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Dear Friends

I read recently Eleanor Parker's book, *Winters in the World*, a journey through the Anglo-Saxon year. Highly recommended. In that period between Roman rule in Britain, and the emergence of the medieval period. It is fascinating how much history and theology and Christian tradition is embedded in our tradition from those far-distant times. Including the attention paid to the changing of the seasons:

*Winter is coldest,
Spring frostiest – it is
longest cold;
Summer sun-brightest –
the sun is hottest;
Harvest most glory-
blessed; it brings to men
The year's fruits, which
God sends them.*

Well into the twentieth century, festivals like Candlemas and Whitsun, Michaelmas, Lent and Lammas were celebrated in different parts of the country as the seasons moved round.

Today many have lost touch with the agricultural and liturgical calendars, though our year is still shaped by the rhythms of the seasons.

After the long, sombre season of Lent, with its Ash Wednesday, and its purple hues, we arrive at the pinnacle of the Christian Year, moving from Palm Sunday through Holy Week to Maundy Thursday and its Last Supper, Good Friday and the crucifixion, Holy

Saturday the day of quiet, and the bursting joy that is Easter.

I have always felt it important to take the time to work through Holy Week, from the swirling, shout that is Palm Sunday, and on through the nights that gradually darken until we find ourselves in the Upper Room, foot washing and bread and wine, in the Garden of Gethsemane, at the foot of the cross looking at a dead Saviour, outside the stone-blocked tomb on the dark day. And then, and only

then, another garden, a new morning, an empty tomb and the wonders, doubts and assurances of Easter and resurrection. Jumping from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday misses out too much.

Staying in the death and gloom of the rock tomb misses the point of Jesus' love. So also a faith only full of alleluias and sunshine without lamentation and dark is unrealistic.

Make the most of this coming season. See the earth renewing around you in nature, hear the brightness of Easter hymns at Church, enjoy the good food and drink prepared as a reminder of God's endless provision but, at the heart of this coming Easter, remember the love, the unswerving, unrelenting, undying love that Jesus has for you. You are that special to Him. Out of any darkness you may have in life at this time, now is the time to emerge into the light, and rejoice.

Very Revd Dr Derek Browning

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: 3 – 9 APRIL 2023

The joint Holy Week services with Greenbank Parish Church will be held, this year, in Morningside Parish Church. We will be following the story of Jesus' last days in the Gospel of John.

Services will be held at 7.30pm. Monday to Wednesday when the congregation will be seated in the chancel. On Thursday to Saturday the congregation will be seated in the nave.

On Maundy Thursday there will be Communion as part of the service.

On Good Friday there will be choral input from the choirs of Morningside and Greenbank who will sing an introit and anthem during the service.

On Holy Saturday there will be a service of readings and music in a time of quiet reflection and anticipation.

Easter Sunday is 9 April.

On Easter day there is no 9.30am service in the Cluny Hall. We traditionally have one congregational service at 10.30am in the Church, where the theme will be 'An Everlasting Love'. Children and young people meet in Church as usual before going through to the Braid Hall.

Easter refreshments will be served in the St Matthew's Hall after the service – all welcome!



REMEMBERING SERVICE SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023

On Sunday 16 April at 3pm in the Church we will hold our annual Remembering Service.

Our Remembering Service is open to everyone in the Church and in the wider community who would like to come and sit quietly at this simple, reflective service, which will last for around half an hour. During the service there will be an opportunity to write names on stars and attach them to our Remembering tree which will be placed beside the communion table.

Please let friends, neighbours and family know that the service is taking place and invite them to attend if they would like.

We will serve tea and coffee after the service.

ROLL CHANGES

Please give a warm welcome to our newest member,
Finlay William Charles Page, baptised on 19 March 2023



Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of
Mrs Mae Montgomery, who died on 5 March 2023; and
Mrs Isobel Allan, who died on 13 March 2023.



ORDINATION OF NEW ELDERS

During the 10.30 service on Sunday 12 March, five members of the congregation were ordained and admitted as Elders.



L-R: David Rimer, Jennifer Rimer, Kerry Watt, Sally Brown, Dorothy Mushet

FLOWER COMMITTEE

The flowers in April have been donated and will be arranged as follows:-

		Donated by	Arranged by
Apr	2	Ruth Henderson	Ruth Henderson
	9	EASTER	Flower committee
	16	Val Mannings	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
	23	Grace MacAskill	Karen Keil
	30	Penny Graham	Penny Graham & Liz Munro
May	7	Lisa & Lottie Birrell	Joan Burnett

I would like to thank all those who have offered to donate money for the flowers over the coming year. 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 one of the Gift Aid envelopes 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



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HOLD THE DATE!

Coronation Event – Sunday 7 May 2023

Come along and celebrate the Coronation of King Charles with prosecco (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and savoury and sweet bites, followed by coffee and Coronation Cake. Tickets, costing £15 for adults, £7.50 for children, can be bought from Aline Haggart and Fiona Gossip on Sundays 16, 23 and 30 April. Please let us know when buying your ticket if you have any dietary requirements.

Everyone will be made very welcome.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE QUIZ NIGHT



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along to the quiz night on Saturday 25 February. It was a great evening, and a lot of fun and laughter was had. We raised the tremendous amount of £605 which will go towards the church's charities.

Three prizes were awarded on the night:

Winning team: TelSam!

Best team name: Average Age 81.4

Wooden Spoon: Morningside Ladies



Very many thanks must also go to all those involved in the arrangements, the setting up and the serving of refreshments and particularly Fiona Gossip and David Calder who set and asked the questions.



ANOTHER CHOIR SCHOLAR INTRODUCES HIMSELF: Tenor Terence O'Neill

I began singing in this Church in October because I missed the enrichment I got from singing in a church and the challenge that the repertoire brings with it, as I used to be a treble chorister at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Outside of the church I enjoy playing trumpet and organ which I have a scholarship for at school, George Watson's College. I'm enjoying the experience that singing with such a talented group of musicians brings and I look forward to Easter as we have a lot of good repertoire in preparation.

We hope to have introductions from other choir scholars in the next magazine.



Morningside Hope



This is the umbrella name that we're using for the projects being made possible by the generous grant received from TOR Christian Foundation and the matched funding from the church itself. If you're like me, it's helpful to have dates in the diary well in advance so below are some of the activities that will be coming up.

2023 DATES:

HEART FOR ART: workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers

Held every Tuesday in the St Matthews' Hall 11am - 1pm



MUSIC AND MEMORIES IN MORNINGSIDE

workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers

Held in the Cluny Hall, 2- 4pm.

April: Monday 3, Friday 21

May: Monday 8, Friday 26

June: Mondays 5 & 19 Friday 23

July: Monday 3, Friday 21, Monday 31

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES

Dementia friendly but **open to all 60+**. The class itself will last 40-45 minutes, followed by tea, coffee and the chance to chat.

Held on Mondays in the Cluny Hall 2-4pm

April 17 & 24

May 15 & 29

June 12 & 26

July 10 & 24

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

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

Interested in attending? Please come along to any of the above, 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 if you are 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

MUSIC AND MEMORIES



Some of you may remember that last September, Music and Memories were visited by a film crew from the University of the West of Scotland. They recorded some footage of our group as part of a wider piece of work involving the Forget me Notes, the two men who lead our workshops.

A few weeks ago we had the chance to view the finished product and it is a very impressive short film. Our group comes across really well and the film captures well the sense of community, fun and laughter that typifies our sessions.

The hope is that over the next few months we will be able to offer a chance to the wider church to see this film for themselves.

(The eagle eyed amongst you might notice something that doesn't seem quite right. A Cadbury's creme egg to the first person to tell me what it is 😊) Jacqui L

A prayer for Easter Evening: *Jesus Christ, You meet us*

Jesus Christ, You meet us;
Your hands still holed,
But Your breath warm,
And Your conversation engaging.
Death has not changed Your accent
Or diminished Your love.
And though the world
Should still show signs of its imperfection,
The good news is that You have destined it
And all its peoples to be made whole.
So, as on this Easter evening
We are gathered in Your house
And cheered by Your Gospel,
Join us,
As You joined Your first disciples
And make our worship Your Emmaus Road.
Amen



MAY MAGAZINE

Material for the May issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 21 April 2023** and it will be available by Sunday 7 May. Please email your contributions to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

A Julian Contemplation

Edwina Gateley

*Be silent.
Be still.
Wait before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be still.
Let your God look upon you.
That is all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you with an enormous love.
God only wants to look upon you with love.
Quiet.
Still.
Be.
Let your God love you.*



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