

## Intimations 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

1. **Today: 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am Early Service and 10.45am Morning Worship and Gift Service.** The theme: Real Believing. Tea and coffee after the service in the St Matthew Hall after the service. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Funeral announcement:** We give thanks for the life of Aline Haggart, one of our elders. Please remember her family in your prayers. A funeral service has still to be arranged.
3. **Funeral announcement:** We give thanks for the life of Annot Lighthouse. Please remember her family in your prayers. A private funeral service is being arranged.
4. **Gift Service:** Every year the congregation has been amazingly generous in its donations to the Clothing Store. We have been extremely grateful for the generosity which has been shown both by the donations of new clothes for children and donations of money which have allowed us to buy items which are in short supply.  
Due to the increase in the cost of living many more people are wearing their clothes for longer and many are selling their good quality clothes online. This has had a detrimental effect on the amount of second-hand clothes which have been donated over the past year. We are therefore having to buy more to meet the continuing need of children who are living in abject poverty in our city. Again, the number of children has increased and there is a desperate need for warm winter clothing.  
Your generosity has made a huge difference in the past and the children are always so excited to receive new clothes they really need. This year, as ever, there is a huge need. Thank you so much in anticipation.
5. **Elder's visitation sheets** are now available for collection from the pigeonholes
6. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** Next Sunday - the last of the month - our stall will be in the St Matthew Hall. We have eight tables plus one leg still to pay for so your support will be much appreciated.
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 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November (in the Church).  
**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, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November (Cluny Hall)  
**Games Afternoon Christmas Party** – 2-4pm, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the St Matthew Hall

8. **Dementia Friendly Concert, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm:** featuring FORGET ME NOTES who lead our music and memories group. It will be a chance to sing along to some very well-known tunes. As usual this will be followed by teas and coffees in the St Matthews Hall. At the same time our **Annual Art Exhibition** from our Heart for Art group will be on display in the church. Entry is by donation and all proceeds go towards our Morningside Hope Project. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** For more information, please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Jacqui Lindsay, on: 07834 364 628 or email: [Pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:Pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)
9. **Flower List 2025** - The new flower list for 2025 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 advise me if you have registered with the Gift Aid Convener or complete one of the Gift Aid envelopes. 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 direct on 0131 449 2866; e-mail: irene\_a\_wilson@btinternet.com if you require details to make a bank transfer
10. **Christmas Tree Festival Craft Stall:** Calling all our talented Crafters. We are running our successful and popular Christmas Craft Stall once again at the Christmas Tree Festival. Rona McLaren hopes you are all busy crafting again now we are well into Autumn. Please make anything you like and think what people would like to buy from the stall. You can either give your items to Rona McLaren on Sundays - if you don't see her in the Church she's in the Braid Hall at Sunday Club. If more convenient a box will be left beside the Welcome Desk or leave your items at the Church Office on weekdays.
11. **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 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. The next **Cluny Lodge** service is on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. An extra Christmas service will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. The next **Morningside Manor** service is on 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.
12. **Advent Gatherings:** To mark the season of Advent, the time of preparation for Christmas, there will be two study/discussion evenings in December. The first will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm and will look at Mary's Song (the Magnificat) and the Jesus' 'manifesto' – both are in Luke's Gospel. The second event will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm and will look at 'The Heart of Christmas', reflecting on the nativity story in Luke's Gospel. These are open discussions, no in-depth Bible knowledge is required, but please bring your enquiring and

open minds with you. The venue will be at the Manse, 20 Braidburn Crescent, EH10 6EN. Tea and coffee from 7.15pm.

13. The Minister is currently Interim Moderator at St Catherine's Argyle Church in the Grange and is conducting a service of the ordination of elders there this morning.
14. **The Minister will be on holiday** from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November inclusive. The Revd Alistair Keil (07758 009250) will provide funeral cover for this period, and Jacqui Lindsay will provide all other pastoral cover.
15. **Next Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> November**, 9.30am Early Service (in Cluny Hall) **Morning Worship at 10.30am**. The theme: Christ the King. Tea and coffee after the service in the St Matthew Hall after the services. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.  
**A special Choral Evensong service, 4pm in the Church:** Our organist and choirmaster, Morley Whitehead, is also organist at the Robin Chapel (where, every Sunday afternoon, a semi-professional choir sings a service in memory of Robin Tudsbury, the last Allied Officer to be killed in the Second World War.) The standard of music, week by week, is high; and in recent years the present Director of Music, Paul Gudgin, has sought to raise the profile of the Chapel Choir - either by inviting folk to the Chapel to take part in a "Come-and-Sing" Evensong, or by taking the choir to sing in other locations (they sang at Canongate Kirk last August, as part of the Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts.) On Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 4.00 pm. the Robin Chapel Choir come to Morningside to sing Choral Evensong. The music will include Howells' "Gloucester" Service, and (by way of anthem) Edgar Bainton's "And I saw a new heaven." Do please come along to support - AND enjoy! There will be a retiring offering for Church funds.

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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.

**Baby and Toddler Group:** our weekly Baby and Toddler Group meets on Mondays from 10am – 11.30am in the 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)

**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.**

**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.