



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:

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- Gillian on 07808 472 464 or by email at parishassociate@greyfriarskirk.com.

THIS SUNDAY: 6 FEBRUARY 2022

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

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

12.30 pm Gaelic Service - provide Track & Trace details at the door.

NEXT SUNDAY: 13 FEBRUARY 2022

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

12.30 pm Gaelic Service - provide Track & Trace details at the door.

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.

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.

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.

Study Service: Sundays at 7.00 pm

There is a Study Service on the first Sunday of each month, and a Bible Study on the third Sunday.

The Study Service topic for this Sunday is **How is Jesus “the one for the many”?** How is it that Jesus was born to be the one man for us all, the one man for all men, women and children?

How is it that he has taken our place, to act in our place and represent us for God in all he did from birth to death, resurrection and ascension? It seems impossible that one man could act in such a way and yet that is the biblical concept.

It is based in part on the **key Old Testament concept of “the one for the many” exemplified in the concept of the High Priest in Israel** who wore on his garments, on his breastplate and shoulders, the names of all the 12 tribes of Israel as a sign of the fact that he was representing all Israel and implicitly all Israelites. As instructed by God, he entered once a year into the Holy of Holies of the temple to renew the covenant, make atonement for the sins of all Israel and receive God's forgiveness. Then he came out and gave all the people the blessing of forgiveness.

The king in Israel is somewhat similar, representing all Israel but in a different way. Both these roles, of priest and king, are fulfilled by Jesus, but that is only one crucial part of the story, for no one human being could properly represent all humanity. How did one man represent us all?

The astounding miracle of the gospel story is that it was only God who could possibly act in such a way, and only God himself become man who could fulfil in Jesus all that the Old Testament priests and kings could only outline and point forward to.

This being so, the question for us, and the **nub of our topic on Sunday, is what exactly is the relation between what Jesus has done for us and what we do?** The answer, in the briefest of nutshells, is that properly understood the Christian life in all its dimensions lies in sharing in the risen humanity of Jesus, through union with him through the Spirit. How this actually works out in our lives is what we can then begin to look at.

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 Lunchtime Concerts

The popular Greyfriars lunchtime concerts at 12 noon on Thursdays resume on Thursday 10 February with a horn and piano concert by Neil Mantle and Gillian Gray. Admission is free.

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 at 1 Little King Street 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

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.