

Intimations 6th July 2025

1. **Today:** 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – The harvest is plentiful. Coffee and Tea will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the service. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Life & Work:** magazines are now available from the pigeonholes.
3. **Becoming part of the Church family:** we've had a number of people asking to become members of our Church family at Morningside in recent weeks which is wonderful. There are a number of ways to do this:
 - i. *By profession of faith - coming along to one of the Enquiry classes run by the Minister at different times in the year, then taking vows during a Sunday morning service.*
 - ii. *By transferring your membership ('lines') from a congregation you were a member of to our congregation. You will need to ask the Roll Keeper of your former Church to send you the certificate. Then hand in the paperwork to our Roll Keeper, Minister, or to the Church Office.*
 - iii. *Admission by Resolution of the Kirk Session. If you're not sure where your membership lies, or you come from another Christian tradition, the Kirk Session can formally admit you into membership.*

Whichever way, if you are thinking about joining, it will be good to welcome you into our Church family.

4. **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.**
5. **New Church Administrator, Gail Burns:** our new Administrator, has now begun work in the Church Office. Contact details for the office will remain the same. We wish Gail well as she begins her time with us.

6. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** The stall last Sunday made the record-breaking amount of £400. Thanks to our contributors old and new and to those who generously bought.
7. **Intimations:** if you wish to have intimations included in the Sunday order of service, please email these to the Church Office by **Thursday 12 noon** at the latest.
8. **Coffee Rota:** Could everyone who very kindly helps with serving coffees after the Sunday Services dispose of any coffee rota's they've received for July - December 2025 and make sure you have a **pink copy** of the Coffee Rota dated July - December 2025. The rota has been put in your pigeonhole or handed out over the last couple of weeks. If you don't have a pink copy, please speak to Fiona Gossip.
9. **Morningside Hope:**
Music and Memories - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshops will be on Mondays 7th and 21st July (Church).
Heart for Art workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. Held every Tuesday in the St Matthew Hall, 11am – 1pm.
Gentle Exercise Class – No classes in July and August.
Games Afternoon – No games in July and August.
10. **Summer Concerts:** For a number of years in August we have held summer concerts. This year's concerts will be at Wednesday lunchtimes from 12.30pm - 1.15pm on 6th, 13th and 20th August. Plans are being finalised, but the mix of music will include the return of the ever-popular 4 hands on 1 and 2 pianos concert; a concert featuring the talents of some of our recent Choral Scholars; and an organ recital with a vocal soloist. These are lovely music making events in our wonderful and accessible building during the Festival season. Entrance is free, but a voluntary offering goes to help fund our long-standing Choral Scholarships.
11. **Organs of Edinburgh** A few years ago, the Edinburgh Society of Organists produced "Organs of Edinburgh" - a very attractive coffee-table book, including 4 CDs, and with a foreword by Alexander McCall Smith. (The organ in Morningside Parish Church played by Morley Whitehead features) However, it proved that far too many copies were produced, and these are now being offered free. There are a number at the back of the church please help yourselves.
12. **Next Sunday: 13th July**, 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – The Good Samaritan. Coffee and Tea will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the service. 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.

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 this group has now closed for the Summer holidays, returning in September.

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.