



# Magazine

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Dear Friends

One character doesn't appear in the nativity story, but has become the stuff of every nativity play performed ever since. I refer to the innkeeper. Luke gives us a simple line:

'Mary laid Jesus in a manger, because there was no place for them at the inn.' Out of this line we have created endless sequences of grumpy innkeepers, menageries of farm animals, beds of straw, and little donkeys (also not mentioned in Luke's nativity scene). But the innkeeper, fictional or not, is a man to whom we can all relate. He is forever remembered as a man who was so preoccupied with the cares of his world that he had no room for Jesus. He is the man who is too busy.

In this coming season – are we too busy? Too busy to notice how tired we are. Too busy to notice we've missed someone in need close

to home. Too busy to laugh. Too busy ticking off lists. Too busy planning. Too busy to eat something now despite the fridge and freezer stuffed with food. Too busy to come to church. Too busy to take time out today,

because we're fixated on the ever-moving tomorrow. Too busy to enjoy Christmas and its wonder and joy because – well – we're too busy.

The heart of Christmas is the word Emmanuel, God *with* us. The good news of Christmas is that God found a way to be with us, despite our past, present and future. God found a way to be with the innkeeper by coming in the back door, to a stable. This is good news for yesterday, and tomorrow. But let it also be good news for today.

Enjoy your memories of Christmas past. Enjoy your hopes for Christmas in the

future. But above all else, enjoy Christmas Day this year on the day, for it brings God's gift to you. Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Very Revd Dr Derek Browning*



## KIRK SESSION NEWS

The Kirk Session met in November and discussed the following:

**Pastoral Committee:** Doreen Reekie, Convenor of the Pastoral Committee reported that currently nine visitors are visiting fourteen members of our congregation. Doreen gets regular reports all year round from all visitors. These reports are shared at the meeting with Doreen reading out those received from visitors unable to attend. Doreen has issued one Welcome Pack since the last report, with another one due but for which it has proved difficult to arrange a meeting. Doreen continues to support the Pastoral Assistant and the Morningside Hope project on a regular basis. The Moderator thanked the Committee for its work, remarking that the regular visits made to members of the congregation are very well received by those visited.

**Stewardship & Finance** - Robert Armour Convenor, reported that a final report on the 2024 Stewardship Campaign is available, thanks to Euan Murray's work. So far there have been 120 responses representing 149 members. That is a high response rate given our total membership of circa 330 and a lower number of active members.

Members were asked to confirm that they had thought about the appeal and considered their level of giving. Not everyone increased their giving, reflecting their circumstances, priorities or where they had increased earlier in the year. However, many did. As a result, we saw increased giving of £18,772 for which we can assume an additional £4,328 for Gift Aid. The resulting uplift will therefore be of the order of £23,000.

However, we have to remember that changes are not all one way. The impact of deaths in 2024 has seen a loss of circa £4,000 in giving. That is not intended to sound callous as we miss the members we have lost. But our age demographic remains an issue affecting membership, volunteering and finance. The financial pressures on MPC will continue to be an area of focus for S&F in the coming year.

**Presbytery Elder's Report** - Presbytery met on 5 November and a range of business was covered. Congregational business included the demission of the Revd John Wells, formerly of Morningside Braid, from his current charge of Edinburgh; St Margaret's on 31 December 2024; the basis of union between Leith St Andrew's, Pilrig St Paul's and St Margaret's was approved to form Leith and Restalrig Church with the retention of two of the places of worship but the sale of Leith St Andrews' building.

The Business committee report included the approval of the nomination of the Revd Dr Alexander Forsyth of Mayfield Salisbury as Moderator of the Presbytery for 2025/26.

It also reported that consideration had been being given to the reactivation in 2025 of Local Church Review (LCR) suspended due to Covid followed by the demands of the Presbytery Mission Plan. Six widely diverse congregations have been identified to participate in a pilot reintroduction in 2025.

It was also reported that a pilot scheme similar to Local Church Review is to be introduced to review the work of Presbyteries. Our Presbytery has been selected as one of two "guinea pigs" and one of the assessors was to be our former Probationer the Revd Dr Conor Fegan. However, the Moderator reported that, since Presbytery met, Conor has been invited to preach as sole nominee to the New Town Church, which includes the former St Andrew's and St George's West. Assuming all goes well he would not be able to be able to act as an assessor in what would then be his own Presbytery.

Deployment of Resources reported concerns at "the low numbers taking part in voting on important documents and therefore there could be a need to make difficult decisions sooner rather than later". They also had concerns that Presbytery will not be able to achieve the allocation of 65.5 nationally paid ministry posts by the implementation deadline of 31 December 2025.

**Finance** – reported that the Presbytery Assessments for 2025 relating to the churches in our proposed grouping were:

Fairmilehead:-	Income base £138,312	Assessment £1,729
Greenbank:-	Income Base £261,874	Assessment £3,273
Morningside -	Income Base £213,251	Assessment £2,666

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be shared on Sunday 1 December at 9.30am and 10.30am in the Church. At the 10.30am service, those who remain in the seated areas of the Church when wine is served will receive the individual cups. Those wishing to receive the Common Cup should join the Minister at the appropriate point at the vestibule end of the sanctuary where a table with the elements of bread and wine will be set. We gather at that table and hand the bread and wine to each other in a circle around the table. All are welcome

to share in Communion in whichever way they choose.

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## SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS 2024 AND THE NEW YEAR 2025

**1 December:** Advent Sunday: Communion at 9.30am (in the chancel) & 10.30am.

**8 December:** services at usual times

**15 December:** No 9.30am service (choir practice in Cluny Hall).

10.30 am All age service led by the Sunday Club. After this service we will require help to remove church chairs in preparation for the South Morningside Primary School service in the following days.

Christmas Treats in the St Matthew Hall after the 10.30am service.

3.00pm Blue Christmas Service

**22 December:** 9.30am Early Service (Cluny Hall);  
10.30 Service of Lessons and Carols

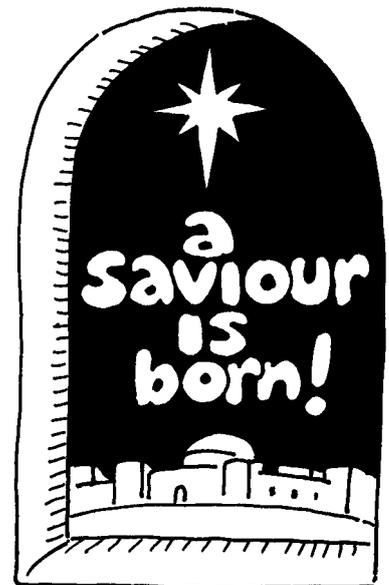
**24 December: Christmas Eve**

6.30pm All age service;  
11pm Carols by Candlelight  
11.30pm Watchnight Service

**25 December:** Christmas Day service 10am

**29 December:** No 9.30am service; 10.30am service only

**5 January 2025:** Regular 9.30am & 10.30am services resume.



## 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, on Wednesday 4 December at 7.30pm, will look at Mary's Song (the Magnificat) and the Jesus 'manifesto' – both in Luke's Gospel. The second event, on Wednesday 11 December at 7.30pm, will look at 'The Heart of Christmas', reflecting on the nativity story in Luke's Gospel. Both gatherings will take place at the Manse, 20 Braidburn Crescent, EH10 6EN. Tea and coffee available from 7.15pm.

These are open discussions for which no in-depth Bible knowledge is required, but please bring your enquiring and open minds with you. The studies are below:-

### Advent Gathering 1 2024

#### ***The Song of Mary, the Magnificat - Luke 1:46-55***

*And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.*

*He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away.*

*He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever."*

#### ***The 'Jesus Manifesto' - Luke 4:16-19***

*And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."*

Of the four gospels, Luke is certainly the most musical. Many of its songs have been set to music – the Magnificat, the Benedictus, the Gloria and the Nunc Dimittis. They are almost like hymns. The Magnificat has been set to music by many composers including Monteverdi, Bach, Purcell, Vivaldi, Telemann, Mozart and Schubert.

Mary's Magnificat is a 'lyric of abundance' and is found in other Old Testament scriptures: in the Exile of the Hebrews as they journey to the Promised Land, in the voices of the prophets and psalmists, and in the songs of Miriam and Hannah. The people of God are tempted time and again to live by the *myth of scarcity* and must hear again God's *lyric of abundance*. Mary's song sings of great reversals brought about by God. The message is not only pious, religious sentiment, it encompasses politics, ethics, social structures and economics. We are meant to ask 'how', 'why', and 'when'?

Jesus' manifesto is much more full of hope than journalism. We are familiar with campaign speeches that set out a lengthy agenda and political adverts about unnumbered products that promise to change our lives for the better. Often they are only talk. Jesus sets out what He believes will truly make a difference in human lives. A community of welcome, reconciliation and sharing that respects the human dignity of the poor, of women, of foreigners, of children, of all.

1. What is comfortable/uncomfortable about Mary's words in the *Magnificat*?
2. Having read the 'Jesus Manifesto' words, what would your own 'manifesto' look like:  
For the country and world?  
For the Church?  
For yourself?

## Advent Gathering 2 – The Heart of Christmas

### Reading: Luke 2:1-20

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirin'i-us was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*



*And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"*

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*When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

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"Today, as the winds of war are blowing in our world and an out-dated model of development continues to produce human, societal and environmental decline, Christmas invites us to focus on the sign of the Child and to recognize him in the faces of little children, especially those for whom, like Jesus, "there is no place in the inn"

~ Pope Francis

**Reflect:**

Christmas is really for the children. Especially for children who like animals, stables, stars and babies wrapped in swaddling clothes. Then there are wise men, kings in fine robes, humble shepherds and a hint of rich perfume.

Easter is not really for the children unless accompanied by a cream filled egg. It has whips, blood, nails, a spear and allegations of body snatching. It involves politics, God and the sins of the world. It is not good for people of a nervous disposition. They would do better to think on rabbits, chickens and the first snowdrop of spring.

Or they'd do better to wait for a re-run of Christmas without asking too many questions about what Jesus did when he grew up or whether there's any connection.

*By Steve Turner*

**Think:**

1. We read and hear the Christmas story every year. What parts jump out at you now? What are the roles/purposes of the shepherds, the angels, Mary, Joseph and Jesus? Anyone or anything missing?
2. Are there any parts of the Christmas stories that you do not understand or question?
3. What do you make of Steve Turner's poem bringing Christmas and Easter together?

**Act:**

What faith action might you incorporate into your marking of Advent and celebration of Christmas this year?



**Sunday Club making Christmas decorations**

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Mulled Wine and Festive Fare

Come along after the 10.30am Service  
to the St Matthew Hall  
Where you can enjoy  
Mulled Wine and Festive Fayre

Coffee and Tea will also be available

(Please remember the Mulled Wine  
has alcohol in it if driving)



# Morningside Hope



## PASTORAL SKILLS LEVEL 2

Eleven people from five different churches joined us for the pastoral training Level 2. We had participants from St John's Colinton Mains, Ratho Parish, Greenbank and Kirkliston and of course some of our own people from MPC. The programme over the two evenings was very full, covering topics such as listening skills, self-awareness, grief and loss to name but a few.

We were really grateful to the Social Committee who provided a light supper on each evening. Eating together is a lovely way of bonding the group and everyone appreciated both the food and the chance to learn together.

Some of the comments at the end of the course included:

- *Very good to be able to learn, think and care in our roles in church, the course has helped with this.*
- *Very interesting and worthwhile, well organised*
- *Particularly like the way the tutor interacted when people found it hard to understand the concepts – she has a very encouraging way! Thank you*

We will be running the Level 1 again in the Spring, over two evenings as before, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, and anyone interested in attending or simply finding out a bit more, please get in touch.

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## OUR ALPACA AFTERNOON

We had another great afternoon with the alpacas. Bob brought six alpacas with him this time. With some 40+ people ranging in ages between 10 weeks and 90+ it proved to be a very happy event once again.

Several there had never been in the church before and we had quite a bit of interest in both Morningside Hope events and also for our Toddler group. Hopefully some of them will now become familiar faces. Douglas and Issie's grandson seemed to approve!





# Morningside Hope



## 2025 DATES:

**HEART FOR ART:** workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers

Held every Tuesday in St Matthews' Hall from 7<sup>th</sup> January onwards 11- 1pm

**Annual Art Exhibition:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November (date TBC)



**MUSIC AND MEMORIES IN MORNINGSIDE:** workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers

Held in the Cluny Hall every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mondays** in the month 2- 4pm

**January:** Mondays 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

**July:** Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

**February:** Mondays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**August:** Mondays 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

**March:** Mondays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**September:** Mondays 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

**April:** Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**October:** Mondays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

*(21<sup>st</sup> is Easter Monday, so no class that day)*

**November:** Mondays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**May:** Mondays 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

**December:** Mondays 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday 15<sup>th</sup>  
(Christmas Party)

**June:** Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

*\* Visit from Nigel's All Stars, Traditional Scottish Music Group date 13 10 25*

**GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES:** dementia friendly but **open to all 60+** The class itself will last 40-45 minutes, followed by tea, coffee and the chance to chat.

Held on **Mondays** in the Cluny Hall 2-4pm

**January:** Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

*No classes in July or August*

**February:** Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**September:** Mondays 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

**March:** Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**October:** Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>st</sup>

**April:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

**November:** Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**May:** Mondays 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

**December:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Party)

**June:** Mondays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

## ANIMAL AFTERNOONS:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May Therapy ponies 2- 4pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October Alpacas 2pm TBC

**GAMES AFTERNOON:** open to **everyone**, these afternoons are a chance to meet up with friends old and new, play our favourite board games, jigsaws etc. and have a coffee and catch up.

Held once a month on a **Wednesday** afternoon, 2-4pm

22 <sup>nd</sup> January	19 <sup>th</sup> February	19 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> April
21 <sup>st</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>No games July &amp; August</i>	
17 <sup>th</sup> September	15 <sup>th</sup> October	19 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Party)

### DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CONCERTS

We offer four dementia friendly concerts each year. Open to all, this will be a varied programme.

Saturday. 29<sup>th</sup> March      Morley Whitehead (confirmed)

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May      Brass      (confirmed)

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September      Strings      TBC

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November      Chamber Choir      TBC

**TALK:** speaker, topic and date TBC

**CANAL BOAT TRIPS:** times & dates TBC There are a maximum of twelve places for each trip, so booking is essential.



### PASTORAL SKILLS COURSE, an Introduction: running over two evenings,

Tuesdays 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March in the Braid Hall

Caring for one another is the responsibility of each and every one of us, so we are offering a brief introduction to Pastoral Skills from 6 –9.30pm each evening, hopefully starting with a light supper.

With a maximum of sixteen places, the course **is open to anyone** interested in finding out more about pastoral care, without the necessity of making any commitment, beyond the course itself.

The course will look at topics such as:

- Communication & listening skills.
- Self-awareness & self-care
- Boundaries and why they matter.
- Dementia

The training will be hands on/experiential in nature and the aim, to make it an enjoyable experience for those attending. There is no charge for the training and CPD certificates will be provided.

### Pastoral Skills Course, Part 2: running over two evenings, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Open to those who have completed the introductory course above and want to further develop their skills and knowledge. Specialist subject for the level two will be bereavement.

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**Interested in attending?** Please come along to any of the above, you will be made most welcome.

**Interested in volunteering?** If you would like to help with any of these activities please get in touch. We need a lot of willing hands to enable this exciting project to happen.

Or simply **interested in finding out a little bit more**, just contact our Pastoral Assistant Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364 628 or e mail: [pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

THE LOCAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE for the  
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Will be held on **FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 at 10.30 am** in St Peter's RC Church, Falcon Ave at 10.30am

This service has been written by Christian women of The Cook Islands, on the theme: "I Made You Wonderful" (from Psalm 139: 14)

There will be a **Bible Study** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Church of Scotland Offices, 121 George Street from 10am till 12 noon.

As numbers and names of attendees of the Bible Study are required, you are requested to register your attendance via email: [Morag.donaldson1@btinternet.com](mailto:Morag.donaldson1@btinternet.com) or by telephone 0131 657 1104 or mobile text 07708111403 by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Further details will be announced in January.



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### ROLL CHANGES



Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of:-  
Mrs Norma Young, whose death was notified to us recently;

Mrs Sandra Walker, who died on 26 October 2024;

Capt. Colin Rowdon, who died on 28 October 2024;

Mrs Annot Lighthouse, who died on 10 November 2024;

Mrs Aline Haggart, who died on 12 November 2024;

Mrs Anne Matheson who died on 12 November 2024;

Mrs Rosemary Braid, who died on 17 November 2024;

Lady Lucinda MacKay, who died on 25 November 2024; and

Miss Aileen MacCallum, who died on 25 November 2024

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### LIFE + WORK - DECEMBER 2024

**Christmas** : How churches in the midst of conflict or danger are marking Christmas

Lynne McNeil learns about the growth of Christingle service

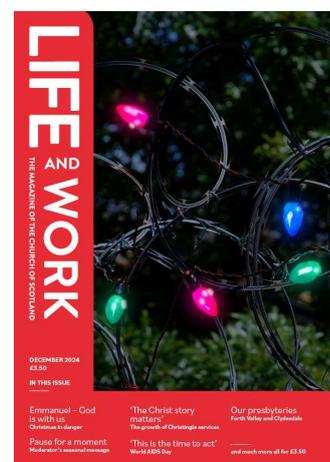
Seasonal message from the Moderator

**Time to Act:** As World AIDS Day approaches, Carol Finlay highlights the need for vigilance

**Our Presbyteries:** Forth Valley and Clydesdale

**Letter from the Holy Land:** The Rev Dr Stewart Gillan emphasises the need to keep the light shining, 'piercing the darkness together'.

**A Trusted Friend:** Walter Scott and Anira Phipon Lepcha reflect on the life and legacy of Walter's great, great, great aunt, Mary Scott, a missionary in the Eastern Indian Himalayas.



## FLOWER LIST

The flower list for December and January is as follows:-

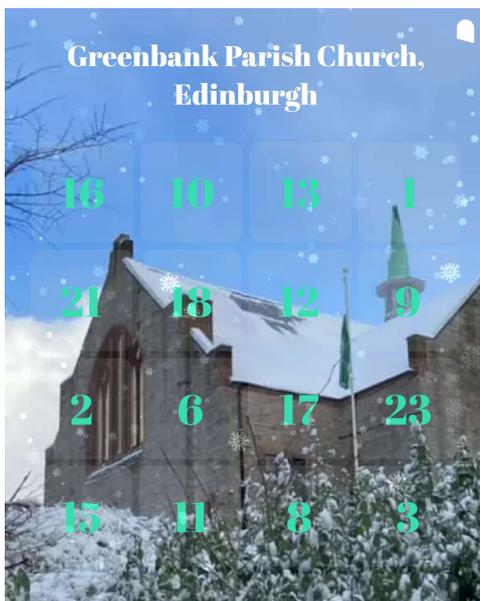
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	8	CHRISTMAS	Flower Committee
	15	CHRISTMAS	Flower Committee
	22	CHRISTMAS	Flower Committee
	29	CHRISTMAS	Flower Committee
2025			
Jan	5	CHRISTMAS	Flower Committee
	12	Alison Calder	Irene Wilson
	19	Frances Bruce	Eleanor Watt
	26	Euan Murray	Ruth Henderson



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 alternatively fill out 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](mailto:irene_a_wilson@btinternet.com) if you require details to make a bank transfer.

Remember, if you are unable to come to church on your chosen date for any reason, you can always see your flowers online.

Do you have a talent for, or would like to try your hand at, flower arranging? You will have noticed that the majority of our displays are now in vases as opposed to the pedestals we used previously. We are always delighted to welcome new members to join our team - men are also welcome if they have an artistic flair. If you would like to join us, or want to come along and see what it entails, please come and speak to myself or any other members of the Flower Committee on a Sunday morning. Training and guidance can be given if required.



Irene Wilson, Convener - Flower Committee

Greenbank Parish Church will be hosting a virtual  
Advent Calendar at:  
<https://tuerchen.app/2smbAFgzTNw2s294>

As you would expect, you can't open any doors until 1  
December!

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## FEBRUARY MAGAZINE

Material for the February issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025** and it will be available by Sunday 2 February. Contributions should be emailed to [editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk) . There is no magazine in January.

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### The Wonder of the Incarnation

*William Drummond of Hawthornden (1585-1649)*

*(Son of a courtier, who devoted his life to poetry and mechanical experiments. Friend of Ben Johnson. His death was hastened by grief for Charles I's execution.)*

To spread the azure canopy of heaven,  
And make it twinkle with those spangs of gold,  
To stay the ponderous globe of earth so even,  
That it should all, and nought should it uphold;  
To give strange motions to the planets seen,  
Or Jove to make so meek, or Mars so bold,  
To temper what is moist, dry, hot, and cold,  
Of all their jars that sweet accords are given:  
Lord, to Thy wisdom's nought; nought to Thy might.  
Bat that Thou should (Thy glory lay aside)  
Come meanly in mortality to bide,  
And die for those deserved eternal plight,  
A wonder is so far above our wit,  
That angels stand amazed to muse on it.

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