

Intimations 19th September 2021

1. **9.30am Early Service and 10.30am Morning Worship**, the theme for both services is Wisdom. The 10.30am service will be broadcast livestream and you can watch the service at a different time.
2. **Minute for Mission:** David Calder will give a Minute for Mission today about the Harvest Thanksgiving service.
3. **Church in September and beyond:** the following decisions have been made by the Kirk Session group responsible for this area:
 - Face-coverings must be worn in the building for those aged 12 and over, as per Scottish Government guidelines.
 - We will continue with 1 metre distancing in Church until further notice for both 9.30am and 10.30am services.
 - Booking spaces and notifying name and contact details continues for **both** services and coffee after the 10.30am service. Please do this in advance via the Church office by Friday 1pm via telephone or email.
4. **2021 Autumn Lectures:** This year the Autumn lectures follow the theme: **Church and Society – Moving Forward?** The lectures will be at 7pm. They will also be available to watch online via links on either the Morningside or Greenbank websites. If you wish to attend any of the lectures in person, please contact our church office and reserve a place, office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk .

19th September (*in Greenbank Parish Church*) Professor Helen Bond, is Professor of Christian Origins and New Testament, and will talk about what Jesus and the first Christians thought about faith and community, how those ideas shaped their world-view and what lessons there may be for the Church today.

26th September (*in Morningside Parish Church*) Very Revd Albert Bogle, former Moderator, and the Pioneer Minister of Sanctuary First, an online worshipping community, will talk about the evolution of his web-based church and community and the possibilities for the future.
5. **After Church Coffee:** Coffee after the Church Service is restarting today. At the moment we are limited to the number of people we can have coming for coffee due to the 1metre distancing in Church. Could you therefore when you are booking your seat at church via the Church Office please let the Office know if you are coming for coffee and book your seat. Please go straight to a table when you go through - there is no queuing. Face masks must be worn until you are seated at your table and as you are leaving.

6. **Church Magazine:** the deadline for the October Magazine is Friday 17th September.
7. **Harvest Thanksgiving fund-raising, National Giving Day, 26th September, 10.30am:** Our Church offers Music and Memories in Morningside (MMM), a dementia friendly musical workshop, for those living with dementia and their carers. It is proving very popular. The funding we received for this project came from the Church of Scotland **Go for It Fund** and was for an initial 12-month pilot. We will soon receive new funding from the TOR Foundation to help build and expand this work. The sum will be £15,000 a year for 3 years, with a condition being that MPC match this with an extra £6,000 per year for the same 3 year period. The initial £6,000 target will be the focus for our Harvest Thanksgiving fund-raising, part of the National Giving Day encouraged by the Church of Scotland. The extra funding for the expanding programme for MMM will include:
- dementia friendly exercise classes
 - therapeutic animal workshops
 - intergenerational work
 - monthly Games afternoons
 - dementia Friendly Concerts, 4 times a year
 - Pastoral Care Training
 - befriending

Please consider giving generously to our Church's life-enhancing work with those affected by dementia in our local community. Donations can be made in the following ways:

1. Place your donation (cash or cheque payable to Morningside Parish Church) in an envelope marked "National Giving Day" and either leave it in the offering tray at Church on one of the three Sundays involved or post it to/hand it in to the Church Office during opening hours or place in pigeonhole marked "Administrator" out of office hours.
2. Donate by contactless payment at the machine situated next to the offering tray at the south entrance of the Sanctuary.
3. Donate on-line by PayPal through the link on the weekly email or Church website.

Harvest Thanksgiving will also be supporting the SE Edinburgh Foodbank with practical gifts. Throughout the year the Foodbank benefits from our generous donations, but on Harvest Sunday we are hoping that an extremely large effort will produce an extremely large amount of goods. Items should be non-perishable foods and toiletries. A table will be set up to display the donations in Church. As a guide to what is most popular the following is a short list:

- Canned Foods: Meats, Spam, corned beef, ham etc., tuna and salmon, soups, stews, chilli, and sauces in bottles (tomato, brown and salad cream

and mayonnaise), pies (Fray Bentos for example), tinned vegetables (beans, carrots, peas etc), fruit, rice pudding and custard

- Dried Goods: Tea bags, instant coffee and drinking chocolate • Grains, rice, packaged pasta (macaroni, spaghetti), noodles • Potato crisps
- Peanut butter, jams and marmalade (bought, not homemade!) • Diluting juices and cartons of fruit juice
- Biscuits including sweet and savoury varieties
- Cereals (Corn Flakes etc)
- Sponge puddings
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, [but ONLY new ones!], tampons and sanitary pads and toilet rolls
- Washing up liquid
- All-purpose cleaning cloths

Whilst all donations are welcome, stocks of a number of a number of items at the Foodbank are particularly low at present. It would be especially appreciated if people could bring any of the following items next Sunday: Sponge puddings, tins of tuna, tins of rice pudding and custard, tinned carrots, chocolate biscuits, chocolate spread, drinking chocolate, rice, long life milk and toilet rolls.

Bring whatever you wish to donate to the glass window doors of the Braid Hall, on the terrace, on the morning of the Harvest Service. Please remember if donating foodstuffs that items must still be **in date**. If you would prefer to make a financial contribution to enable the Foodbank to make its own purchases, please send a cheque (made payable to Blythswood Care – South East Edinburgh Foodbank) to Blythswood Care, Highland Deephaven, Evanton, Ross-shire, IV16 9XJ. If you would like an acknowledgement of your donation, please include your e mail address.

8. **Music and Memories in Morningside:** The next Music and Memories will be a singing workshop for those with dementia and their partners/carers. Monday Friday 24th September, 2-4pm. To find out more please contact Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364 628 or email: pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk
9. **Baby and Toddler Group:** We are continuing to review the reopening of the Baby and Toddler Group. The group is run by two volunteers, and we have a small number of caretaking staff who are still partly on furlough. Given the surge in Covid among young people in the city we are being cautious in our planning. We will be reviewing the situation at the end of September and will make a decision about what might be possible later in October. We will reopen as soon as our volunteers and staff feel confident that this can be done safely, and we will post information on the Church website when this is the case. We are glad to

know that so many people are missing the group and grateful that many appreciate why we are being cautious at this time.

10. **Be a good neighbour:** many Church members, elders and visitors, along with the Minister, Pastoral Assistant and Probationer Minister, are keeping in touch with people by telephone or email. Face-to-face visiting is gradually resuming. Everyone is encouraged, where possible, to keep in touch with neighbours, friends, and family, whether they are Church members or not. If there is anything you wish to pass on to the Ministerial team, please contact them as soon as possible.
11. **Handicabs:** This is a registered charity, set up in 1982 as Handicabs (Lothian), to provide accessible transport for people in Edinburgh and the Lothians. They provide door-through-door transport services meeting personal mobility needs by providing the assistance needed at the start and end of a journey. This may be assisting people with getting their coat on or locking their door for them. It may be providing an arm as they walk out from their home to the bus. It may be ensuring that they are safely in their home after the journey. They provide support to people of any age who have mobility challenges, providing a service 365 days a year, evenings and weekends (subject to driver availability).

How does it work?

Registration is free. The information they ask provides them with your level of mobility so they can plan the timings and number of passengers per journey. Passengers must be resident in Edinburgh or the Lothians. Journeys are usually undertaken to places within Lothian. Once registered, you simply phone your local office to book: 0131 447 9949.

As part of the booking process, the dispatcher will tell you the price of the journey. Prices are very reasonable. Dial-A-Ride is charged on a mileage basis at £4.75 for the first mile plus 50p per mile thereafter. It is advisable to book in advance; they suggest at least a week if not more to ensure a ride. Vehicles are specially adapted to carry combinations of wheelchair users and other passengers safely and comfortably. You can pay on the day by card or cash.

12. **October Communion:** with regret the Minister and Kirk Session have decided that it will still not be possible to have a regular communion in October because of ongoing restrictions. An online service will be recorded.

13. **Next Sunday: 26th September, there will be no 9.30am Early Service. 10.30am Morning Worship will be our Harvest Thanksgiving service.** If you wish to attend in person, please book a space by contacting the Church Office. The 10.30am service will be broadcast livestream and you can watch the service at a different time. Go to the link on the church website.

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In the Event of the Fire Alarm sounding: Please take a few moments to make yourself aware of the fire exits in the Church. Should the fire alarm sound during the service please evacuate the building using the nearest safe fire exit to you. If you are able, please assist those around you to evacuate. Elders will be on hand to direct you once outside the building.

Sunday Service live-stream: the cameras for the live-stream of the church service go live at around 10.15am. One of the camera shots is of the front half of the Church. If you do not wish to appear in the camera shot, please find a seat in the back half of the Church.

Sunday Contact: if you become aware that there is a problem with the Sunday service broadcast, please phone – 07712 118033 or email a.bleck55@outlook.com.

Financial Giving to the Church: Please keep up to date with your financial giving via standing order or direct debit or save your envelopes and other financial gifts and bring them to church. **Increase regular donations: please** consider instructing your bank to increase your existing standing order if you are able. Cheques can be posted to the Church Office for processing.

If you would like to make a one-off donation, please use the new ‘Donate’ button on the Church website.

There has been a significant impact on Church finances because of the lockdown. Your continuing, or increased, generosity is particularly important. It enables so much to happen in and around our Church. **Thank you.**

A Time for Change - Charity begins at home! Restrictions over the past year have hit many charities badly. Flag days, coffee mornings, charity shops have all suffered. And the loose change offering we use to support our chosen charities, the Edinburgh Clothing Store, The Pad Project, and our own Church, have similarly suffered. Please consider giving silver coins as well as coppers. Just drop the bag of change in the collection on Sunday or the Church post-box at the door by the office through the week.

Intimations: if you wish to have intimations included in the weekly sheet, please email these to the Church Office by Thursday 1pm at the latest.

Weekly Church Email: The email is available weekly for members and non-members alike. This will be one of the regular means by which you can keep informed about what is happening at the Church. If you would like to receive the email, please let the church office know and we can add you to the mailing list: office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

Morningside Parish Church Website and Facebook: the website www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk has details of services and sermons and information about the Church. You can also 'like' the Morningside Parish Church page on Facebook. This will be one of the regular means by which you can keep informed about what is happening at the Church.