

## Intimations 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

- 1. 9.30am Early Service and 10.30am Morning Worship: 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.
- 2. Funeral announcement:** We announce with sadness the death of Jim Mathieson. Please remember his family in your prayers. A funeral service will be held at 12 noon in the Main Chapel, Mortonhall Crematorium, on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- 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.**
  - **We hope to be able to resume events where refreshments can be served, shortly. Please watch out for further announcements.**
- 4. Morningside Hope: Games Afternoon.** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm-4pm. Open to everyone, these afternoons, meeting in the Braid Hall, are a chance to meet up with friends old and new, play your favourite board games, jigsaws etc. and have a coffee and a catch up.
- 5. Morningside Hope - Music and Memories:** The next workshop for those with dementia and their partners/carers is in the Cluny Hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2- 4pm.
- 6. 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, and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2- 4pm. *Donations welcome*  
If you would like any more information, please contact Jacquie Lindsay on 07834 364 628,  
email [pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

7. **Pastoral Skills Course: An Introduction: running over two evenings, Tuesdays 15 and 22 March.** We are offering a brief introduction to Pastoral Skills running from 6 –9.30pm each evening, hopefully starting with a light supper. There is a maximum of 16 places on the course **and it is open to anyone** interested in finding out a bit more about pastoral care, without the necessity of making any commitment, beyond the course itself.

The course will look at topics such as:

- Communication & listening skills
- Self-awareness & self-care
- Boundaries and why they matter
- Dementia /bereavement

The training will be hands on/experiential in nature and the aim, to make it an enjoyable experience for those attending. There is no charge for the training although donations are welcome and CPD certificates will be provided.

If you would like any more information about any of the above, please contact Jacqui Lindsay on: 07834 364 628

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8. **Next Sunday: 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2022.** The theme, Love is the greatest. 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.

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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](mailto: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 very 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](mailto:office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

**Morningside Parish Church Website and Facebook:** the website [www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](http://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.