

# Community Notes and News



## Saturday 11 July 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, 12 July, 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/)

During this week's post service Zoom, over a cuppa and catch up, there will be an opportunity to chat in small groups. Suggested questions for this week are **"How are you? How has your week been?"** and **"Where can we find God during the pandemic?"**

If you would like to join our weekly gatherings for conversation over a cup of tea after the service, please email Richard or get in touch: [www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch/](http://www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch/)

### **"Lockdown Bobby" Project: Second Tutorial Available from 2pm on Monday 13 July**

We hope some of you have enjoyed part 1 of our tutorial on how to make your own Greyfriars Bobby, and maybe even got yourself some plasticine, Newplast or other modelling clay to join in and have a go. See the letter at the end of this newsletter to find out more about materials.

The second video, available from Monday at 2pm can be accessed on the Kirk's web page, about half way down the page: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/lockdown-bobby-project/>, or directly on the Kirk's YouTube channel.



The video is about 15 minutes long. Sculptor Mark (pictured) will talk through various materials you can use and demonstrate how to start sculpting a wee dog. Mark uses

children's plasticine this week. If you've got the Newplast suggested to see you through each week, this is good to use too. (Just take a smallish piece, warm it up by kneading and off you go.) Have some fun mixing it up with the materials you have chosen - this week's fun can be enjoyed by children and adults. Kirk YouTube: [www.youtube.com/channel/UC70nwRbm0kTdw7A6pyIfaRQ/](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC70nwRbm0kTdw7A6pyIfaRQ/)

If you enjoy this and might be happy to help start a fun wee gallery going on the website, please send a picture (of your first sculpture, you making it, or the dog, sculpture, photos you are using for inspiration) to Gillian: [coordinator@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:coordinator@greyfriarskirk.com), who will appreciate hearing from you.

### **Study Service, Sunday 12 July at 7pm**

The Study Service topic for Sunday's 7pm Zoom meeting is FORGIVENESS - THE CREATIVE DIVINE FREEDOM.

*The mystery and the miracle of forgiveness is the wonderful heart of the gospel. It is the creative divine freedom to undo and restore the past without belittling human responsibility or the gravity of guilt and its fearful consequences. It is also breathtakingly unexpected and creative in the manner of its execution, for it is God himself who comes to take our guilt on himself, confess it for us, and in revealing its full extent put our sin to death on the cross. There is no belittling of human responsibility here, for in his life, death & resurrection he is not only God acting, but God acting AS MAN. It was God and man on the cross.*

*Since to undo sin is to undo death, the resurrection of Jesus is not just the proof of our forgiveness but actually IS our forgiveness and therefore coming to know him through the gospel is our coming to know our own forgiveness. It can be very hard to accept our forgiveness, just as it can be desperately difficult for us to forgive others, especially if they have really hurt us or done something terrible. But not to forgive, actually eats us up. To forgive **and forget**, can seem impossible, and it is often only the grace of God's forgiveness of us that can give us the freedom to forgive others.*

Access full study service notes, also some recordings and session transcriptions (coming soon) here: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/studyservice/>

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.

## **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.

Past services are also available to enjoy again, or if you were unable to join us at the time. You can find there here: [www.greyfriarskirk.com/online-services/](http://www.greyfriarskirk.com/online-services/)

Last Thursday, Richard Frazer led mid-week prayers from Greyfriars Kirkyard, inviting us all the “breathe” and reflect with beautiful music from composer Phamie Gow. At Greyfriasrrs

## **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.



## **A warm welcome to the Lockdown Bobby Project,**

We are delighted you are joining us to have some fun and raise awareness of a great cause!

Sculptor Mark Coreth will be teaching us to sculpt in a series of short webcasts, available from 2pm on **Mondays 6, 13 and 20 July**. Each webcast will provide demonstrations, explanations and helpful tips to start you sculpting.

This letter explains **suggested materials to buy** so you can join in. The sculptures are designed to be made using affordable, accessible materials and we hope you will enjoy working with them! You can choose whether to have a go making one, or all three. Skills will be built up each week.

We really hope you will enjoy taking part, and we would love to see some photos of your creations and the fun you have making these.

from everyone at,

***Greyfriars Kirk & Grassmarket Community Project***

### Suggested materials:

To make all 3 sculptures, Mark suggests the following from his suppliers:

4 packs (a little extra!) of Newplast (£2.84 per pack, plus postage)

[www.industrialplasters.com/prod/modelling-materials/newplast-white](http://www.industrialplasters.com/prod/modelling-materials/newplast-white)

2 Meters of 3mm sectioned aluminium wire (around £2.50, plus postage)

<https://www.industrialplasters.com/prod/armature-wire-wire-netting/armature-wire-1>

Plus some garden wire, and the cutting tools described below.

The following provides more information on options on materials and what Mark will cover each week:

### **Week One Webcast: MODELLING IN CLAY**

Available from 2pm, Monday 6 July

For the first week, select a clay and colour you would like to use from the varieties widely available online from local art shops or market-platforms like Amazon and Ebay.

Mark suggests around **500g of Plasticine**, or other modelling clay such as Fimo, Das, Milliput or Newplast (see pictures below). Roughly the right amount to fill a half pint jug!

## Week Two Webcast: MAKING A SIMPLE ARMATURE

Available from 2pm, Monday 13 July

This week, Mark recommends using **500g of Newplast** and 2 meters of **garden wire**, or similar fairly stiff wire, with pliers to help you cut this into sections for the simple armature (framework).

## Week Three Webcast: A MORE ADVANCED ARMATURE

Available from 2pm, Monday 20 July

In this last “learn to sculpt” webcast, Mark will demonstrate making an armature using square sectioned wire, in this case 2 meters of **3mm sectioned aluminium wire**. For this, pliers are recommended for cutting. Plus, of course, around **500g of Newplast!**



## While you are here...can you help others enjoy arts and activities too?

The **Grassmarket Community Project** runs a wide variety of free activities every week, which creates opportunities for learning, social engagement and fun, for many of Edinburgh’s most vulnerable people. Activities include *practical* (IT, gardening, cooking), *physical* (walking, table tennis, yoga), *creative* (arts, choir, drama, creative writing) and *wellbeing* (mindfulness, retreats & more).

If you can, please consider making a small donation as you enjoy this project, to help others access opportunities for fun, creativity and learning new skills.

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