

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH GREYFRIARS, KIRKCUDBRIGHT

Sunday 8th February 2026

Sung Eucharist at 11am with Revd Alison Hudson

Refreshments afterwards in Greyfriars House. All are very welcome

Please remember in your prayers: Hazel Dempster, Elizabeth Campbell, Molly Wishart, Allen Stanton, Mike Moore, Andy Courtnadge, John Curtis, Laura Durling, Elizabeth Hazlett, Judy Parker, Richard Cliff, Dee DuRose, Jackie Scott, James Picken, Penny Brennan, Neil Picken.

Notices and dates for diaries

Midweek Communion Thursday 12th February
10am, with Revd Alison Hudson. Followed at 11am –
11.15am by Churches Together in Prayer.

Vestry Meeting Vestry meet this Thursday, 12th
February at 6.30pm in Greyfriars House.

Foodbank The next collection day is Tuesday 10th
February. After a busy January, the shelves are
looking bare and we are in need of all toiletries and
foodstuffs from the list on the noticeboard - except
tea, biscuits and sweets. There is a box in the foyer
for donations.

Lent observances

We begin with a service of Holy Communion with
Ashing on **Ash Wednesday, 18th February** at 6pm
in Greyfriars Church.

Churches Together **Lent Lunches** take place each
Wednesday from **18th February through to 25th
March** at 12.15pm in the Parish Church Hall.
Donations this year will go to Ambulances4Ukraine.
Greyfriars Church is **making soup** for Lent lunches
on Wednesdays 18th and 25th February. There is a
list on the noticeboard for those of you who can help
by either making soup, or serving on the day, or
both.

This year's Churches Together **Lent Group** will be
following the book: 'O God, Why?' by Gerard Hughes
SJ. Copies are available to borrow. The book offers
material for daily personal reflective reading and
prayer, from Ash Wednesday through to Easter
Sunday. There will be weekly meetings on
Tuesdays, 2.00-3.30pm in the Cuthbert Room of the
RC church Hall, beginning with an introductory
meeting on **Tuesday 17th February**. Our weekly
meetings will include fellowship together and gentle

sharing about how God has met us in our prayer. For
further information speak to Revd Alison.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea We will be offering a
Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in Greyfriars House, on
Sunday 15th March at 2pm or 3.30pm, £12 per
person. Booking will be essential, tickets available
soon.

Christian Aid Week 10th-16th May 2026

Money raised by Christian Aid throughout the year
brings change to the benefit of many people across
the world. May is your opportunity to play your part
locally. If you are able to help by distributing
envelopes, please let Gwen know.

A retreat to Iona Revd Dr Elizabeth Breakey is
organising a retreat to Iona for people within the
Galloway Region. Staying in Bishop's House, this will
be a relaxed retreat with a rhythm of prayer, then
space to do your own thing, including joining with
services in the Iona Abbey. It is on **3-10 October
2026**, and will cost £680 for a twin room, £1,040 for a
single, full board. If you're interested, see the poster
on the noticeboard, or speak to Revd Alison.

Greyfriars House Please direct enquiries about
house bookings to Chris Moody -
greyfriarshousebookings@gmail.com

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

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your
works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1 – 2:3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

PSALM Psalm 136:1-9. 23-end

R For his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **R**
Give thanks to the God of gods, **R**
Give thanks to the Lord of lords, **R**
Who only does great wonders, **R**
Who by his wisdom made the heavens, **R**
Who spread out the earth upon the
waters, **R**
Who created great lights, **R**
The sun to rule the day, **R**
The moon and the stars to govern the
night, **R**
It is he who remembered us in our low
estate, **R**
And delivered us from our enemies, **R**
Who gives food to all creatures, **R**
Give thanks to the God of heaven. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-end

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

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

POST COMMUNION

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the
earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your
Church:
may we who have been nourished at your
table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's
cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.