



Greyfriars Scottish Episcopal Church Kirkcudbright

Sunday 22nd February 2026 - First Sunday of Lent

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, and Gary Hawkesford.

In Remembrance: we pray for the soul of Kevin Boyd

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

Holy Communion Thursday 19th February, 10am
led by Revd Alison Hudson, followed at 11am –
11.15am by Churches Together in Prayer

Notices and dates for diaries

Lent observances 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 Catholic Church Hall. 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.
Please note that, because of the Lent Group, there will not be 'Coffee and Chat' on Tuesday afternoons during Lent.

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 Wednesday 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.

Craft Café We meet this Thursday, 26th February, 2-4pm in Greyfriars House. This week we will be using creative lettering and collage to make some scripture verse cards. Please do join us if you would like to, there is no charge, but small donations are welcome.

New hymn books From next Sunday, thanks to a generous donation and with Vestry approval, we will

be using new hymn and service books. These will give us broader seasonal variations and hymn choices, without losing any of our old favourites!

Mothering Sunday 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 from Revd Alison at Greyfriars House or Chris Moody in Church, or email kirkgatepriest@gmail.com or greyfriarshousebookings@gmail.com

Diocesan Synod takes place on Saturday 7th March in the Howard Centre, Kilmarnock. Synod begins with the Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock at 10am. The Eucharist is open to all, and the proceedings of the Synod are open to communicant members of the Scottish Episcopal Church who are resident in the Diocese. Synod is attended by Clergy and the Lay Representative from each charge. If you wish to attend Synod as a visitor, please contact diocesansecretary@glasgow.anglican.org

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

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,
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
 in the wilderness,
 and was tempted as we are, yet without
 sin:
 give us grace to discipline ourselves in
 obedience to your Spirit;
 and, as you know our weakness,
 so may we know your power to save;
 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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

PSALM Psalm 32

R *I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
 and whose sin is put away!
 Happy are they to whom the Lord
 imputes no guilt,
 and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R**

While I held my tongue, my bones
 withered away,
 because of my groaning all day long.
 For your hand was heavy upon me day
 and night;
 my moisture was dried up as in the heat
 of summer. **R**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
 and did not conceal my guilt.
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions
 to the Lord";
 then you forgave me the guilt of my
 sin. **R**

Therefore all the faithful will make their
 prayers to you
 in time of trouble;
 when the great waters overflow, they
 shall not reach them.
 You are my hiding-place;
 you preserve me from trouble;
 you surround me with shouts of
 deliverance. **R**

"I will instruct you and teach you
 in the way that you should go;
 I will guide you with my eye.
 Do not be like horse or mule,
 which have no understanding;
 who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
 or else they will not stay near you." **R**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
 but mercy embraces those who trust
 in the Lord.
 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in
 the Lord;
 shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the

one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
 you have renewed us with the living
 bread from heaven;
 by it you nourish our faith,
 increase our hope,
 and strengthen our love:
 teach us always to hunger for him
 who is the true and living bread,
 and enable us to live by every word
 that proceeds from out of your mouth;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.