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Dear Friends

I was asked recently to review a job advertisement for a senior church official. The successful applicant was expected to advance a strategic plan, expand learning programmes, build a sense of community, have a wider impact on the world, create a vision for the future, control finance, fundraising and administration, improve efficiency, be pastoral, have significant intellectual capabilities, be an advocate for justice, diversity, equality and inclusion, be an outward facing ambassador, be good at fundraising and team-building, be innovative and motivational, be an expert communicator, and also a good listener.

I reflected that all that appeared to be missing was the ability to walk on water, and then possibly turn it into wine. With all the attributes expected of the magical candidate, I suspect even the Messiah would not have been first choice for the position.

Questions about who we are and what we are, and what our characteristics and qualities are start at an early age. Who can forget the bizarre question posed to our seven-year-old self, "Well, what are you going to be when you grow up?" From an early age many are focussed on what skills they might learn, what talents they might have, and how that might shape their future.

Questions about who and what and why apply not only to individuals, but to Churches,

communities and countries. Jesus asked His disciples, "But who do **you** say that I am?" – and expected an answer.

For the Church of Scotland in many parts of the country the second half of this year will be a challenging one as we come closer to finalising the radical plan for the recalibrated number of congregations and ministers going into the future. It's not only ministers, elders, deacons and other 'officials' who are looking at their skills, gifts, vision and purpose; it must also be individual members of congregations.



What kind of Christian are you? Committed, occasional, supporting your Church, taking it for granted that it will always be there, never really thinking about it? If push comes to shove, what are you prepared to be for your Church as well as to do for your Church? If Church membership depended on an

interview, do you think you would be given the job?

Fortunately for all of us there are no interviews for Church membership or Christian faith! But there are expectations, and opportunities, and needs. As summer rolls into the new session in the autumn, is it time for you to step up, choose an area where you can help or support, and fulfil again the promises you made in good faith when you joined the Church?

Very Revd Dr Derek Browning

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MAY KIRK SESSION

From its meeting in May

- **Emerging from Lockdown** – the Moderator reported that the revised arrangement of the chairs in the sanctuary - full rows with links in place on the south side, and spaced seating on the North - appeared to be working and had accommodated good numbers at Easter and at the recent wedding service. The wearing of masks continued to be optional. South Morningside Primary School is planning to return for an end of term event and to accommodate the numbers all the seats will have to be removed with the children sitting on the floor. Thereafter full seating will be restored, leaving spaces for wheelchair users accessed from the North and South aisles.
- **Presbytery Reform** - The Moderator reported that he, the Session Clerk and Robert Armour met representatives of the Presbytery on 3 May to discuss our response to the Consultative Document. The Presbytery delegation advised that our views had not gone down well with the membership of Reid Memorial about the future of their building, and that our Church was perceived as outwith Reid Memorial's usual 'direction' and at a distance from their Church. Reid Memorial considered they looked more to Newington and the Grange rather than Morningside.

We were the last congregation to be visited in the south mission district, and the Presbytery delegation advised that there seemed to be little support for the proposal for the west half of the area of a union between Greenbank, Fairmilehead and St John's Colinton Mains. Few, if any, seemed to consider this suggested union with two ministers would work. A more likely connection was considered to lie with the Morningside, Greenbank and Fairmilehead churches, possibly with the addition of Reid Memorial. We were reminded that at the moment all proposals are consultative, and the property condition surveys had not yet been considered. The Presbytery plans to meet again with Greenbank, Fairmilehead and St John's Colinton Mains and thereafter again with representatives of all congregations together.

The Presbytery Plan is set to be agreed by the end of this year. The Presbytery's Deployment Group will consider over the summer the feedback from the visits and a revised plan put to Presbytery in the Autumn with a view to achieving a finalised plan by December. Implementation of the plan must be achieved by 2025. The General Assembly is due to meet later in May and some rumours suggest that there could be variations proposed to the planning process across the country. The reality remains that the Church of Scotland needs radical change as it has too many buildings and not enough ministers and churchgoers. The difficulty is that although there is widespread agreement to the principle the general preference is for others to change!

- **Communications** – Isobel Paterson, Convener, reported on the Christmas Angels and Easter tree decorations. Knitted angels was an idea Rona McLaren got from another church. She distributed the pattern and a large number in the congregation (and sometimes also their friends and family) knitted angels that were left outside the church or given out at the Christmas services. A Christmas blessing was attached and communicated clearly our Christmas wishes. At Easter for the second year she repeated, with the help of the Sunday Club, the hanging of knitted eggs on the large cherry tree at the corner which caused a lot of pleasure to passers-by while also communicating the Easter message. Communicating our message in ways suggested by Rona is a valuable substitute for the cards we used to distribute to the parish.

Updating the website - This has had a long gestation period but is now making progress. Photographs are now on the website of the areas we let out. Work has gone on to clear some content that was outdated. The next stage is to have the web designer make navigation from the front page easier and more logical. Once that template is agreed the 'new look' website will appear - hopefully in the Autumn.

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Jam and Baking Stall - This previously successful venture has resumed. Some concern had been felt as to whether people would be as enthusiastic post Covid but this was unfounded. The stall at the end of April made £310 - twice as much as any previous total. It had something to do with the success of Walter Thomson's wooden tea light holders made from some of our old pews. It is hoped that he will continue to use his skills to add originality and profitability to our stall. This is really a venture to raise money for our own church's funds so other hand-crafted items would also be appreciated as well as plants and produce.

- **Health & Safety** – Moira Clark, convener, reported that now that Covid restrictions are reduced it is planned in July and August to address the securing of up-to-date compliance certificates for lighting, electric, gas, fire extinguishers etc. In the autumn there will be fire drills for all users of the premises and a review of Risk Assessments and Staff Training will be restarted.
- **Social** - Fiona Stimpson, convener, advised that for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee a special cake had been commissioned to be served at coffee after the 10.30 Service on 5th June.

Afternoon tea - Although Covid recommendations precluded the possibility of a Summer Lunch, it is proposed to hold an Afternoon Tea. As before, it is to attract members who are reluctant to come to evening events and will in particular celebrate the 90th birthdays of all members who achieved that milestone during the pandemic and did not therefore have a cake for them at after-church coffees. The cake could perhaps be cut by the most senior of the nonagenarians.

- **Dishwasher** – One of the two dishwashers needed to cope with larger gatherings is no longer working. Session agreed the expenditure for a replacement, believed to be around £600+VAT.
- **Presbytery Elder's Report** – the Session Clerk reported that the first "in person" meeting of the new Presbytery of Edinburgh & West Lothian took place on Saturday 30 April with a conference in Craigsbank Parish Church Hall, Corstorphine. It was a brief meeting with a limited formal agenda, primarily designed to allow Presbyters the opportunity to meet their colleagues from the "other" Presbytery, but also to identify the individuals who are playing a leading part in guiding the Presbytery through Presbytery Reform. Short speeches were made by these individuals about their respective roles.

A presentation was made by the Revd Gordon Jamieson about the concept of Mission Districts which it is proposed will be created by dividing the Presbytery into groups consisting of a number of congregations in defined geographical areas. He indicated that it was not yet possible to address any issues relating to the suggested boundaries for the Districts. He stressed that the current proposals are provisional only and may be subject to further review.

It was hoped that congregations within each Mission District will develop together, as the name suggests, plans for Mission in their District which may include greater working together, perhaps by entering into joint enterprises or where appropriate sharing resources including shared staff appointments. He suggested that Mission Districts would facilitate "Christian outreach and service in an area which larger than the parish and smaller than the Presbytery". He noted that in developing plans for Mission, local perspectives are very important and that a 'bottom up' approach, in consultation with the Presbytery's Mission Coordinator, is both workable and desirable. He also hoped that Mission Districts could provide fellowship and support to Ministers and other officials doing similar jobs in different congregations. Finally, he acknowledged that the concept of Mission Districts was "something new for the Church of Scotland and what might be described as an adventure in faith"

The Moderator advised that meetings of Presbytery will return to Palmerston Place after the June meeting which will be in St Michael's Linlithgow.

WORSHIP NOTES

June Communion, 19 June

Having had no in-person Communion since March 2020, we will be holding a communion service at 9.30am and 10.30am in the Church on Sunday 19 June, a little later in June than normal.

There will be some slight alteration to how you will be served Communion as, to date, there are still limitations around passing plates and cups from person to person. The 9.30am service will be in the chancel area, and the 10.30am service in the nave as usual. The plate with bread will be brought to you, rather than passed along the rows, and the same will be the case with the trays with the individual glasses (unfortunately no Common Cup is permissible at this moment).

9.30am services

The last 9.30am before the Summer will be on Sunday 12 June. Grateful thanks to the rota pianists who have played since we restarted, and to the congregation who have come along.

The services will resume on Sunday 4 September

2022 Summer Worship Theme

While our Minister is enjoying a well-deserved summer break, I will be leading us in worship on four consecutive Sundays. I will take the theme of four classic Scottish novels. Each Sunday I will introduce the novel, talk of its bearing on the Bible reading for that day, and consider the theological implications of both.

The novels and Bible Readings are:

July 17 "The Annals of the Parish" by John Galt
Ezekiel 34. 1-6, 11-15; John 10. 1-10

July 24 "And the Cock Crew" by Fionn MacColla
Isaiah 52.13 to 53.12; John 18. 15-18, 25-27,
Hebrews 10. 15-25

July 31 "Highland River" by Neil Gunn
Isaiah 2. 1-5, John 1. 19 and 8. 12; 1 John 2. 7-17

August 7 "The Cone Gatherers" by Robin Jenkins
Genesis 2. 4-25, John 15.18 – 6.4

I am giving you advance notice of this theme in case you wish to read or re-read these books beforehand.



Revd Alistair H Keil



Morningside Hope

This article first appeared in DementiArts magazine, Creative voices at Edinburgh's capital theatres.

A month in the life of our “relatively new” Morningside Hope project.

We launched our project in January of this year while covid restrictions were still quite tight. Despite that, the project has grown week on week. This past month saw us singing our hearts out with the gentlemen from Forget me Notes who lead our **Music and Memories** workshops. We sing old familiar songs that bring back memories and lead to a bit of chat in between numbers. The group is about 14 strong currently and a lovely atmosphere has developed, friendships are forming, and I think everyone who comes would agree that it makes for a really joyful afternoon.

The following week and we were donning our loose clothes to take part in our **gentle exercise class**. With music playing, the exercises are done either sitting or standing and very much tailored to the individual needs of the group members. One person commented that they find their hip joints are much looser and they find they can do things around the house that they haven't been able to do for some years.

Once a month we offer a **games afternoon**, a chance to meet up with old friends and new, play our favourite board games, jigsaws etc. This month we were small in number but big on enthusiasm and the hope is that numbers will grow as the year progresses.

We encourage people who are living with dementia to come to all these events and activities with their partners, carers, friends but we also have a couple of folks who come under their own steam and hopefully everyone finds a warm welcome.

We decided a programme of **dementia friendly day time concerts** would be something that people might appreciate. Emmanuel College Cambridge Choir graced us with their wonderful singing at our first one and as I write we are preparing to welcome Peter Foggitt who is a pianist, conductor, and composer. Peter made his concerto debut at fourteen, and his Radio 3 debut at twenty-one, playing Rachmaninov *Piano Concerto no.3*. Peter has kindly offered to give a piano recital with pieces from Bach, Chopin and Liszt. *(Peter's concerts have now happened as has our Brass Quintet concert on 28 May - see picture on p15.)*

The social aspect to all these events is key so teas and coffees are always provided, offering a chance to chat and enjoy the company of other people, some of whom might be facing similar challenges to one another. Indeed, every Wednesday morning we have a **coffee morning** which has been running for many years and precedes the new project. It is open to everyone and prior to covid, our friends from the Canaan Ward at the Royal Edinburgh would regularly join us.

We also felt it was important to raise awareness around dementia and so we've offered two **pastoral training courses** this month, one to young people aged 15 – 17yrs and an adult training run over two evenings. Both these courses look at areas such as listening skills, boundaries and self-awareness. On both courses we have invited Alzheimer Scotland to deliver their Dementia Friends input and participants have fed back that they have found it both useful and enlightening.

Looking forward, we plan to start our **Heart for Art** weekly workshop in October of this year in collaboration with CrossReach. We also hope to have occasional **Animal Afternoons** but to date the dementia dogs are still on furlough due to covid – watch this space!

All of these activities are open to both those with dementia and their partners, friends and carers.

All activities take place at Morningside Parish Church, 2 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh EH10 6BQ

This three-year project has been made possible by generous grants from both TOR Christian Foundation and Morningside Parish Church.

Events over the next couple of months will be:



MUSIC AND MEMORIES IN MORNINGSIDE workshops
for those with dementia and their partners/carers

Held in the Cluny Hall 2- 4pm

June: Monday 6 and Friday 24

July: Monday 4 and Friday 22

August: Monday 1, Friday 19 and Monday 29

GENTLE EXERCISE TO MUSIC for those with dementia and their carers/partners.

The class itself will last 40-45 minutes,
followed by tea, coffee and the chance to
chat.

Held in the Cluny Hall,

Mondays, 2-4pm

June 13 and 27

July 25

August 8 and 22



GAMES AFTERNOON: open to **everyone**, these afternoons are a chance to meet up with friends old and new, play our favourite board games, jigsaws etc. and have a coffee and a catch up.

Held once a month on a Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm

22 June; 20 July; 17 August



Interested in attending? Please come along to any of the above events - you will be made most welcome.

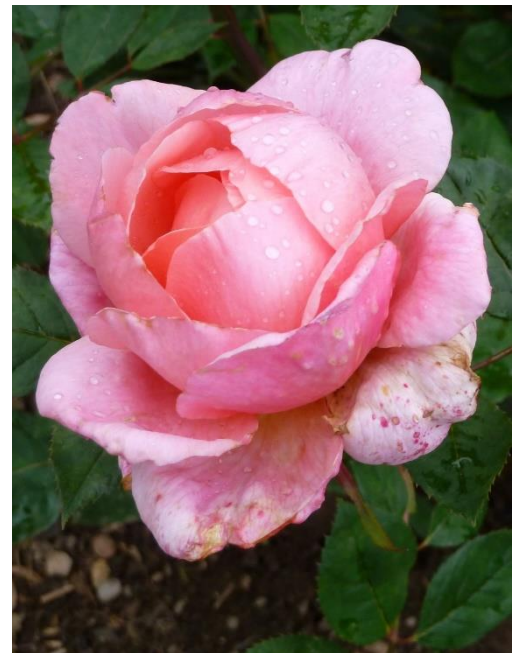
Interested in volunteering? If you would like to help with any of these activities, please get in touch. We need a lot of willing hands to enable this exciting project to happen.

Or simply **interested in finding out a little bit more**, just contact our Pastoral Assistant Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364 628 or e mail: pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

FLOWER COMMITTEE

The flowers over the summer have been donated and will be arranged as follows:-

		Donated by	Arranged by
June	5	Hazel Knight	Irene Wilson
	12	Charles & Irene Wilson	Irene Wilson
	19	Lisa & Lottie Birrell	Joan Burnett
	26	Audrey Grant	Penny Graham & Liz Munro
July	3	Moiria Forsyth	Irene Wilson
	10	WEDDING	WEDDING
	17	Janet Smith	Eleanor Watt
	24	Karen and Alastair Keil	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
	31	Marjory Watson	Marjory Watson
Aug	7	Robin and Fiona Stimpson	Ruth Henderson
	14	Jim & Annette Jenkinson	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
	21	Margaret Gossip	Joan Burnett
	28	Ewan Brown	Penny Graham & Liz Munro
Sept	4	Bob Stevenson	Irene Wilson



Thank you to all those who have offered to donate money for the flowers. The cost is £45 and cheques should be made payable to 'Morningside Parish Church Flower Fund'. If you are a UK taxpayer and can give by Gift Aid, please fill in a Gift Aid envelope or advise me if you are registered with the Gift Aid Convener. Monies can be put in the Flower Committee pigeon hole, given to me on a Sunday or sent to the church office, clearly marked for my attention. If you would prefer to pay by bank transfer, please contact me direct for bank details for the Flower Fund on irene_a_wilson@btinternet.com ; tel: 449 2866.

Irene Wilson, Convener - Flower Committee



WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING

I am very grateful to the volunteers that are already supporting this very popular event, but we are desperately needing more help. Anyone with a couple of hours to spare on a Wednesday morning would be very much appreciated.

This is a very important date in our diary, and enjoyed by many. Please call me on 0131 664 8431 if you can help.

Doreen Reekie

EDINBURGH FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

The new session of Edinburgh Friendship Centre starts on Friday 10 June 2022 at 2.00pm in the Braid Hall. A number of MPC ladies have already joined us and a welcome awaits any (men and women) who would care to come along. Our syllabus is varied and interesting. The main meeting is held on the second Friday of each month, when we have a speaker. However, we are very active throughout the month with a monthly coffee morning held in the Mercure Hotel, Princes Street – monthly lunches held in various restaurants in the city – monthly College lunches in Edinburgh College EH15 – monthly walks. Also, we arrange occasional theatre outings and holidays. There is something for everyone. Come as a guest to try us out!

Amelia MacLagan, Secretary

Tel : 0131 447 9729

CONGRATULATIONS!



.....to Kerry Elgey and Charles Watt who were married during the morning service on Sunday 1 May, and shared their cake with the congregation after the service.



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KEEP SAFE

On the afternoon of Tuesday 3 May, fourteen of us, staff and some of the Kirk Session, took part in training by Police Scotland and it proved to be a really interesting and engaging afternoon. We had been approached by Police Scotland in the hope that MPC could become a 3rd Party Reporting Centre and *Keep Safe Place* for victims of Hate Crimes. The purpose of the training was to equip us as a church to do just that.

Keep Safe

Keep Safe is an award-winning partnership initiative between Renfrewshire based charity I Am Me Scotland and Police Scotland. The initiative works with local businesses, third sector organisations and community premises to create a network of 'Keep Safe' places for anyone who may be feeling lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community. All Keep Safe places are approved by Police Scotland and staff are trained on disability awareness. Keep Safe cards* are available for anyone and hold information about any health concerns, communication requirements and who to contact in the event of an emergency. The initiative was initially developed for disabled people in Renfrewshire but is now being rolled out across Scotland and can be used by anyone who may feel vulnerable when out in the community. A full list of all Keep Safe places can be accessed via the free app – 'Keep Safe Scotland' – available from iOS and Android



Third Party Reporting

It was felt that giving members of the public a safe, confidential and supportive environment to report hate incidents would encourage a greater number of reports. In some cases, victims/witnesses of Hate Crime do not feel comfortable reporting the matter directly to the Police and may be more comfortable reporting it to someone they are familiar with. To ensure all victims/witnesses are able to report Hate Crimes, Police Scotland works with a wide variety of partners who perform the role of 3rd Party Reporting Centres. Staff within 3rd Party Reporting Centres have been trained to assist a victim or witness in submitting a report to the police and can make such a report on behalf of the victim/witnesses. Presently there are 32 third party reporting premises within the Edinburgh area; we will be number 33.

I Am Me raise awareness of and tackle Disability hate crime, which is one of the most under reported crimes in the UK, with an estimated 97% going unreported. There are 1 million people in Scotland registered as disabled or with a long-term illness.

**If anyone would like one of these cards for friends or loved ones or indeed yourself, please just let me know.*

Jacqui Lindsay, 07834 364 628



CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ 2022

THE ANSWERS

1. Dark wood cake (5,6,6)
BLACK FOREST GATEAU
2. Sweaty spaniel (3,3) _HOT DOG
3. Wee tip (8) ____DUMPLING
4. Thought about Bordeaux (6,4)
MULLED WINE
5. Redhead breaks (6,5)
GINGER SNAPS
6. Wee loaf (10) _____SHORTBREAD
7. Glegs (9,4) _____SCRAMBLED EGGS
8. Make the most of tremor (9)
MILK SHAKE
9. Skate with gambling tokens (4,3,5)
FISH AND CHIPS
10. Wee house dish (7,3)
COTTAGE PIE
11. Sounds like fake ache (9)
CHAMPAGNE
12. Cooked State (5,6) __BAKED ALASKA
13. Fruit disintegrate (5,7)
APPLE CRUMBLE
14. Ore from the tap (7,5)
MINERAL WATER
15. Bird broth (7,4) __CHICKEN SOUP

16. Clinked glasses to brie (7,6)
TOASTED CHEESE
17. Junction circles (9,5)
SPAGHETTI HOOPS
18. Complain about boot (4,10)
BEEF WELLINGTON
19. Walk primly with Jersey Royals (5,3,8)
MINCE AND POTATOES
20. Laid as turf the wrong way round (5,5)
FRUIT SALAD
21. Extra bones (5,4) __SPARE RIBS
22. Colour game (6,6) __ORANGE SQUASH
23. Link those on register (7,4)
SAUSAGE ROLL
24. Source ale (4,4) __ROOT BEER
25. Girl you might find in the bath (8,6)
VICTORIA SPONGE
26. County dessert (9,7)
YORKSHIRE PUDDING
27. I yell 'Sabbath' we hear (3,5,6)
ICE CREAM SUNDAE
28. Kind of rummy pick me up (3,3,5)
GIN AND TONIC
29. Pasta made backwards, perhaps (8,6)
MACARONI CHEESE
30. Chilled Earl Grey (4,3) ____ICED TEA_

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Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022

SUMMER CONCERTS

We fully intend to hold these once again this year. They are very enjoyable occasions, and, since nobody gets paid for performing, the offerings made thereat all go towards our Choral Scholarship Fund - last year's concerts were particularly successful, and whilst this is not the only criterion of their success(!) they enabled us to fund an extra TWO Choral Scholarships, in addition to the six most generously



funded by the church and the "Friends". So, please mark the dates in your diaries, and tell as many folk as you can about their being put on. Whilst the dates are certain - Wednesdays 10, 17 and 24 August, 12.30 – 1.15pm (NB change of timing from previous years to accommodate local parking restrictions), the EXACT format has yet still to be decided; but you may rest assured that there will be: 4-hands-1(2)- piano(s); an organ recital (probably "requests"); and something vocal/choral.



And mentioning our Choral Scholarship Scheme: I don't think that any of us would deny that our Choral Scholars make an ENORMOUS difference to things on Sunday mornings (and I have to say that it is a joy for me to work with them.) We shall be going ahead very shortly with advertising for new Scholars for session 2022-2023 - so, if you know of anyone who might be interested please put them in touch with me.

Auditions will probably not take place until early September, but folk may register an interest at any time.

M.W.

THE FRIENDS OF MORNINGSIDE PARISH CHURCH

Illustrated Talk on The History of Morningside

On 30 August 2022 at 7.00pm In Morningside Parish Church



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of "South
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Pictures" by
Charles Smith*

The Executive Committee of the Friends of Morningside Parish Church is hoping to host a fund-raising lecture given by Bob Cunningham on the History of Morningside. All monies raised by the event will be used to help fund the Friends' future activities.

The illustrated talk will focus on the people, properties and factors which contributed to the transformation of Morningside from its origins as a tiny rural village in 1800 to an important suburb of Edinburgh by 1950.

It is planned to hold the talk in Morningside Parish Church on Tuesday 30 August at 7.00pm. The talk will be open to the public. Tickets priced around £6 will be on sale in the weeks preceding the event and it is intended that refreshments will be available after the lecture.

The Committee plan to conclude arrangements for the event over the summer and final details will be made available through Church Intimations, the website and posters in the community.

AUTUMN LECTURES 2022

We hope to host the joint Autumn lectures with Greenbank Parish Church in September of this year. The theme will be, 'Refugee' and we plan to learn more about the plight of refugees in this and other countries, and the various responses to their needs and rights. More details later.

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Come along and enjoy **AFTERNOON TEA**

On Saturday 27 August 2022, 2.30 - 4.30 pm in the Braid Hall

Tickets costing £15 will be on sale on Sundays 7, 14 and 21 August from Aline Haggart and Fiona Gossip.

If you would like to come along and require transport to and from the Church Hall, let us know and we will try to organise something for you.

Hopefully the sun will be shining and a lovely afternoon will be had by all.

LIFE AND WORK

In the June issue:

The Longest Reign

The Dean of the Chapel Royal, the Rev Professor David Fergusson, pays tribute to the Queen on her platinum jubilee.

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers says the Queen has been 'a living example of scrupulous honesty and integrity'.

'We Need to Stay United'

Jackie Macadam meets Lord Hodge, the Lord High Commissioner to the 2022 General Assembly.

General Assembly

A round-up of the reports to this year's Assembly.

Marks of Mission: Care for Creation

Last in the series looking at the Five Marks of Mission

Faith in Action

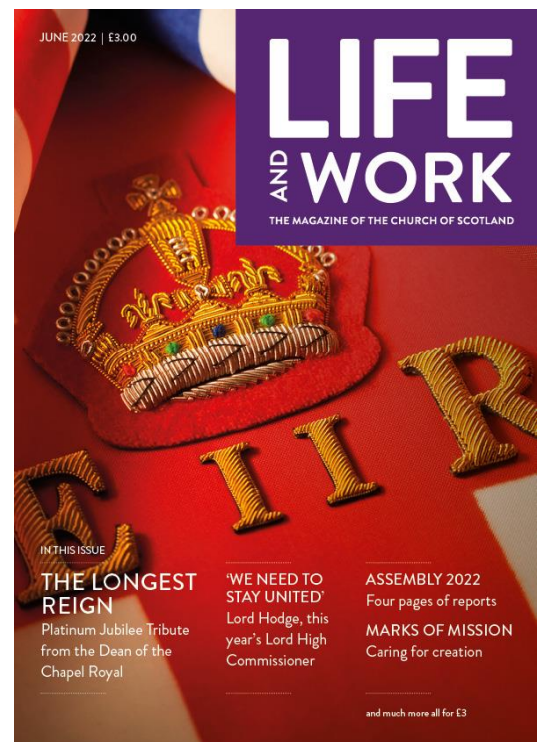
An official monthly update from the Faith Action Programme

The Power of Invitation:

In this month's youth page, twins Kim and Fiona Halliday share their faith journeys

'Deliver us from evil': David Searle continues his series on the Lord's Prayer

Subscribers to Life & Work support the vital and vibrant work of the Church of Scotland while keeping connected with the Christian community in Scotland, and further afield.



CHRISTIAN AID

On Saturday 14 May, the newly elected Chair of the Board of Trustees of Christian Aid, Dr John Sentamu, spoke at New College, Edinburgh of his hopes and visions of the future. The prospect of so much needing to be done and so many people needing help seemed daunting but his aim was simple: To tackle a problem at the source and make life better for those people.

Maternity hospitals in Ukraine had been damaged in the bombing and air strikes. Christian Aid quietly provided incubators for the premature babies to help them to survive.

He described a small child trying to rescue starfish which had been washed up when the tide had gone out. One by one, she returned them to the ocean. Local fisherman laughed at her apparently futile efforts as the beach was many miles long. When they questioned what difference she was making, she told them that it made a difference for this one!

He reminded us that, actually there is enough money and resources to help if we use it for need, not greed.

We have deep pockets, he reminded us - we need long arms.

Evelyn Henderson



The Brass Quintet who gave an excellent concert in aid of Morningside Hope on 28 May. A full report of the concert will appear in the September magazine.

SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the September issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 19 August 2022** and it will be available by Sunday 4 September. Please email your contributions to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk. Please note that there are no magazines in July or August.

Modern Love

Douglas Dunn

It is summer, and we are in a house
That is not ours, sitting at a table
Enjoying minutes of a rented silence,
The upstairs people gone. The pigeons lull
To sleep the under-tens and invalids,
The tree shakes out its shadows to the grass,
The roses rove through the wilds of my neglect.
Our lives flap, and we have no hope of better
Happiness than this, not much to show for love
But how we are, or how this evening is,
Unpeopled, silent, and where we are alive
In a domestic love, seemingly alone,
All other lives worn down to trees and sunlight,
Looking forward to a visit from the cat..

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