

Intimations 12th May 2024

1. **Today: Ascension Sunday, 9.30am Early Service; 10.30am Morning Worship.** Theme, Towards heaven. Tea and coffee after the service in the St Matthew Hall. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Bereavement notice:** please remember the family and friends of Ann Renshaw, who has died. A funeral service will be held near her Highland home.
3. **A thanksgiving service for the life of David Calder** will be held in the Church on Tuesday 28th May at 3.30pm. No flowers please, but donations to Morningside Hope. The service will be live-streamed.
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 13th and Friday 31st May.
Heart for Art workshops for those with dementia and their partners. Held every Tuesday in the St Matthew Hall, 11am – 1pm.
Gentle Exercise Classes, followed by tea and coffee, at 2pm on 20th May.
Games Afternoon, on Wednesday 15th May, 2-4pm.
5. **Dementia Friendly Concert: Saturday 25th May, 2pm.** Our next concert is on Saturday 25th May, 2pm and we look forward to an afternoon of Traditional Scots music. The group has had its own Edinburgh Fringe show so this promises to be a wonderful afternoon. Admission by donation, all funds to the Morningside Hope project.
6. **Fresh Start** is in desperate need of kettles, toasters, pots and pans (new or nearly new) for their essential starter packs for previously homeless people who have acquired a tenancy. Please leave items in the Fresh Start box underneath pigeon holes.
7. **A Time for Change - Supporting Christian Aid in May** We are approaching the season of Christian Aid. This year, as a one-off addition, we want to try a Christian Aid collection with a difference. Foreign currency. Coins and notes, dimes and dollars, rand and rupees, pounds and pesos, euros and escudos, krone and kwacha, yen and yuan. Most of us have come back from a foreign holiday with a few coins and notes. These hide in a drawer awaiting our next trip but will we ever go back? So we're asking you to release the foreign currency and to put it to good use today. You won't miss it and it goes to a good home. During May we are asking you to hand in your spare foreign currency. Please bag it separately but put it in the plate for the small change offering as you enter the Church. As there will probably be many denominations

we will process it separately from the normal collection. And please donate notes as well as coins.

The money collected will go to Christian Aid. There is something particularly appropriate about using foreign currency to provide aid to the poorest parts of the world. So please dig deep.

8. **Copies of the Church magazine** and Life & Work are available for collection and delivery from the pigeonholes
9. **June Church Magazine:** The deadline for the June Magazine is **17th May**. Please send all items for the June Magazine to the Church Office, office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk The next magazine after June will be September.
10. **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 May at 2.30pm. The next Cluny Lodge service is on 5th June at 2.30pm.
11. **New CH4 Hymnbook Supplement, *God Welcomes All***, Sunday 19th May, 7-9pm, at St Cuthbert’s Parish Church. As part of the event a choir is being formed. Anyone who would like to take part should sign up at the link below. There will be two rehearsals online to help learn the music in advance and the main rehearsal will be on the afternoon of the event itself. Anyone who is interested in attending the launch event to be part of the audience and join in the singing from their seat can also sign up for a free ticket via the same form. The link is:
<https://forms.office.com/e/nkc3VYd1i3>
12. **Songs of Praise:** A recording of Songs of Praise will be taking place in Edinburgh on 28th May at Charlotte Chapel. Tickets are free and can be booked directly using the following link:
<https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1314>
13. **General Assembly 2024, 18th – 23rd May:** The Minister will be attending the General Assembly. The Revd Alistair Keil, 07758 009250, will provide funeral cover. All other pastoral calls to Jacqui Lindsay, our Pastoral Assistant.
14. **Next Sunday: 19th May, Pentecost Sunday. 9.30am Early Service; 10.30am Morning Worship.** Theme, Pentecost. The services will be conducted by the Revd Alistair Keil. Tea and coffee after the 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.

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, during term time, 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)

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.