

Community Notes and News



Saturday 22 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, or
- Ken on 07488 258 875 or by email at associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com.

11am Service, Sunday 16 August 2020

This week's services will be available on the Kirk's online services website page: 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 Richard (above). Although the Kirk is open, Sunday services will continue online at present.

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

This week's midweek prayers should take place in the Kirk's Gaelic aisle once more, for those that wish to come. A recorded version will be added to the website after.

Welcome: August Kirk Opening



The Kirk is open again this week, and we hope you will come to visit, to enjoy the building that you know, to spend some time in prayer, or to discover it as a new place to find some reflective space. Everyone welcome.

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

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



Poetry Evening - Wednesday 26 August, 7:30pm

A third poetry evening will take place next week, we hope many of you will be able to join us. The first two have been lovely events. We have enjoyed readings from poets Henry Marsh and Angela McSeveney, and then opened the floor to others.



ould like to contribute a reading, or simply come along to hers, you are very welcome to join. Richard will circulate this week's news email. If you are not receiving this, but this event please email him (email above).

What is Church? And other questions...

During recent after service Zoom teas, we have occasionally posted questions for discussion, about issues such as racism, or where have we found God in the pandemic. Of course, the online community space of the Zoom teas is also a time for us to simply catch up with each other and enjoy a natter over a cup of tea! To create room for both, we will try a new "Second Sunday" initiative starting in September. A Zoom gathering will be set up, on the second Thursday of each month (so the first on 10 September, in the evening), to engage in friendly, open discussion, inspired by the "Second Sunday" sermon that month (13 September). Richard will be preaching on 13 September and lead the first proceedings. More information to follow, watch this space etc.

You can listen to previous readings here: <https://greyfriarskirk.com/music-and-poetry/>

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.

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.

Study Service

The Study Service is taking a three week break and will resume in September. In the meantime, notes from previous study services can be found 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/

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.

Tell me a story

As part of our ongoing online zoom groups, Ken Luscombe would like to offer an interactive bible study series on the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel we will be following through the Church Year of 2021. The timing and frequency are negotiable. If you would like to join such a group, or simply want to find out more, contact Ken at associateminister@greyfriarskirk.com.