

Community Notes and News

Saturday 4 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, or
- Ken on 07488 258 875 or by email at associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com.

Sunday Worship, 5 July, 11am

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

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/

"Lockdown Bobby" Project: First Tutorial Available from 2pm on Monday 6 July

We hope some of you have enjoyed the introductory video by Richard and Mark, 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 first 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 10 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/UC70nwRbm0kTdw7A6pylfaRQ/

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, who will appreciate hearing from you.

Study Service, Sunday 5 July at 7pm

The topic for this week's meeting is: BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT IN THE BIBLE: PART II.

God made man out of dust, blew into his nostrils the 'neshamah' (breath) of life and man became a living 'nephesh', a body with life (Genesis 2.7). When the breath ceases, the body dies and we have a 'dead nephesh' (Numbers 6.6). When the breath of the body, the 'nephesh' (the Hebrew word translated as 'soul' in English) dies, so does the body and it is striking how the emphasis of the bible, in both Old and New Testament, is on the unity of body, soul and spirit. The reality of our knowledge of God and of body, soul & spirit is not in doubt, but if the human person is essentially unitary, and body, soul and spirit belong together, what is the relation between them and what does the bible mean by these terms? What significance does the person of Christ & the relation between his person and ours, particularly as seen by John and Paul, have for our understanding here?

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/

Greyfriars at 12: Organ Recital, Thursday 9 July at noon

Greyfriars at 12 is back with a second online concert for us to enjoy at home. This time with an organ recital from Greyfriars organist and choir leader, Henry Wallace.



Programme

1. Ave Maris Stella - Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)
2. Praeludium in E minor - Nicolaus Bruhns - (1665-1697)
3. Prélude, Fugue and Variation, Op.18 - César Franck -(1822-1890)
4. Scherzo, Op.2 - Maurice Duruflé - (1902-1986)
5. Fête, Op.51 - Jean Langlais - (1907-1991)

This will be available in the Kirk's "music and poetry" section of the Online Library from 12pm on Thursday 9 July onwards, and on the Kirk's social media. The first concert, a piano and violin recital, is still available to enjoy too. www.greyfriarskirk.com/music-and-poetry/

Church on Margins: reflection and discussion at 2pm, Thursday 9 July

Led by **Lynne Cullens**, Church of England priest and former charity CEO who works and prays to see the Church reoriented to face the poor. Blog: <https://lynnecullens.com/>

If you would like to join the session on 9 July please email Probationer Minister Urzula Glienecke at: probationer@greyfriarskirk.com for the Zoom link. You can listen to, watch or share any of the reflections from Church on the Margins sessions afterwards too, at <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/tag/reflecting-together/>

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.

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/

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 Greyfriarsrrs

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.



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#LOCKDOWNBOBBY

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

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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