

Intimations 19th November 2023

1. **Today: 19th November, 9.30am Early Service and 10.30am Morning Worship** The theme will be, 'Using talents'. Tea and Coffee will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the service. Please remember to make an appropriate donation.
2. **Sunday 19th November 10.30.am – today is the Gift Service for the Edinburgh Clothing Store** This year, because of the cost of living crisis, there is an even greater need for the most needy and vulnerable in our community. Bring your gifts to the tables below the pulpit. 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 them to 7 Greenbank Crescent, EH10 5TE. If you wish to Gift Aid your donations include a note with your name and address and postcode. State that you are a UK taxpayer and sign your name.
3. **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:** The next communion service will be on Sunday 3rd December, which is also the first Sunday of Advent. The Common Cup, discontinued during Lockdown, will be reinstated but served in a slightly different format. When the elders take the elements out to serve the congregation, the Minister will take the Common Cup from the Communion Table and carry it to the back of the Church and place it beside a plate of bread which will already be on one of the console tables. If you wish to receive the Common Cup, please leave your seat from wherever you are sitting in Church and make your way to this small table where the Minister will serve you the bread and wine as you stand around the table. It is a practice we used at the evening services some years ago. Otherwise, please remain in your seats and be served the bread and individual glasses by the elders as usual.
At this stage this is an experiment as we do not know how many will request communion in this form. After the December Communion the Minister with the Worship Committee and Kirk Session will review the situation.
4. **Elders' visitation sheets** are now available for collection from the pigeonholes.
5. **Morningside Hope:**
Music and Memories in the Cluny Hall, 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshops will be on Friday 24th November, Monday 4th December, Friday 15th December.
Heart for Art workshops for those with dementia and their partners. Held every Tuesday in the St Matthew Hall, 11am – 1pm.
Gentle Exercise Classes, St Matthew Hall, followed by tea and coffee, at 2pm on Mondays 20th, 27th November, 11th December.
Games Afternoon, on Wednesday 13th December, 2-4pm.
Afternoon Concerts: Please join us for either or both of the following Dementia friendly Afternoon Concerts.

Saturday 25th November, 3pm: Rock Choir

Sunday 26th November, 3pm: George Heriot's Chamber Choir

These concerts are open to everyone. Teas and Coffee will be served after each concert. Entry is free, donations welcome.

6. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** the last stall will be held on Sunday 26th November after the 10.30am service. Please support the stall which raises much-needed funds for our Church.

7. **The new flower list for 2024:** 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. 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 on 0131 449 2866; e-mail: irene_a_wilson@btinternet.com if you require details to make a bank transfer.
Do you have a talent for, or would like to try your hand at, flower arranging? We are always delighted to welcome new members to join our team - men are also most welcome if they have an artistic flair. If you would like to join us, or want to come along and see what it entails, please speak to Irene Wilson or any other members of the Flower Committee on a Sunday morning. Training and guidance can be given if required.

8. **Christmas Knitting Patterns** a selection of patterns is now available at the welcome desk at the Braid Hall glass door entrance. These may be used to create contributions to the Christmas Tree Festival Stall. Copies of each design are in separate folders. Please do not take the whole folder, just slip a pattern out. Finished items may be left in Rona McLaren's pigeonhole.

9. **Nursing Home services:** It is helpful to have 'singers' boosting the hymn singing at these services. If you can help you will be most welcome. The next Ashley Court service is on 29th November at 2.30pm. The next Cluny Lodge service is on 6th December at 2.30pm.

10. **The Minister will be on holiday** from 20th – 27th November. For the services of a minister, please contact the Revd Alistair Keil, 07758 009250. All other calls to our Pastoral Assistant, Jacqui Lindsay

11. **Next Sunday: 26th November, Christ the King: 9.30am Early Service (Cluny Hall) 10.30am Morning Worship.** The theme will be, 'Christ the King.' Tea and Coffee will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the services. Please remember to make an appropriate donation.

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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.

A Time for Change - Charity begins at home! The loose change offering supports our chosen charities, the Edinburgh Clothing Store, The Pad Project, and our own Church. Please consider giving silver coins as well as coppers. Simply 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.

Be a good neighbour: many Church members, elders and visitors, along with the Minister, Pastoral Assistant, are keeping in touch with people by telephone or email. Face-to-face visiting is now available by arrangement with the Ministerial team. 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.

Your continuing, or increased, generosity is very important. It enables so much to happen in and around our Church. **Thank you.**

Baby and Toddler Group: our regular group meets on Mondays, 10am – 11.30am, in the St Matthew Hall. It's a great space for the youngsters, and well equipped with toys. Coffee and tea for the adults too. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

Wednesday Coffee Morning: in the Braid Hall on, 10am – 11.30am. We look forward to seeing you and your friends. If you need any further information or wish to volunteer to join the Rota to help then please contact either Lesley Murphy (mobile: 07981 265308) or David Calder (mobile: 07702 835961).

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.