- 1. **9.30am Early Service and 10.30am Morning Worship.** The theme, At a Wedding. The 10.30am service will be broadcast livestream and you can watch the service at a different time. There is no after-service coffee today.
- 2. **Jamie Sutherland, Enquirer for the Ministry**: today we welcome Jamie Sutherland to our congregation. Jamie will be with us for a few months as he begins the process of discerning whether he may have a call to the ministry. He is ask elder at Greyfriars Kirk and works within the University of Edinburgh. He will join us at some services and meetings. Please make him welcome!
- 3. **Church in January:** 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 physical distancing in Church until further notice for both 9.30am and 10.30am services.
  - Please fill in one of the cards on your seat with your contact details as these are still required. Leave the card on your seat and it will be collected after the service.
- 4. **Morningside Hope Music and Memories in Morningside:** The next workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers are in the Cluny Hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2- 4pm.
- 5. Morningside Hope Gentle Exercise to Music: We are starting this class for those with dementia and their carers/partners, in the Cluny Hall. It will run alternative weeks to Music and Memories. Designed to stimulate the body and brain, the class will last 40 45 minutes and will be followed by tea/coffee, Monday 17th January, 2pm 4pm and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2- 4pm. *Donations welcome* If you would like any more information, please contact Jacqui Lindsay

on: 07834 364 628, email pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

6. Flower List 2022: The Flower List for 2022 is now complete. We thank all those who have offered to provide flowers throughout the year which is a small, but very important part of the Church's outreach. The flowers are always very much appreciated by their recipients.

- Dr Conor Fegan: please remember Conor in your prayers as he will be ordained and inducted to Markinch Parish Church on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January.
- 8. **Today's Music:** Dr Francis Jackson CBE (and Honorary Vice-President of the Edinburgh Society of Organists), died on January 10th, at the age of 104. He was for many years Organist of York Minster, and one of our finest players.
- 9. Next Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2022. 9.30am Early Service, the theme will be God embraces the earth, and 10.30am Morning Worship, the theme, Whose compassion. Both services will be conducted by the Revd Alistair Keil, a member of our congregation. The Minister will be preaching at the Revd Dr Conor Fegan's church in Markinch. Please fill in your contact details on the card left on your seat. There is no after-service coffee at the moment. The 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.

**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 nonmembers 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: <u>office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk</u>

**Morningside Parish Church Website and Facebook:** the website <u>www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk</u> 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.