

# Community Notes and News

Saturday 15 August 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).

## **Welcome: August Kirk Opening**

After nearly five months of closure, we are delighted that the Kirk will be welcoming visitors once more from this Monday. Richard and the ministry team hope many of you who have been familiar with Greyfriars as a place of sanctuary and worship will come along and reacquaint yourself with the place. Steve and the welcomers are looking forward to seeing you, and helping others new to the Kirk enjoy visiting too. Everyone welcome.



**Opening times:** Monday to Friday, 11am to 4pm during August

**Reflection and prayer:** Space has been set aside for individuals or small household groups to enjoy private reflection and prayer when the Kirk is open.

**Ministry:** A member of the ministry team will be available at the Kirk on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 12pm to 1:30pm should you wish to talk with them. Whether you require pastoral assistance or simply a listening ear in a safe space, you are very welcome.

**When you visit:** please wear a face mask (if you are able), observe social distancing and follow the guidance of the welcomers.

Of course, we are continually monitoring the situation and, whilst we hope it will not be necessary, any updates to this will be posted on the Kirk's website and social media. **Please check the website for the latest position on the day of your visit if you can.**

For services, prayers & ministry: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/worship-community/services/>

For general visitor information: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/visit/>

Steve and Andy have been working very hard to put arrangements in place so that, although there are new requirements to keep us all safe which might seem a little strange at first, the Kirk is as open and welcoming as ever. Our thanks to them for this huge effort.

We very much look forward to seeing those of you who wish and are able to come.

## **11am Service, Sunday 16 August 2020**

As usual, this week's services will be available on the Kirk's online services website page:

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

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

Although the Kirk is open, Sunday services will continue online at present.

## **Midweek Prayers, Thursday 20 August 2020, 1:10pm**

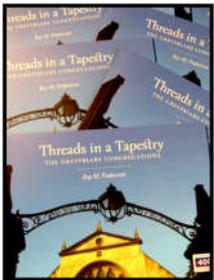
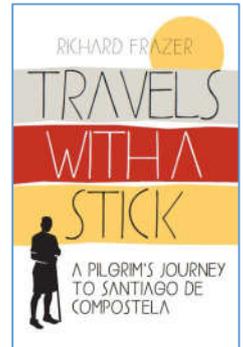
We hope that this week's midweek prayers will take place in the Kirk's Gaelic aisle, for those who wish to come. The website will be updated to confirm shortly.

These will continue to be recorded, though as these will be recorded at the time they will be available on the Kirk's website and social media later in the afternoon. We hope many of you at home, unable to attend, will continue to enjoy these.

## **Online Library: Greyfriars at 12, Poetry, Travels with a Stick, and more to come**

GREYFRIARS at  We hope you enjoyed last week's concert from Anna Rastopchina and the Greyfriars at 12 team. This is still available to enjoy on the Kirk's Online Library, along with new poetry readings from Angela McSeveney and Henry Marsh. And of course the back catalogue of other items, including instalments of Richard's book – perfect for a daily coffee break! Do browse:

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



A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed material so far. There are still new items in development, including a virtual walk around the parish with Richard visiting the site of the 17 churches that have united into the present Greyfriars Kirk congregation. Watch this space! These churches are the subject of a new book by Greyfriars' Roy Pinkerton, *Threads in a Tapestry*, which is available to purchase in the Kirk shop.

## **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.

## **Do you have any news you would like to share?**

If you have anything you would like to share in this newsletter, please let Gillian know: [coordinator@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:coordinator@greyfriarskirk.com).

## **Sculpting Project: Lockdown Bobby and other stories...**

It's still going! This time we have some gorgeous photos of a Lady & the Tramp tea party in Amsterdam, inspired by Mark's wonderful "learn to sculpt" videos. Thanks for sharing Alma!



Website: [www.greyfriarskirk.com/lockdown-bobby-project/](http://www.greyfriarskirk.com/lockdown-bobby-project/)

Gallery: [www.flickr.com/photos/189079401@N08/albums/72157714988149416](https://www.flickr.com/photos/189079401@N08/albums/72157714988149416)

Email your photos, stories, questions or comments: [coordinator@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:coordinator@greyfriarskirk.com).

### **Study Service, Sunday 9 August at 7pm**

Access study service notes 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/)

### **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.