

Weekly Notes and News

Saturday 30 May 2020



Services and recordings are available on the Kirk's website. Notes to help access these are found here: www.greyfriarskirk.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Accessing-Services.pdf

The **Minister**, Richard Frazer, or **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.

Pentecost Sunday – TLC Livestream Worship Online, 11am

For this week's service Greyfriars joins ecumenical partners, Augustine United and St Columba's by the Castle, live online. Within the service you are invited to share in an Agape meal, so please have some **bread**, or similar, available. We will join together to eat this at the same time, in our different locations.

The service is available to join publicly on Facebook using the following link:

www.facebook.com/AugustineUnited/posts/3069473626447004

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, or prefer to watch later, a recording will be available on the Kirk's online services website page afterwards.

Additional news from Richard

Richard sends out regular emails, with his weekly reflections and additional news about online gatherings. If you are a member of Greyfriars' congregation or a friend of Greyfriars and its wider community and you would like to receive these emails, please let us know. You can email Gillian at coordinator@greyfriarskirk.com to find out more, or contact the ministry team (above).

Poetry Evening – 4 June, 7:30pm

Following the success of a first event in May, we return with a second online poetry event, held in Zoom. We will start with readings from poets Angela McSeveney and Henry Marsh, who we enjoy having as active members of our Greyfriars community. Richard will then host us through an "open mike" spot, where participants can contribute readings too. The

last event was very enjoyable. Details will be circulated by Richard, with his weekly news. Please get in touch (above) if you would like to know more.

Study Service, Sunday at 7pm

The topic for Sunday's Zoom Study Service at 7pm is: 'PENTECOST: CHRIST AND HIS "OTHER SELF": in sending the Spirit as he promised, Christ returned himself to his disciples as he had also promised. Though Christ remains as man in heaven, he can now be even more present to us through the Spirit than he was on earth. How should we think of that and what is the relation between Christ and his "other self" as the Spirit has been called. Why also does Jesus three times describe the Spirit as "the Spirit of truth"?

If you are interested in joining the study service, please get in touch to find out more:

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

A celebration of our Greyfriars Community: Building a Cairn of Stones and Stories

Urzula, Greyfriars' Probationer Minister, would like to receive photos of stones with stories attached, from members of the Greyfriars Community. She will involve these during mid-week prayers on Thursday 18 June. Urzula explains:

"As we each bring a memory of our journey together, we will construct a cairn. Cairns have been used from ancient times to mark a trail or to remember and celebrate an event. Joshua marked the Israelites crossing of the Jordan with 12 standing stones. We are marking the way that we have travelled together, perhaps to encourage others to follow, we are also celebrating this journey. Show us in a photo the stone you have chosen to represent your contribution and tell a story from something that has meant something important to you in your journey at Greyfriars"

Please email your pictures and story to Urzula at probationer@greyfriarskirk.com.

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.

Check out the Kirk's Online Library Page!

New material is building up every week with services, music and concert recordings, meditations and reflections, poetry and more. So don't forget to have an occasional browse and enjoy! www.greyfriarskirk.com/greyfriars-online-library/

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, 11am – available once more on the Kirk's website as usual
- 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.