



GREYFRIARS COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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.

THIS SUNDAY: 19 SEPTEMBER 2021

11.00 am Morning Worship at the Kirk - provide Track & Trace details at the door.

7.00 pm Refugio – Holy Communion with silence and symbol.

NEXT SUNDAY: 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

11.00 am Morning Worship at the Kirk, with Holy Communion - provide Track & Trace details at the door.

Midweek Prayers

In-person Midweek Prayers have resumed in Greyfriars Kirk. Join us each Thursday in the sanctuary from 1:10 - 1:30 pm for this special time of prayer and reflection.

Kirk Summer Visitor Opening

The Kirk is open to visitors from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm daily except Sundays (with a short break for Midweek Prayers on a Thursday). Please check the website at greyfriarskirk.com/visit for any days when the Kirk will be closed for other activities or events.

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: <https://bit.ly/greyfriarsdonate>. Although headings on that page refer to Greyfriars 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 right back to Greyfriars Kirk. Again, you can help the Kirk in this way without any monetary impact at all on your bank balance! All that you need to do is quote Greyfriars Kirk's Charity number, which is SC003761.

Study Service: Sundays at 7.00 pm

The topic of this week's Study Service will be "Knowledge of God and the role of language".

If you are interested in joining this special Zoom gathering, please get in touch to find out more: www.greyfriarskirk.com/get-in-touch or visit the [Study Service](#) page on our website.

Ecumenical Orchard/Weekend Gardening Group at GCP

Our wonderful volunteers continue to take care of our apple and pear trees and complement the work of the GCP Herb Gardeners as well the beautiful quiet garden at St Columba's by the Castle. **The group will meet weekly on Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 12.30.** We run as a GCP group in ecumenical partnership, so GCP's Volunteer Co-ordinator Kevin Radzynski is the best person to contact if you want to join the group or be put in touch with the lead Volunteers for some digging, weeding, sowing, planting, growing, pruning and harvesting. Contact **Kevin** via kevin@grassmarket.org or text or call him on **07562 627 989**.

Grassmarket Community Project - Activities to Join in

The GCP is running various online activities and from the 26th April a limited number of activities in the centre. These activities are a great opportunity to socialise with others in the Greyfriars and Grassmarket communities, learn something interesting, or have a bit of fun! Online there is Scottish History, Community Choir, a book group, cinema chat, mindfulness and more. There are also coffee break sessions, at which it's always particularly nice to see some new face, and good for those that just want to drop in for a bit. In person activities include Art, Reading and Writing, Tartan Skills and IT where people are gaining skills to go online as well as many other useful tips.

Check all these out here: [Plan C - Grassmarket Community Project](#). You are very warmly welcome to join in! If you'd like any more information, to receive the regular community bulletin saying what's on, or to speak to someone at the GCP, you can call 0131 225 3626 or email info@grassmarket.org.

Concert at St Columba's by the Castle

Edinburgh Central Amnesty group is putting on a concert to raise funds for Amnesty International, in this its 60th year. It will be this Sunday, 19 September, at 7.30 pm at our ecumenical partner church St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2PW. The concert programme features an eclectic mixture of music by some of the finest musicians in Scotland, and poetry by the renowned New Zealand poet Lynn Davidson.

This is the link to the Facebook event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/173132301552933?ref=newsfeed>

And this is the link to the Eventbrite page where tickets can be bought:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-concert-for-amnesty-at-60-tickets-167327833053?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Conversation with Debora Kayembe, Rector of Edinburgh University

This Thursday, 23 September, from 7.30 to 9.00 pm, our ecumenical partner church Augustine United (URC) on George IV Bridge is hosting an evening in conversation with Debora Kayembe - Lawyer, Refugee, Black, Linguist, Woman, Single Mum, and Rector of Edinburgh University. This will be an opportunity to hear Debora's inspiring story and vision. The format will be an interview with Debora followed by questions from the floor (in the room and online). Attendance can be in-person (seat numbers are limited / masks required) or online. The cost is free but booking is essential. Please register through to the following Eventbrite link for an in-building or online ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-in-conversation-with-debora-kayembe-tickets-170324237379>

Greyfriars Charteris Centre – Refurbishment Update & Team Introductions

September 2021

CHARTERIS COMMUNITY NEWS

Building Update & Welcome New Staff

Introducing Ruth and Gillian:
Hello Charteris friends
We are starting to get excited about the opening of the Centre following refurbishment, it's looking splendid! We've been finding about the groups and organisations based at the centre, and all the activities, creative energy and community support these involve. Hopefully we will meet many of you in the coming weeks, at an event, over a cup of tea, or in passing at the Centre.



The Greyfriars Charteris Centre was established in 2016 as a Centre for Community, providing a place of connection with communities of all kinds: location, people, faith, need, interest, aspiration and much more. The Centre has been undergoing a significant refurbishment this last year, with very limited activity on site. However, we are now nearing completion, and Daniel and the team at the Charteris Centre are started to get quite excited about fully re-opening in October, all going to plan! With that in mind, a monthly newsletter has been restarted this month to share some of the great activities, events and community groups that enjoy use of the Centre. An open day will be planned and we hope that many of you will come along, to see the place, meet some of the team, find out about what is happening there and give your support. You can see the newsletter here: <https://www.charteriscentre.com/news>. If you would like to get the monthly newsletter by email, please email info@charteriscentre.com for this. Ruth, Richard and I are really excited about joining Daniel on his team for some of the week going forward, to help create opportunities for communities to connect, and curate some faith events in the beautiful sanctuary space there. If you'd like to find out more, share ideas for activities and events, or get involved in any way please contact one of us. Exciting times!!

Gillian. <https://www.charteriscentre.com/contact>

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. Any thoughts, large or small, very welcome.