



GREYFRIARS COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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THIS SUNDAY: 3 APRIL 2022 (FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT)

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

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 10 APRIL 2022 (PALM SUNDAY)

9.30 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Morning Worship with Holy Baptism

12.30 pm Gaelic Service

Midweek Prayers

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

Services in Holy Week

Monday to Thursday 8.00 am: Holy Communion (at St. Columba's by the Castle)

Maundy Thursday 7.00 pm: Holy Communion (in Greyfriars)

Good Friday 12 noon – 3.00 pm: "Waiting by the Cross" (in Greyfriars)

9.00 pm: Tenebrae (in Greyfriars)

Easter Day, 17 April 11.00 am: Holy Communion

12.30 pm: Gaelic Service

Giving to the Kirk

We remain 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.

Art Exhibition

The Holyrood Art Club's annual exhibition currently taking place in the Kirk will be open until this Wednesday, 6 April. Admission is free.

Thursday Coffee Mornings at the Greyfriars Charteris Centre

The next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 14 April, and will continue fortnightly. Pop along at 10.30am to show your support and enjoy a great selection of Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Rolls, Scones and of course, Company.

Greyfriars Lunchtime Concerts

The Greyfriars lunchtime concerts will resume at 12 noon on Thursday 14 April with a guitar and flute recital by the JKL Duo. Admission is free.

Study Service: Sundays at 7.00 pm

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

The Study Service at 7.00 pm this Sunday is a Bible Study on **John 16: Jesus and "the Spirit of truth"**. In John, the primary role of the Spirit is represented as one of witness to Jesus. The Spirit reminds us of all Jesus said, brings us to understand it, convinces us of its truth and unites us to Christ, "the way, the truth and the life". In so doing, the Spirit is also the Spirit of life, for in uniting us to Christ he is uniting us to the way, the truth and the life.

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

Grassmarket Community Project - Activities to Join in, and other news

The GCP has resumed running a wide variety of activities at Augustine United and Coffee Saints while the Centre is closed for the duration of the building project for the Pavilion in the courtyard. 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, Guitar, Yoga, a book group, 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.

The new build of the Pavilion in the courtyard is well underway, and we hope to regain entry in mid-April. Our members' classes and café will then restart in mid-May, if there are no delays to the build! (fingers crossed!)

Grassmarket Tartans is now housed at 58 Candlemaker Row. This is predominantly a workshop, however we do plan to open this up to a retail shop in the summer, selling all of our beautiful Greyfriars Tartan Products.

Coffee Saints - Tuesday Afternoon Meet-ups



Grassmarket Community Project have told us about a great new initiative which they have started – it is open to over-60s. 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 Tuesday, 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 afternoon meet up in Coffee Saints at 1 Little King Street every Tuesday from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. This initiative between St Marys Cathedral and the Grassmarket Community Project is facilitated by Graham Burnett, and the tea, coffee and cake are **free!** If you would like to volunteer to help to facilitate our Tuesday Afternoon Meet-up, please get in touch with Catherine at catherine@grassmarket.org.

Members of Greyfriars are welcome customers any time at Coffee Saints at the above address, and are entitled to 10% off if they mention this at the till before paying.

Pastoral Care and Staying in Touch

The ministry team and pastoral volunteers at the church enjoy staying in touch with folk in the congregation and community. It is great to hear how folk are getting on, share news about what is going on in the life of the community, enjoy friendship and support each other when it is needed. If you would like to chat, or you know someone that might need some help or would simply enjoy hearing from us, please do get in touch with Gillian, Richard, or Ruth, by the 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