

Intimations 24th August 2025

1. **Today:** 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Liberating Words. Coffee and Tea will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the service. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** next Sunday, 31st August is the date of our next stall in the St Matthew Hall. Please support us as you always do by so generously contributing or buying.
3. **Summer Lunch:** With great regret the Summer Lunch on 24th August has had to be cancelled. We had not taken into consideration that so many people would be on holiday at this time. Reimbursements will be made for those who bought tickets, so please look out for or contact Fiona or Kim in the St Matthew Hall or in Church today. Once again apologies for the cancellation.
4. **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 recommences on Monday 1st September.
5. **Autumn Lectures:** This year's Autumn lectures will be hosted in our Church and jointly supported by Greenbank and Fairmilehead Parish Churches. We meet for refreshments in the **Braid Hall from 6.30pm and the lectures will be held in the Church at 7pm.** The theme for this year's lectures will be, **Ecology Matters, the wellbeing of Creation and Humanity.**
7th September: Mike Robinson, who chairs Stop Climate Chaos Scotland and is Chief Executive of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. His theme will be: **Ecology, the Climate and the need for action.**
14th September: Val Brown is Head of Christian Aid in Scotland. She has served on the Church of Scotland's World Mission Council, chaired their Middle East Committee and currently chairs their Ethical oversight committee. Her theme will be: **'The Unstoppable Power of Hope: Christian Aid at 80 – a look at the global work of building a more just world.'**
21st September: Professor David Farrier is Professor of Literature and the Environment at the University of Edinburgh. He is the author Footprints: In search of Future Fossils. His work has been translated into ten languages. He will talk on his recently published book, **'Nature's Genius: Evolution's Lessons for a Changing Planet.'**
The evenings will be funded by donations from those attending, so please give generously.

6. **Morningside Hope:**

Music and Memories - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshop will be on Mondays 1st and 15th September in the Church.

Heart for Art workshop for those with dementia and their partners/carers, every Tuesday 11am - 1pm, in the St Matthew Hall.

Gentle Exercise Class – dementia-friendly and also open to all 60+. Next classes on Mondays 8th and 22nd September 2-4pm in the Church.

Games Afternoon – dementia-friendly and open to everyone. Wednesday 17th September 2-4pm in the Braid Hall.

7. **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.

8. **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.**

9. **Next Sunday: 31st August, 10.30am Morning Worship.** The theme – Go up higher. 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.

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.