

Weekly Notes and News

Saturday 23 May 2020



Services and recordings are available on the Kirk's website and social media for us all to join together at the usual times, and enjoy later too. Notes to help access these can be found here: www.greyfriarskirk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Accessing-Services.pdf

The **Minister**, Richard Frazer, or the **Associate Minister**, Ken Luscombe, are happy to speak to anyone to discuss any matter, whether you are a member or not, please contact either:

- Richard on 07715 069 041 or by email at minister@greyfriarskirk.com, or
- Ken on 07488 258 875 or by email at associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com.

Main Service, Sunday 24 May – 11am service

The service will be available shortly before 11am, so we can all enjoy this together. You can access this on the Kirk's website page here: www.greyfriarskirk.com/online-services/

This week's order of service is also available alongside the service on the website and via the following link: www.greyfriarskirk.com/online-services/community-notes/

A Tribute to Margaret-Ann Armour, Saturday 23 May, 10am

A memorial service was due to be held at the Kirk tomorrow in remembrance of Margaret-Ann; world-renowned chemist, champion of women in science and much-loved by friends and family. The memorial has been postponed until next year. An online tribute will be available on the Kirk's online services web page today from 10am (the planned day and time for the memorial), for those who would like to join in remembering Margaret-Ann.

Donations

With the church building closed to outside activity we are totally dependent on the generous financial support of our members, regular attenders, online visitors and friends.

As we cannot circulate the usual offering plate, the online alternative is through this link: www.paypal.me/greyfriars400. Although headings refer to Greyfriars 400 and Outreach, donations will be used for the same general Greyfriars Kirk purposes as regular offerings; ministry, the Kirk building and staff. Many thanks.

Next Week: "Livestream" with Ecumenical Partners, Sunday 31 May – 11am

Next week a joint three churches service will be livestreamed on Facebook with St Columba's by the Castle and Augustine United Church. The link will be made available on the Greyfriars Kirk website, Facebook and Twitter pages as usual.

You do not need a Facebook account to watch this using the internet generally. However, some devices (e.g. some smart phones) may require you to have the Facebook application (and therefore a Facebook account). If you have any trouble accessing the livestream while it occurs, we will also make a recording available later that day on the Kirk's online services website page.

Grassmarket Community Project (GCP)

A message from Member Services Manager, Mike Redgrave

"I would like to thank all the people at Greyfriars who have so generously given their time to volunteer for the GCP, you are not only helping us in this very difficult time but you are giving our members some wonderful support, encouragement and hope. It may feel to you that you are only doing a little thing, but believe me this is not the case and the feedback from members has been so positive. All of us appreciate the time and effort you are putting in. On behalf of myself, the staff team and all the members a big thank you to each of you."

A note from Volunteer Coordinator, Graham Burnett:

"The GCP is looking for volunteers to help support the community's most vulnerable individuals. Opportunities include calling or writing to individuals, making masks or cleaning. As Mike says, a huge thank you to everyone already kindly volunteering for the GCP. Without volunteers there would be no GCP. For more information, please me on 07895 970 739 or at graham@grassmarket.org."

Help support the Grassmarket Community Project – Go Fund Me Campaign:

As part of the Greyfriars family, GCP helps support many of Edinburgh's most vulnerable. Support services continue to be delivered throughout lockdown and you can see the programme here: www.grassmarket.org/planc.

We believe the need for communities like GCP will be even greater in future, due to increased challenges presented by the impacts of covid-19 for people already struggling with health, housing, poverty, inequality, social exclusion and more. GCP will need additional support this year to keep going. Can you help? If you are able to donate or to find out more, see the online campaign (link below), or email gillian@grassmarket.org.

www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-grassmarket-members-during-covid19

Weekly Study Service

Each week the study service continues on Sundays at 7pm. This week's topic is:

"The kingship of God and the kingship of Christ"; the relation between the kingdom of God on earth, when there will be total peace and joy over all the earth, and the earthly mission of Christ and his reign in heaven. What is the kingdom of God and how does Jesus bring it about and achieve the final victory? Also, what does Paul mean in 1 Corinthians 15.25 when he speaks of Jesus handing the sovereignty back to God that God "may be all in all"?

You can browse past topics and check for future material here (including recordings in development we hope to make available):

www.greyfriarskirk.com/studyservice/

If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch:

www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch/

New! Online Library Page - and first Greyfriars at 12 online concert!

We hope many of you enjoyed the first Greyfriars at 12 concert on Thursday, a wonderful performance by violin and piano duo, Tamás Fejes and Gustáv Fenyő.

You can still enjoy this concert, poetry readings from Angela McSeveney and Henry Marsh, Richard's ongoing audio instalments from his book "Travels with a Stick, bible study services, meditations from our probationer minister, Urzula Glienecke and more by exploring our new "Online Library" website page: www.greyfriarskirk.com/greyfriars-online-library/

Greyfriars Poetry Event

The next evening poetry event will be in June, on Zoom. Details will be circulated in Richard's weekly news email soon. If you are not receiving this weekly email, but would like to, please email Richard or if you are new to our community get in touch with us here:

<https://greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch/>

We ask that anyone new to the community provide us with full contact details, to help keep us safe online.

Pastoral Care at Greyfriars Kirk

If you are experiencing difficulties or know of someone who is, please don't hesitate to let the ministry team know (above). Greyfriars has a friendly pastoral care group ready to respond whether a safe place, listening ear, practical help or simply company is sought.

Services Next Week

Each week Greyfriars Kirk will continue to provide services online, shortly in advance, for many of us to come together in worship at the usual times:

- Main Service, Sunday Three Churches Livestream, 11am
- Mid-week Prayers & Reflection, Thursdays 1:10pm

Kirk Closure

In line with Government policy and to help keep us all safe and well, the Kirk is now closed until further notice. We will advise when this changes, in line with Government advice.