

# Community Notes and News

Saturday 20 June 2020



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](mailto:minister@greyfriarskirk.com), or
- Ken on 07488 258 875 or by email at [associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com).

## Sunday Worship, 21 June, 11am

This week's services will be available once again on the Kirk's online services website page:

[www://greyfriarskirk.com/online-services/](http://www://greyfriarskirk.com/online-services/)

This week we will try something a bit different at the after service social gathering on Zoom. You are very welcome just to chat, but if you'd like to we would invite you to give a thought to these 2 questions (no matter if you have a chance to watch the service beforehand):

- *What do you know about the colonial and slave trade past of the UK?*
- *What can we do to help the UK to become less racist?*

(If you need some ideas: [www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jun/10/be-the-change-20-positive-ways-to-fight-for-a-fairer-world](http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jun/10/be-the-change-20-positive-ways-to-fight-for-a-fairer-world))

If you are not yet receiving Richard's weekly emails, with details for Zoom gatherings, but would like to, please email Richard or get in touch: [www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch/](http://www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch/)

## Sunday Refugio, 21 June, 7pm

Refugio is a monthly evening service set in the context of silence, symbol and reflective prayer. It takes its name from the shelters where pilgrims stop and rest on the medieval route to Santiago de Compostela.



This month's Refugio will, once again, include a traditional Agape meal. Please bring something to eat and drink, to share in this.

## How to Pilgrimage in a Time of Pandemic, Wed 24 June, 3-4:30pm



HeartEdge

This week Richard joins St Martin in the Fields, London for a pilgrimage workshop, which everyone is very welcome to join. To register, go to:

[www.heartedge.org/main/news/post/279-how-to-pilgrimage-in-a-time-of-pandemic](http://www.heartedge.org/main/news/post/279-how-to-pilgrimage-in-a-time-of-pandemic)

“For centuries pilgrimages have awakened seekers from all walks of life. ‘Solvitur ambulando’ is a Latin phrase meaning it is solved by walking. Join us for a workshop to hear from some serial pilgrims about their



discoveries, insights and encounters on ancient Christian paths. In these difficult days of lockdown panellists Richard Frazer, Beth Jusino and Ian Smith will share how they have adapted to these unusual circumstances and share ideas for how to awaken seekers locally through a passion for walking.”

### **LOCKDOWN BOBBY – have some fun learning to sculpt!**

We hope to “go live” with a great new arts project in the next week or so, and we really hope many of you will join in and have a go!

Richard and sculptor Mark Coreth, based in Wiltshire, have struck up a great friendship during lockdown through the wonders of technology. They found a shared passion for social justice, the environment and the ability that art has to bring people together.

The idea is (most importantly!) to have fun together as a community. It will hopefully also raise awareness of the fantastic work we do in our community to tackle social inequalities and poverty, and enable access to artistic and other opportunities for everyone.

In a series of short webcasts, Mark will teach us to sculpt using affordable materials available online. Everyone can have a go – young or old, artistically inclined or having never done anything like this before! We will explain what materials you need and when webcasts will be available next week. An exhibition will be held in the Kirk next year, as part of re-planned 400y celebrations. So please do join in, have fun and help make this project a great success!

### **Study Service, Sunday at 7pm**

The topic of the Study Service Zoom meeting at Sunday 7pm is: THE NATURE OF CREATION & THE PLACE OF HUMANITY IN IT.

There are two important factors behind this. The first is that it is a free creation, out of nothing, of a new reality alongside God with its own intrinsic order. This means that we have to look at creation itself, not God, to see what it is like, because as a free creation it could have been very different. This of course is the basis of the “contingency” that science investigates. At the same time, but only in the light of revelation, we can come to understand that creation is nevertheless made to reflect on its level something of the nature of God in his wisdom, glory, constancy and faithfulness. How can humankind fulfil God’s purpose for them as stewards of creation, not above creation but intimately part of it, guiding creation through coming to know the wisdom and rationality, love and personalness of their Creator.

If you are interested in joining the study service, please get in touch to find out more: [www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch/](http://www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch/)

## **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](http://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.

## **Volunteer Property Manager, Augustine United Church**

AUC is seeking a volunteer property manager to help them manage the maintenance and development of their building. If you've got a bit of time (perhaps 10-15 hours per month) and might be interested, please get in touch, see: [www.augustine.org.uk/about-us/volunteer-opportunities-with-auc/](http://www.augustine.org.uk/about-us/volunteer-opportunities-with-auc/)



## **Telling a Better Story: Why Faith and Science Belong Together**

The Faraday Institute are running a free online course, from 29 June to 3 July: [www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/telling-a-better-story-why-faith-and-science-belong-together/](http://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/event/telling-a-better-story-why-faith-and-science-belong-together/)

"We cannot do anything against the truth," 2 Corinthians 3:18. As part of our 400y celebrations, a Festival of Science, Wisdom and Faith had been planned for earlier this month, to explore the theme of "Great Questions lead to Great Works". Richard explains "Paul suggests we should not bury our heads, but find ways in which truth and faith come together...and develop our understanding of the world". We are hoping to hold the festival in 2021 instead.

## **Pastoral Care at Greyfriars Kirk**

The Kirk has an active group of volunteers, helping us to stay connected. If you would like to help out in this group, know someone that needs help, or would like a chat yourself please contact Associate Minister, Ken Luscombe (contact details at the top of this newsletter). Ken will enjoy hearing from you and can put you in touch with others too.

## **Future Services**

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.
- Mid-week Prayers & Reflection, Thursdays 1pm.

## **Kirk Closure**

The Kirk team is closely monitoring changes and plans announced by Scottish Government each week, as well as engaging with Presbytery and other groups to discuss options and guidance as these develop. At present there is no update, and the Kirk **remains closed**. We will provide updates on the situation if that changes, as soon as we are able.