

Intimations 4th May 2025

1. **Today:** 9.30am Early Morning Service (Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Road to Damascus. During the 10.30am service Georgia Sutherland Frost will be baptized. Coffee and Tea will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the services. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **We welcome back Les Shankland**, who is deputising at the organ and with the choir this morning.
3. **Church Magazine and Life&Work:** available online and for collection today. The Church Magazine and a weekly email is available online. Please contact the Church Office if you wish to receive these via email. A reminder that there is an archive of 12 years of the magazine on the website.
4. **Friends of Morningside:** The AGM is on today at 11.45am in the St Andrew Room. This group has existed for many years and provides a quiet but important witness and work on behalf of our Church. One of the most important things the Friends do is to provide funding for half of the choral scholarships, ensuring that we have a strong and wonderful choir to enhance our Sunday morning services. Other projects supported by the Friends include the pictures in the corridor opposite the pigeon holes, the photos of the five churches that went to make up the union that is now Morningside Parish Church, and most recently the blue cord and brass stanchions near the pulpit steps that keep the area safe for people who might not see the step down to the St Andrew Room. The Friends also saw to the publication of the history leaflet that tells the story of our Church. There are many, many more projects which have benefitted from the support of the Friends over the years.
If you would like to join the Friends of Morningside, you will find leaflets in the vestibule or make an enquiry through the Church Office. Please join and help us to continue supporting the important work of our Church.
5. **The Church, Office, and Church Halls** will be closed all day on Monday 5th May, however Music and Memories will still be taking place in St Matthew Hall.
6. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** The stall last Sunday raised £230. Many thanks to all who brought or bought. More bakers would be welcome. The next stall is on May 25th
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 **Cluny Lodge** service is on Wednesday, 7th May at 2.30pm. The next **Morningside Manor** service is on Wednesday 14th May at 2.30pm.

The next **Ashley Court** service is on Wednesday, 28th May at 2.30pm.

8. **Morningside Hope:**

Music and Memories - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshop will be on Monday 5th May in St Matthew Hall.

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 12th May in the Church.

Games Afternoon – 2-4pm, Wednesday 21st May in the Braid Hall.

9. **The Kirk Session** meets on Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm in the Braid Hall.

10. **Miniature Shetland Ponies - Tuesday 27th May, 2- 4pm, St Matthew Hall:** We have arranged a very special visit from some therapy ponies, giving us a chance to pet, feed and generally enjoy the company of these gentle, gorgeous animals. Entry is by donation; all donations will go towards our Morningside Hope project.

11. **Speaker Supper, 7.30pm, Friday 30th May: *I don't believe it! Crossman, Christie and Bletchley - Enigmas and Historical Truth.*** Lady Balfour of Burleigh (Janet Morgan), authorised biographer of Agatha Christie and Edwina Mountbatten, writer on the exploits of her father-in-law in establishing the Intelligence Corps in WW1 Paris and Luxembourg, and editor of the Richard Crossman Diaries of a Cabinet Minister (in Harold Wilson's troubled Government) delves into the challenges and morality of (re)writing history; the truth, the whole truth and nothing like the truth. Should historians reveal all, fill in the gaps or let sleeping dogs rest peacefully? How do you verify the evidence? Can you distinguish fiction from faction? Expect an entertaining evening of enigmas and moral dilemmas.

Tickets on sale after Church on the following dates: 4th May, 11th May, 18th May, 25th May. £25.00 for adults, £12.50 for children.

12. **An Evening with Patrick Grant, Greenbank Parish Church, Sunday 1st June, 7.30pm:** Patrick Grant - founder and director of the social enterprise Community Clothing and author of ***Less: Stop Buying So Much Rubbish*** - to Greenbank Church for a special evening focused on sustainable fashion and how "having fewer, better things can make us happier." He is a passionate advocate for craftsmanship, ethical production, environmental sustainability and local manufacturing in the fashion industry. **Tickets are £14.00** from the Greenbank church office. Online booking will be available soon via TicketSource.

13. **Date for the Diary: Quiz Night and Silent Auction for Morningside Hope, Tuesday, 17th June.** Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Bar available from 6.30pm. Tickets £6 for adults and £3 for children. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of May, but we wanted to flag this up now in the hope that folk might be able to donate items (unwanted gifts, family heirlooms that are just cluttering up the place etc.) and talents that we can auction on the night. Any talent you might have that others could benefit from we can probably auction it! There will be sheets available at the back of the church and during coffee over the next few weeks if anyone would like to offer an item or talent to be auctioned.
14. **Next Sunday: 11th May:** 9.30am Early Morning Service (Cluny Hall); 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Fear no evil. The service will remember the VE Day commemoration.
Coffee and Tea will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the 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.

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, or use the QR code.

Your continuing, or increased, generosity is very important. It enables so much to happen in and around our Church. **Thank you.**

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. Please note that we will be closed Mondays 5th and 19th May.

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.