

## Intimations 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

- 1. Today: 15<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am Early Service (in the Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship.** The theme: Street-wise. Tea and coffee after the services in the St Matthew Hall. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
- 2. Morningside Hope Concert:**  
*Saturday 14th September at 2pm:* Santiago, music for organ, flute, trumpet and electric guitar.  
Prior to the Santiago concert we plan to have a brief “pilgrimage” in keeping with the Santiago theme, from Greenbank Church down to Morningside Parish starting at 12.30pm. There will be a short reflection by someone from Greenbank followed by some music and then walking down to our church, a second short reflection led by the Minister, followed by some music – a Pilgrimage of Hope. We will finish at 1pm and you would be welcome to bring a packed lunch to eat in the church hall or go home and come back for the 2pm start of the concert.  
Everyone is welcome to join in the pilgrimage but equally, if you simply want to attend the concert, you will be made very welcome as always.
- 3. Autumn Lectures 2024:** This year’s lecture series jointly organised by Morningside and Greenbank will be held in Greenbank Parish Church this year. 6.30pm refreshments, 7pm the lectures commence. The theme will be, “Questions for our Time.” Entry by donation. The lectures will be livestreamed and available on the Greenbank website.  
**15<sup>th</sup> September:** Assisted Dying – the Revd Dr Liam Fraser, Convener of the General Assembly Theological Forum, will give a lecture on this recurring and emotive topic.  
**22<sup>nd</sup> September:** Searching for Renewal in the Mainstream Church – the Revd Neil Glover, minister of a Highland Perthshire Church and Convener of the Seeds for Growth Fund will pose some challenging questions about the future of the Church of Scotland.  
Neil Glover has recently published a book, *Finding our Voice – searching for renewal in the mainline church* which is well worth reading. (Saint Andrew Press, £19.99)
- 4. 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 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
**Heart for Art** workshops for those with dementia and their partners. Held every Tuesday in the St Matthew Hall, 11am – 1pm.  
**Gentle Exercise Class** – 2-4pm, Mondays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Cluny Hall and Church Sanctuary respectively.  
**Games Afternoon** – 2-4pm, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

5. **Thomas Chalmers talk, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 3pm, Braid Hall:** Earlier in the year the Minister gave a well-received talk about Thomas Chalmers, “Chief Scottish man” which he will be reprising this month. Chalmers was an influential C19th Church of Scotland minister who was one of the chief movers behind the Disruption of the Church of Scotland in 1843 and the formation of the Free Church of Scotland. Latterly he lived in Churchill and was a member of the original Morningside Parish Church. He is buried in the Grange Cemetery. Chalmers’ career saw him ministering in different parts of the country, as well as holding several professorial roles at St Andrews and Edinburgh Universities. He was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and the first Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland.
  
6. **Harvest Foodbank Collection 2024:** For many years our Church has been supporting the Blythwood Care SE Edinburgh Foodbank, based at Southhouse Broadway. Throughout the year, donations can be placed in the container beneath the pigeonholes in the Braid corridor, but our biggest effort in contributing to the Foodbank’s work is directed towards donating foodstuffs and toiletries at the Harvest Service, to be held this year on 29<sup>th</sup> September. This year there is a particular shortage of the following items, so donations of these goods would be particularly welcome – tinned meat, fruit, tomatoes, custard and rice pudding, cartons of fruit juice and UHT semi-skimmed milk and toilet rolls. The Foodbank also requires plastic bags, into which the goods for the clients are placed, so donations of these would also be appreciated. Please hand in any donations at the Braid Hall immediately before the 10.30am Service. The Foodbank cannot accept fresh fruit or vegetables or jars of homemade jam. Also, please do remember when donating any items that they must be in date. If you would prefer to make a financial donation to allow the Foodbank to make its own purchases, cash can be handed in to the Foodbank at 47 Southhouse Broadway, EH17 8AS between 10am-1.30pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. For online donations please go to [blythwood.org/donate-to-foodbank](http://blythwood.org/donate-to-foodbank). In the past, the congregation has always responded so positively to this appeal and so thank you in advance for your continued generosity this year.  
Finally, if anyone can help with receiving the food donations on the 29<sup>th</sup>, or are available (with a car!) to take the donations to Southhouse on Monday of 30<sup>th</sup>, please contact Fiona Stewart on 531 9688 or see her after Church one Sunday - around 5 volunteers for each day would be a great help.
  
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 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. The next Cluny Lodge service is on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.30pm. The next Morningside Manor service is on 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm.

8. **Believing and Belonging:** Would you like to explore, or re-explore, some of the questions of faith and doubt, what it means to be a Christian, or ask questions that have always been on your mind about what Christians believe but never quite got round to it? The Believing and Belonging series might be for you! A thoughtful and reflective three evening gathering in October and November, on Wednesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, and 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Cluny Hall.

The three topics for study:

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Learning to love.
3. But what about...?

Believing and Belonging is open to people of all ages, to those who might be thinking about becoming part of the Church, to those who want to top up their faith, and to those who simply have questions they want to explore. Come along if you're interested, or if you know someone who might want to take their questions about faith further, do let them know. Contact the Minister for further details.

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9. **The Church office and Halls** will be closed for the public holiday tomorrow, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. They will reopen at 8am on Tuesday. Music & Memories will still be going ahead on Monday.
10. **Next Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 9.30am Early Service** (*in the Cluny Hall*) **and 10.30am Morning Worship.** The theme: The Virtuous.  
Tea and coffee after the services in the St Matthew Hall. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.

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**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 weekly Baby and Toddler Group meets on Mondays from 10am – 11.30am during term time in St Matthew Hall. All are welcome.

**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 Lesley Murphy (mobile: 07981 265308)

**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.