

Intimations 16th March 2025

1. **Today:** Early Morning service 9.30am (Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Protecting God.
Tea and coffee in the St Matthew Hall after both services. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **We welcome back Henry Wallace**, who is deputizing at the organ and with the choir this morning.
3. **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.
In Church every Sunday there is opportunity to make your donation through the open plate which is passed around at the time of the offering, and for those who are ‘cashless’ there is a card machine located in the vestibule.
QR code in order of service: To use the QR code, please open the camera app on your smart phone, point it at the QR code, and follow instructions on your screen.
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.**
4. **Lent Studies 2025:** These studies will take place on Wednesdays 19th and 26th March, and 2nd April. There will be studies in the late morning and evening. The morning meetings will be in the St Andrew Room at 11am. Time for refreshments at the Wednesday Coffee in the Braid Hall beforehand. The evening meetings will be in the Manse (20 Braidburn Crescent), refreshments from 7.15pm, the studies will start at 7:30pm. Three themes in total, looking at different aspects of Holy Week and Easter.
Study 1 (19th March). Palm Sunday. Luke 19:28-44: Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and Weeping over Jerusalem
 1. What do you notice in the Palm Sunday story?
 2. What do you make of the role of the disciples, the crowd, the Pharisees?
 3. What might the Lord ‘have need of’ today – from the Church, from you?
 4. What would Jesus weep over in the Middle East today?**Study 2 (26th March). On the way to the cross. Luke 23:26-56: The Crucifixion of Jesus, Death and Burial of Jesus**
 1. Simon of Cyrene carried the cross behind Jesus. What does ‘carrying the cross’ mean for you today?

2. At the Crucifixion scene, what and who do you notice; what do they say?
3. Death is always difficult as a subject. What do you notice in the death of Jesus? What does it make you think and feel?
4. In the burial of Jesus what details do you notice? If you are willing to share, what have been your experiences of death?

Study 3 (2nd April). Easter and beyond. Luke 24:1-35: The Resurrection of Jesus and The Walk to Emmaus

1. What details in the Resurrection story stand out for you?
2. Why might the Resurrection story have been considered, 'an idle tale' then, and now?
3. When Jesus appeared, disguised, on the Road to Emmaus, what do the two disciples and then Jesus say and do? What do you make of this walking conversation?
4. Arriving at Emmaus, Jesus appears to want to go further. Why? What do you make of the meal shared, and the reaction in Emmaus, and then back in Jerusalem?

5. **Morningside Hope:**

Music and Memories - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshops will be on Mondays 17th March and 7th April.

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 24th March in the Church.

Games Afternoon – 2-4pm, Wednesday 19th March in Braid Hall.

6. **Morningside Hope Dementia Friendly Concert, Saturday 29th March at 2pm:**

Morley Whitehead, Organist and guest soloist, Caroline Trutz. Open to everyone, the concert will last approximately 45 minutes. There will then be the opportunity to enjoy teas and coffees afterwards, in the hall. Entry is by donation. We very much hope you can join us at what promises to be another excellent concert.

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 Wednesday, 26th March at 2.30pm. The next **Cluny Lodge** service is on Wednesday, 2nd April at 2.30pm. The next **Morningside Manor** service is on Wednesday 9th April at 2.30pm.

8. **Next Sunday: 23rd March:** Early Morning service 9.30am (Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Seeking God. Tea and coffee in the St Matthew Hall after both services. 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.

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)

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.