



GREYFRIARS COMMUNITY NEWS

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

The **Minister**, Richard Frazer, the **Associate Minister**, Ruth Halley, or the **Parish Associate**, Gillian Couper, 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
- Ruth on 07530 307 413 or by email at associate.minister@greyfriarskirk.com, or
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THIS SUNDAY: 31 OCTOBER 2021

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 7 NOVEMBER 2021

9.30 am Holy Communion - provide Track & Trace details at the door.

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Midweek Prayers

Join us in-person each Thursday in the sanctuary from 1:10 - 1:30 pm for this special time of prayer and reflection.

Morning Worship - seating

For the better accommodation of the increasing number of events in the kirk, the arrangement of seats for the 11.00 am service will now be more similar to the previous traditional rows, but with space for social distancing as required.

Kirk Autumn Visitor Opening

The Kirk is open to visitors from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm on Thursdays only from November. Please check the website at greyfriarskirk.com/visit for 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 regular study service takes place on the first and third Sundays of each month. However, an extra session will take place this Sunday 31 October. The topic is a discussion on two pages of a wonderful book by Robin Parry, *Worshipping Trinity*.

The theme is THE TRINITY AND THE REDEMPTION OF CREATION. Parry is exceptionally readable and humorous, as well as theologically very well informed. Two points stand out as most important in this short text.

1. Everything God does, he does as Trinitarian, and therefore as Father, Son and Spirit. All are equally involved in all that God does and Parry has a telling insight into how much of Christian thought and worship fails to reflect this.

2. As an Old Testament scholar, Parry sees the supreme goodness and importance of the body in the bible. Creation is physical, we are thoroughly physical, and it is the bodily resurrection of Jesus which holds within itself & guarantees our own future bodily resurrection.

Is Parry right in saying the present age is the "age of the Spirit" and how should what he says be understood?

Relevant readings in the PARRY TEXT: pp.44-49 of *Worshipping Trinity*

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.

Greyfriars Thursday Lunchtime concerts

The Greyfriars lunchtime concert at 12 noon this Thursday, 4 November, will be an organ recital by Paul Stubbings

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 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.

New Term Adventure

'One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure' -William Feather

From the 11th October our activities will be held elsewhere as the build commences of the new Grassmarket Community Project café. We are so excited about this awaited adventure and incredibly grateful to Greyfriars, Charteris and Augustine's United Church for their support. The continued relationship which began decades ago when the Greyfriars' congregation in partnership with Grassmarket Mission started GCP, has continued to grow and will welcome a new part of the story. Although we will miss our usual territory at the GCP it will be an opportunity for adventure as we are temporarily rehomed in these beautiful buildings. The build of the cafe will allow space for both the visiting tourists alongside the members who are attending the Project and reduce the incredibly busy foyer that masqueraded as a four-way-junction. Even though our members will be keen to return to their beloved Project, in the meantime the weekly activities will fill some different spaces in Edinburgh. Augustine's will house the weekly member activities: Tartan, IT, Health and Wellbeing, Reading and writing and more. Every Tuesday, Drop in meal and the Community Cinema will be hosted by the amazing Coffee Saints. Most importantly, through the activities and events, we will be having community across the city, creating spaces where people are welcome to be themselves and have 'a good place to be' (Grassmarket Community Project).

Eilidh Jones, student intern at the GCP

Coffee Saints - Monday Morning Meet-ups



Grassmarket Community Project have told us about a great new initiative they are starting in October – it is open to everyone. And of course part of the joy of a natter, is having someone to natter too – so if you have a spare hour on a Monday, and might enjoy a chat for any reason, please do consider going along and joining in. Here's what it is all about:

If you have found that you have lost touch with friends during lockdown, you have become isolated and missing social interaction or are looking to make new friends and have a good old natter, please come along to our Monday Morning meet up in Coffee Saints every Monday from 9:30 am- 11:30 am. This initiative between St Marys Cathedral and the Grassmarket Community Project will start on Monday 4 October. If you are a member of the Grassmarket Community Project (and if you are not, everyone is welcome to join!) you can use your discount card for 10% off teas and coffee and we will throw in the biscuits, smiles and chat for free. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

If you would like to volunteer to help facilitate our Monday Morning Meet-up please get in touch with Catherine catherine@grassmarket.org

Scottish Love in Action

Scottish Love in Action have been based at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre for many years. Without our main Fireworks fundraiser event we are working hard to spread the word about our Diwali Dinner so everyone can join in to help us raise funds. Truscott Property are once again match-funding the event which is fantastic. We are hoping the Diwali Dinner will appeal even more this year now we are allowed can come together inside and in person to celebrate. Diwali Dinner has been launched and registration is now open through our website

The University of Edinburgh is looking for participants to take part in online virtual walks.

To take part you must be 65 and over, able to complete an online survey and watch a short clip. This takes no longer than 40 minutes to complete. To take part click here: <https://tinyurl.com/outdoorwalks>

Any questions please contact the lead researcher Sarah Montrose s.montrose@sms.ed.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH We are looking for participants to take part in online virtual walks ✓ Are you aged 65 or over?	
We are looking for adults in the UK who are: • Fluent in English • Able to adequately see and hear a short video clip • Able to access a laptop/tablet/phone with an internet connection	<i>If you would like further information about the study.</i> Type this address into your address bar on a laptop or tablet www.tinyurl.com/outdoorwalks Or alternatively scan the QR code on your mobile phone:  Questions? Please email Sarah Montrose at s.montrose@sms.ed.ac.uk
Participation involves taking part in an online survey and watching a short video clip. This should take around 40minutes. Thank you for your time!	
Research carried out as part of a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. This study has been approved by the University of Edinburgh School of Health in Social Science Ethics Committee.	

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 Ruth Halley (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.