

Intimations 28th January 2024

1. **Today: 28th January 2024. 9.30am** Early Morning service and **10.30am** Morning Worship. Theme, Speaking truth. Tea and coffee in the St Matthew Hall after both services. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Bereavement notice:** We give thanks for the life of Susan Watson. Please remember her loved ones in your prayers. A funeral service has been arranged at 3pm, Monday 29th January at Mortonhall Crematorium.
3. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** today is our first stall of the new year. Arrangements the same as always: in the St Matthew's Hall during coffee after the 10.30 service. All proceeds go to our own church's funds.
4. **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 Monday 5th and Friday 23rd February.
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 29th January, 12th and 26th February.
Games Afternoon, on Wednesday 14th February, 2-4pm.
5. **Missing keys:** A set of keys that open the small Perspex donation boxes has gone missing. Likely someone has popped them into their pocket for safe keeping and forgotten about them. There are two keys with black tops together on the one ring. If you find them, can you please return to either the office or the caretakers.
6. **Church car park:** The church administrator and caretakers are having to spend time keeping the church car park clear of cars that should not be parking there. Please note that the car park is for the use of those who are working in the church, delivering things to the church, collecting things from the church, and for people with mobility issues who find it helpful to park nearer the building.
7. **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 31st January 2024 at 2.30pm. The next Cluny Lodge service is on 7th February 2024 at 2.30pm.
8. **9.30am Early Service pianists:** we are looking for pianists to help with the 9.30am Early Service pianist rota. If you can help, or know of someone who might, please contact the Minister.

9. **2024 Lent studies:** recent Sunday coffee conversations might shape the Lent study discussions this year. Are there topics or questions you would like to think about and discuss? Are there things you always wanted to know but were too afraid to ask? No guarantees – but if you have some ideas, please contact the Minister with a note in his pigeon hole, or email.
10. **The Life and Death of Eric Liddell and the Rebirth of Chinese Christianity:** Saturday 3rd February, 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. The Playfair Library, Old College, University of Edinburgh, South Bridge. Speakers, Prof. Brian Stanley, Dr Alexander Chow, and Dr Mark McLeister. For full details, and to register, see <https://eric-liddell-china.eventbrite.co.uk/>
11. **The Minister** will be on holiday from Monday 29th January to Monday 5th February inclusive. Funeral cover will be provided by the Revd Alistair Keil, 07758 009250 . All other pastoral calls to Jacqui Lindsay, our Pastoral Assistant, 07834 364628.
12. **Next Sunday: 4th February 2024. 9.30am** Early Morning service and **10.30am** Morning Worship. Theme, The Miracle of Healing. The services will be conducted by the Revd Alistair Keil. Tea and coffee after both services in the St Matthew Hall. Please remember to give 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.