

Notices and dates for diaries:

Thank you to those who assisted in removing the Christmas decorations. The crib will stay in place until Candlemas 2nd February.

Epiphany Party Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Both churches had a lovely evening at Sue's with delicious bring and share platters, drinks a fun quiz designed by Sue and another by Louise ending with Carol singing. Thank you Sue for hosting us in your beautiful home.

Stewartry Food bank Tues 13th January is the next day for receiving and sorting donations. These can be brought to the side door of the parish church between 9 and 10am, or left in the box in our foyer. Thank you for your support of this much needed local charity.

Vestry Meeting: Vestry will meet on 22nd January at 6.30pm to discuss fundraising plans for the coming year. If you have any ideas please pass them on to Revd Alison or Gwen.

Soul Collage Chris Moody is a SoulCollage(R) facilitator and is starting a new group on 17th January. If you would be interested in this gentle and creative method of self-discovery and growth, there will be quarterly workshops at 95

St Mary's Street, focusing on who we are as disciples of Jesus. Each day runs from 10am to around 3.30pm and costs £35. Bring your own lunch but refreshments will be available. This is a confidential and safe space. Please see Chris for more details or email her at ikonofthesoul@gmail.com

More information on SoulCollage(R) can be found at <https://soulcollage.com/get-started/>

Craft Café this year will move to Thursday afternoons in Greyfriars House. The next one will be on Thurs 29th January from 2-4pm and we will be exploring needle felting. All are welcome, but please let Revd Alison know if you are planning to join us.

Churches Together in Prayer We gather and, for 15 minutes each week to pray together for the peace of the world. Do join us when you can.

Greyfriars House: Chris Moody has kindly agreed to take over the bookings for Greyfriars House. email address to be confirmed.

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.

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.

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
or Facebook - Greyfriars Church Kirkcudbright

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by
water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
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 **Isaiah 42:1-9**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

PSALM **Psalm 29**

R The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

or

R The voice of the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to
his name;

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING **Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both

in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

GOSPEL **Matthew 3:13-end**

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptised, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved
Son:

by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our
rebirth
through the waters of the new
creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.