

Intimations 3rd August 2025

1. **Today:** 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – The Birthday Party. Coffee and Tea will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the service. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Summer Concerts:** For several years in August, we have held summer concerts. This year's concerts will be at Wednesday lunchtimes from 12.30pm - 1.15pm on Wednesday 6th August: Morley Whitehead (organ) with Jack Harris (bass-baritone) Wednesday 13th August: Margaret Donaldson & Morley Whitehead, (4 hands on 2 pianos) and Wednesday 20th August: The Choral Scholars (and friends) Morningside Parish Church. These are a 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.

We are still needing door stewards; we ideally need two for each concerts. Please contact Morley Whitehead if you feel able to help.

3. **Summer Lunch:** Sunday 24th August in the Braid Hall after the 10.30 Service. Tickets cost £25 for adults and £10 for children under the age of 10. These will be on sale Sunday 3rd, 10th and 17th August and can be purchased from Kim Milne and Fiona Gossip. If you have any dietary requirements, please inform us when you are buying your ticket. We look forward to seeing you all for a lovely buffet lunch
4. **Life & Work magazine** is available from the pigeonholes today.
5. **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.

6. **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.**

Jam, Baking and Making Stall: Thank you to all bakers, makers, gardeners and buyers who contributed to another successful stall last Sunday. The amount raised was £250 which goes towards our own church funds. The next stall will be held on Sunday 31 August when we look forward to your support once again.

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. **Morningside Hope:**

Music and Memories - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshops will be on Monday 4 August.

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.

9. **The Minister is on holiday until 11th August.** Funeral cover will be provided by the Revd Alistair Keil, 07758 009250 . All other pastoral calls to Jacqui Lindsay, Pastoral Assistant, 07834 364628

10. **Next Sunday: 10th August**, 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Death of a Salesman. 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.