



# GREYFRIARS COMMUNITY NEWS

Keeping you up to date with what's going on in and around  
Greyfriars Kirk

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## THIS SUNDAY: 22 NOVEMBER 2020

**11.00 am** In-Person Services: book your place at <http://bit.ly/greyfriarsinperson>  
Online Services at [greyfriarskirk.com/online-services](http://greyfriarskirk.com/online-services)

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Thurs 1.10 pm** Midweek Prayers at the Kirk (Live-streamed on Facebook and available at our [Online Services](#) page)

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## Kirk Opening

The Kirk is open each **Thursday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm** for visitors throughout the autumn and winter. Do come and enjoy the space while it is open. Please check the website for latest information on the day of your visit.

## Don't Forget to Book Ahead for In-Person Services

We are delighted to be holding in-person services once again. We want to assure you that your safety and the safety of our ministry team and staff is our top priority. Don't forget to [book in online](#) to ensure you have a space reserved at the services. Bookings will close when all the spaces are filled, or two hours before services, whichever comes first. If anyone comes without a booking they will be very welcome but can only be admitted if there is space within the 50-person limit. To start your booking, visit <http://bit.ly/greyfriarsinperson>.



## Giving to the Kirk

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 as widely, the online alternative is through this link: [www.paypal.me/greyfriars400](http://www.paypal.me/greyfriars400). Although headings on this page refer to Greyfriars 400 and Outreach, all donations will be used for the same general Greyfriars Kirk purposes as regular offerings; ministry, the Kirk building and staff. Many thanks.

if you are shopping on-line with AMAZON, please can you pay via AMAZON SMILE? This is their way of giving a proportion of your purchase amount back to your CHOSEN CHARITY. Again, you can help the Kirk in this way without any monetary impact on your bank balance! All that you need to do is quote Greyfriars Kirk's Charity number, which is SC003761.

## Please Visit Your Kirk Gift Shop

We love to welcome friends from near and far to the Kirk shop. There are many special bespoke items to see, including bargain gift packs of clotted cream shortbread.

Stop by the Kirk shop on **Thursdays** between 11 am and 3 pm—we would love to say hello! And on **Sundays**, the shop can be opened after the 11 am service if you ask our beadle Damian or assistant beadle Angela.



## Study Service: Sundays at 7 pm

The topic on Sunday is "Luther's two kinds of righteousness". One of the very greatest of church theologians, Martin Luther, spoke of two kinds of righteousness which we have. The first is the "alien righteousness" which is properly Christ's, and Christ's alone, but is reckoned to us because Christ acted for us and on our behalf. The second is the righteousness which begins to be established in us through faith in Christ and through our continual feeding on him in his word. This kind of righteousness is often thought of as the process of "sanctification".

One of the best known bases of the Reformation is that we are "justified by faith" and it is to Luther' magnificent understanding of faith (particularly perhaps as expounded in his Commentary on Galatians) that the whole church is indebted. But what Luther meant by faith is NOT that we are justified by our faith as such, for we are justified purely by God's justifying us in and through Christ. Faith is coming to know and therefore trusting in God's will to justify us in Christ. The will and action of God in his faithfulness and righteousness comes first, and faith follows as the natural response of trust and gratitude.

The irony of the situation is that the church by and large has turned faith into something that we do, into a work, and far too often taught that God will justify us only IF AND WHEN we have faith. This is to put the cart before the horse.

For Luther, faith is the sheer trust in God's action of justifying us in Christ "even while we were yet sinners" and had come to faith.

Stephen Clipsham who was a regular member of the Study Service before being transferred from Edinburgh back to London is now able to join us thanks to zoom and is giving us the talk on Luther.

Interested in joining this special gathering? Please get in touch to find out more: [www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch](http://www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch) or visit the [Study Service page](#) on our website.

### Grassmarket Community Project AGM

You are warmly invited to join us at this year's AGM of the Grassmarket Community Project, to hear all about this part of the Greyfriars family and all we are doing in spite of COVID-19 pandemic to provide a warm welcome and a rich stimulating supportive community for vulnerable people in the heart of Edinburgh.



The AGM is being held by **Zoom** on **Thursday 26 November at 5 pm** for about an hour, with time for questions. The running order is:

- Some entertainment from the Grassmarket Choir
- A short video on our community
- A message from Richard Frazer as chair of GCP
- A Financial Overview from our Treasurer
- A Review of 2020 – the challenges we have faced and the support we have provided, with Jonny Kinross and two of our members.

Please register here to receive a personal link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYuf-uqqjwjEtzMiDs7-F9nI2v3wI6TcbS>

### Crossreach's Heart for Art Exhibition

Our friends at Crossreach's Heart for Art are holding a special virtual exhibition of work from groups all over Scotland, showing at Elcho Artspace from 1 to 30 November. To access the exhibition, please visit [www.elchoartspace.art](http://www.elchoartspace.art).



### Pastoral Care at Greyfriars Kirk

The Kirk's pastoral volunteers enjoy staying in touch with the congregation and community. If you would like a chat, please contact Ken Luscombe (contact details at the top of this newsletter).

*If you would like to send in any comments, ideas, requests or queries, please email the office at [communications@greyfriarskirk.com](mailto:communications@greyfriarskirk.com). Any thoughts, large or small, very welcome.*