

## Intimations 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

1. **Today: 10<sup>th</sup> December: No 9.30am. 10.30am, All-Age Service, A Super Christmas!** Tea and Coffee will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the 10.30am service. Please remember to make an appropriate donation. Mulled wine, Christmas fare, tea and coffee will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the 10.30am service. Please remember to make an appropriate donation.
2. We welcome back Henry Wallace who will be playing the organ and conducting the choir this morning.
3. **Christmas Tree Festival:** It's back! After last year's success, the Christmas Tree Festival will run until Saturday 16th December, 10.00 - 14.00. Admittance is by donation and there will be raffle tickets and a crafts stall with festive decorations available to purchase. On both Saturdays, 10.00-12.00, Teas, Coffees and Mince Pies will be on sale in the Braid Hall. We hope to see you there.
4. **Buckstone Community Choir at the Christmas Tree Festival:** On Saturday 16 December at 11am a small group of enthusiastic singers from the Buckstone Community Choir will be singing a short selection of carols and other seasonal tunes at the Christmas Tree Festival. Hope to see you there.
5. **Telephone Choir Carol Concert: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm** For Church and community and the Wednesday Club. A lovely evening of the choir singing and congregational carols. There will be a retiring offering for the work of the Wednesday Club.
6. **December Magazine and Life & Work:** The December editions are available today for collection and distribution.
7. **Morningside Hope:**  
**Music and Memories** in the Cluny Hall, 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshop will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.  
**Games Afternoon**, on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2-4pm.
8. **Flower List 2024:** The Flower List is gradually filling up but a few dates remain to be filled namely 14 January, 25 February, 3 and 10 March, 21 April, 12 May, 30 June, 21 July, 15 September, 6 October, 24 November and 1 December. If you would like to supply flowers on one of these Sundays, please put your name and phone number against your chosen date on the list on the vestibule noticeboard. The cost is £45 and

cheques should be made payable to 'Morningside Parish Church Flower Fund'. Payment can be made by bank transfer if you prefer. If you are a UK taxpayer and can give by Gift Aid, please fill in one of the Gift Aid envelopes or confirm that you are registered with the Gift Aid Convener. Monies can be put in the Flower Committee pigeon hole or sent to the church office clearly marked for the Flower Committee. Please contact me direct on 0131 449 2866; e-mail: irene\_a\_wilson@btinternet.com if you require details to make a bank transfer.

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 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. The next Cluny Lodge service is on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2.30pm
10. **Twelfth Night, Saturday, 6th January 2024:** the internal and external Christmas trees will be taken down and the decorations put into store. As usual, we are looking for volunteers to help with this and if you can spare a couple of hours that day your help will be much appreciated. Please meet at the Church at 10:00am. Thank you in anticipation of your help
11. **Tuesday, December 12th, 5.30 pm:** Evensong at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place, will be replaced with a liturgical performance of "Nativitas - A Sequence for Advent & Christmas": poems by David Broadbridge & organ music by Philip Moore. The music will be played on the magnificent "Father" Willis organ by Morley Whitehead. This contemporary, but perfectly accessible, work has of late received considerable critical acclaim. The service will last around 45 minutes.
12. **Christmas Afternoon Service at Greenbank, Sunday 17th December at 3pm.** Conducted by the Rev Dr John Stevenson, this Dementia Friendly service is open to all and will include lots of Christmas Carols with traditional readings. Join us afterwards in the Main Hall for tea, coffee and home baking, with live piano music. Transport is available: email lifts@greenbankchurch.org
13. **Christmas and New Year at Morningside:**  
**Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December**  
*No 9.30am service*  
**10.30am** Christmas Eve Morning Worship (teas and coffees after the service)  
**6.30pm** Christmas Eve family service  
**c 11.00pm** Carol Singing  
**11.30pm** Watchnight service  
**Christmas Day, Monday 25 December**  
**10am** A half hour service to celebrate Christmas Day  
**Sunday 31 December, Hogmanay**  
*No 9.30am service*  
**10.30am** Morning Worship (no teas and coffee after the service)

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**9.30am** Early Morning service and **10.30am** Morning Worship (teas and coffees resume)

14. **Next Sunday: Sunday 17 December, 9.30am Early Service in Cluny Hall; 10.30am Lessons and Carols Service in the Church.** Tea and coffee served in the St Matthew's Hall after both services. Please remember to make an appropriate donation.

**3pm** Blue Christmas in the Church. A half hour service for those who find this time of year difficult or sad. Refreshments served in the St Matthew Hall afterward.

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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).

**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](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.