

Intimations 21st November 2021

- 1. 9.30am Early Service and 10.30am Morning Worship. Christ the King Sunday.** The theme will be, *Reign of Love*. The 10.30am service will be broadcast livestream and you can watch the service at a different time.
- 2. Church in November 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.
 - For after-Church Coffee, please remember to book a place. Please go straight to your table - there is no queuing. Face masks must be worn until you are seated at your table and as you are leaving. Please do not move from table to table when you are leaving, and please leave your coffee mugs on your table when you have finished.
- 3. Baby and Toddler Group, currently only available on Mondays, 10am-11.30am, St Matthew Hall:** The group will open on **Monday only** for the time being. We are initially restricting numbers to 20 infants, with 1 accompanying adult either per child, or per family group. Places **MUST** be booked before 2pm on the preceding Friday either by telephoning the Church Office (0131 447 6745) or by email to office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk . If people turn up on the day and are not booked admission will not be possible. For Test and Protect purposes, we need the name of the accompanying adult, and the name of the child. Entrance is via the Braid Road glass door only. Face masks must be worn by accompanying adults, but not by children. No refreshments provided initially, but you can bring your own drinks/snacks. Admission will be £3 per child/family group. We will continue to review this provision, with a view to relaxing conditions when the regulations permit. It's not the full re-opening we had hoped for but we trust people will appreciate we still have to be cautious at this stage of the pandemic. And we really do look forward to welcoming back those who have booked!
- 4. Wednesday Coffee Mornings:** In the Braid Hall, 10 – 11.30am. If you are happy to put your name down on the rota to help once every few weeks, then please contact Doreen Reekie on: 0131 664 8431 or email d.a.reekie@btinternet.com

5. **Flower List:** The new flower list for 2022 is now available on the vestibule noticeboard. If you would like to supply flowers one Sunday, please put your name and phone number against your chosen date or contact me direct if you are not currently attending church. The cost remains at £45. Cheques should be made payable to 'Morningside Parish Church Flower Fund' or payment can be made by bank transfer if preferred. If you are a UK taxpayer and can give by Gift Aid, please fill in one of the Gift Aid envelopes or advise me if you have registered with the Gift Aid Convener. Monies can be given to a member of the Committee, put in the Flower Committee pigeon hole or sent to the church office clearly marked for the Flower Fund. Please contact me direct on 0131 449 2866; e-mail irene_a_wilson@btinternet.com for details if you wish to make a bank transfer.
6. **Music and Memories in Morningside:** The next workshop for those with dementia, and their partners/carers, is in the Cluny Hall on Monday 6th December, 2-4pm. More information from our pastoral assistant, Jacqui Lindsay.
7. **Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band Concert, 7.30pm, Saturday 27th November:** a fundraising concert for our Church charities (The Pad Project, the Edinburgh Clothing Store, and the Church will be held at the end of November. Our charities have not had the usual support they would have received because of lockdown, so please be generous in your donations. The band has been sponsored by a generous private donor so that all monies raised can go directly to our charities. If you would like to attend, please book a space via the Church Office.
8. **Fairmilehead Parish Church Organ Recital:** Andrew Sutherland will give a recital on Sunday 28th November at 3pm to raise funds for Fairmilehead Parish Church's "Raise (for) the Roof" Appeal. Tickets are £7.50 which includes refreshments from Fairmilehead Church Office 0131 445 2374.
9. **Edinburgh's Christmas Advent Nativity Carol Concert:** Sunday, 28th December, 3pm. St Andrew Square. The event is free. Everyone is welcome to come along and sing carols with the St Columba's Choir and the Salvation Army Brass Band at the annual concert. The collection this year is for the Bethany Christian Trust. Dr Browning, as Moderator of the Presbytery of Edinburgh, will give a short talk, and will be joined by Archbishop Leo Cushley and Bishop John Armes for this ecumenical service.

10. **The Friends of St Andrew's, Jerusalem Church of Scotland:** the annual service will be held at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lothian Road, on Tuesday 30th November at 2pm. Guest preacher the Very Revd Dr Martin Fair. All are welcome. South Morningside Parish Church donated money for chairs for St Andrew's many years ago, and they are still in use.
11. **Dr Conor Fegan:** We congratulate Conor on being elected as Minister of Markinch Parish Church, Fife. We will make a presentation to Conor to thank him for his ministry amongst us on Sunday 28th November. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation and mark it, 'Conor' and place it in the offering plates or send to the Church Office.
12. **Rejoice in the Lamb!:** Three of the current choral scholars (Olivia Harper, Catherine Marple and Fraser Macdonald) also sing in the Edinburgh University Chamber Choir, and are performing a concert on Friday 3rd December at 7:30 in St Peters Church, Luton Place. It will be an evening of choral favourites from Britten, Parry, Stanford and other composers from Orlando Gibbons to the 20th Century. Tickets £7/£5 students.
13. **The Minister will be on holiday until 25th November.** For funerals, please contact Dr Conor Fegan. For all other pastoral care, please contact Jacqui Lindsay.
14. **The Kirk Session meets at 10.10am next Sunday** for the Admission of New Communicants.
15. **Next Sunday: 28th November, First Sunday of Advent. Early Service 9.30am and 10.30am Morning Worship. We will admit new communicants to church membership at the 10.30am service.** The theme will be, *Expecting Jesus*. If you wish to attend in person, please book a space by contacting the Church Office. Please remember to book your place for coffee after either service too. The service will be broadcast livestream and you can watch the service at a different time. Go to the link on the church website. There is no 9.30am service on this day.

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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.

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.

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.

Christmas Gift Service – 28th November 2021

By popular demand the Gift Service is again to be for the Edinburgh Clothing Store (Charity No.SC039409)

This year the items most needed are –

For Girls ages 2-12 years for Boys ages 2-12 years

Winter jackets

Hoodies

Sweatshirts

Long sleeved T shirts

Skinny Jeans

Leggings

Tights

Pyjamas

Onesies

Hats, Gloves & Scarves

Winter jackets

Hoodies

Sweatshirts

Long sleeved T Shirts

Jeans

Joggers

Boxers

Pyjamas

Onesies

Gloves

Please do NOT gift wrap your gifts.

This year we are offering 3 options –

Option 1 –on 28th November bring your gift to the table below the pulpit before the 10.30 am service.

Option 2 – if you cannot come to church on either Sunday please contact Fiona Gossip who is once again very kindly willing to collect items from your home. She can be contacted on 07850 338 908 from Monday – Friday between 10.00am and 6.00pm or email her at fiona.gossip@outlook.com

Option 3 – if you prefer not to go shopping, cash or cheque donations are also most welcome. Please make cheques payable to The Edinburgh Clothing Store and send to 7 Greenbank Crescent EH10 5TE. If you wish to Gift Aid your donations please include a note with your address and post code, state that you are a taxpayer and sign the note.

Please remember it is not the fault of any child that they find themselves in desperate circumstances.

Your generosity in the past has been amazing and has made a huge difference. The children who have received the new clothes which they really need have been so delighted.

In anticipation thank you very much for your support.