



# Magazine

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Dear Friends

I read recently a clergy colleague quoting Stephen King, the American horror writer, as saying that [books](#) are a uniquely portable magic. It is sad to hear that, according to the National Literary Trust's recent research, only one in three 8 to 18-year-olds says that they enjoy reading in their free time. The Government has consequently designated 2026 as a National Year of Reading. Denmark has just announced that it will be scrapping its VAT of 25% on books, to help to address the "reading crisis" there.

Equally worrying is news from the United States where parents have the right to insist that school libraries remove books that they do not believe to be wholesome. Hundreds of books are now either banned or their inclusion in libraries has been challenged. Titles include *The Kite Runner*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*, *Anne Frank's Diary*, *Brave New World*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *Of Mice and Men*, *The Color Purple*, and Orwell's *1984*. The Harry Potter series has been targeted, and also the children's series *Captain Underpants!* Some Shakespeare plays are prohibited, because they mention sexuality or refer to cross-dressing.

Laurie Halse Anderson, an American writer, has said, "Censorship is the child of fear and the father of ignorance." The colleague who

drew my attention to this was proud to buy a sticker in a Florida bookstore proclaiming, "I read banned books!"

At the manse I have a tottering high pile of books awaiting being read. Reading is a frequent pastime, and it is common for me to have multiple books to read simultaneously. Like radio, I find the 'pictures' are better in books, where words stimulate the imagination.

The Bible, the sourcebook of our faith, is more

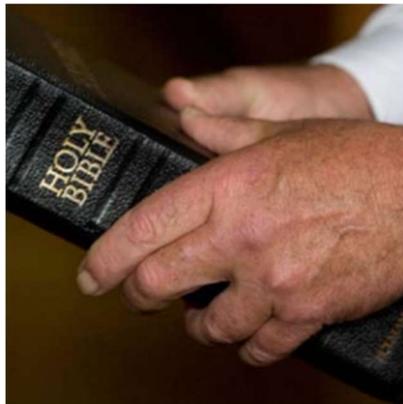
of a 'library' than a single book, as it contains many different genres: history, poetry, letters, law, and the gospels. They speak of the lived faith experience of different generations, cultures and times in history, and the needs they had to express and then record their ideas and beliefs. We sometimes access easily, or struggle with, what the Bible has to say. What

did it mean when written? What does it say to us today? In this book, I believe, God is still speaking.

On Sundays at Church, and in our own reading, part of our call to being Christian is to wonder - what does God want me to hear, see, and do when I read parts of this book, the Bible?

If you're not sure, or want to learn more, please ask.

*Very Revd Dr Derek Browning*



## KIRK SESSION NEWS

The Kirk Session met in September and discussed the following:

**Presbytery Reform** - The Clerk reported on the meetings with representatives of three churches and Presbytery on 30 June; and the representatives of three churches on 28 August.

No progress appeared to be possible on issues of future governance and union. The three congregations could start to “work on joint missional activities”, four representatives from each church were identified to progress matters and nine of them managed to meet on 28 August. It had been suggested at the 30 June meeting that no ministers would be present at this discussion.

The contents will now be discussed by each Session, focussing comment on the broad vision and not the nuts and bolts of how it can be achieved. The combined Group suggested four areas that Sessions might wish to consider to get us started in pursuit of this aim:

- 1. Eco-congregation:** The three churches have, individually, made great strides in this area, following the wishes of the congregations, but also led by inspired individuals with a passion in this area. There is much more that we can do here to the benefit of each of the three churches and the communities of which they are a part.
- 2. Dementia Friendly Programmes:** There is a real opportunity for the three parishes in combination to lead the way in this area. The three churches are at different stages in developing their mission, each with different emphases. The combination could be really powerful in an area in which demand is, unfortunately, only going to grow.
- 3. Youth:** All three congregations have long histories, expertise and success in both Youth and Adult faith nurture, but each church is keen to explore ways of increasing the number of children and teenagers who engage in worship activities. Acting together may strengthen the work being carried out in this area. This was also discussed in the context of the youth work being done in all three churches in the knowledge that Greenbank has started a recruitment process for a Youth Worker.
- 4. Music:** All three churches have a proud tradition of high quality, but varied, music led by inspired and talented leaders. A combination could allow a greater breadth of music for all congregations, and provide greater resource to facilitate further depth and wider involvement in the musical life of the congregations.

There was also discussion around pulpit swaps/encouraging congregations to occasionally attend another church. The responses of all the churches will be considered at their next meeting on 23 October. The Moderator said it was vital that all three congregations compared diaries to highlight upcoming events and prevent double bookings. Session approved the proposal to explore common action in the suggested areas of Eco-congregation; dementia friendly programme; youth; and music.

### Committee Reports –

**Outreach** Kimberly Milne, Convener provided a

#### **Review of Charities & Yearly Financial Commitment:**

	<b>Yearly Financial Commitment</b>	<b>Distributions in 2025 in respect of 2024 fundraising</b>	<b>Distributions in 2025 in respect of 2025 fundraising (to date)</b>
<b>Edinburgh Clothing Store</b>	£1,500	£3,747.84	£1,500
<b>David Nott Foundation</b>	£1,500	£3,747.84	£1,500
<b>Morningside Parish Church</b>	Open ended sum	£2,247.87	
<b>Total</b>		£9,743.55	£3,000

## **Fund Raisers in respect of 2025:**

30.05.25 Speaker Supper – Lady Janet Balfour.  
Profit £271.

Teas & Coffees 2025

Christmas Eve Retiring Offering 2025

31.10.25 Speaker Supper – Sir Paul Grice

Future event - Beetle Drive Feb 2026

Kim also had circulated a copy of the letter of thanks from the David Nott Foundation for our donation. It states, *“the world is increasingly violent and whole communities are under threat”. Our “donation means they can continue to train surgeons on the frontlines in Palestine and Ukraine”, “offer scholarships to war surgeons all over the world” and “can also turn our attention towards training doctors working in the forgotten conflicts and catastrophes ... such as DRC and Myanmar.”* It closes by saying, *“On behalf of the 2,158 doctors we have trained worldwide since 2015, thank you”*.

Kim proposed that in the light of the conflicts taking place, MPC should support the David Nott Foundation for another year as a very appropriate way to alleviate the suffering. Session agreed.

**Communications**, Isobel Paterson, Convener reported:

**Christmas Tree Festival** - emails would shortly go out to previous participants to get an idea of which of them might want to take part again this year. A small group from George Watson's College Junior School will perform on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, having been very popular last year.

**Christmas Cards** - These will be sent, as usual, to all members. The Minister is already browsing the Crossreach 2025 range of cards. The usual diligent team will update last year's list.

**Property:** Moira Clark, convener, reported:

**South Aisle roof repair** - the convener met the consulting engineer and architect in June and agreed that the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor would be beneficial. The QS report has come in with an estimate of £216K. We cannot do nothing: the roof will continue to leak, albeit mitigated by the additional drainage to some extent. We have no idea of what damage there might be now or later to the internal structure. Session agreed that we really had to address this issue in spite of the financial challenge and approved that the Committee should continue with the proposed plan.

**Stewardship & Finance Committee** – Euan Murray, Treasurer, reported:

Our financial reserves at 31/12/24 were £830K but by 31/8/25 were £740K - an overspend in the first 8 months of the year of £90K. If the overspend continues at the current rate, we will have spent another £35k by 31/12/25, an annual overspend total of £125k which reduces our reserves to £700K. An effect of the overspend is that we have lost the income which it would have yielded - say 3% of £125k = lost income of £4K. If we continue with this rate of overspend, Euan calculated that the reserves would run out by 2031. However, if we have to spend c£300K on the South Corridor roof repairs, we run out in 2028. We really have to balance our costs and income.

There are a number of ways we can address this. We could fundraise for the roof, but this is a capital and not a revenue need. We could review rentals, noting which tenants are on preferential rates and which require most tidying and cleaning up afterwards. We may have to look at economies previously not acceptable but which may now be essential if we are to balance the books e.g. frequency of tuning the pianos, use of gardeners and cleaners.

It was agreed that the review of income and expenditure should fall on the Stewardship & Finance committee. Kerry Watt volunteered her services in fundraising. The Session noted the report and agreed to urgent action which would involve the congregation and wider community.

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Communion Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

The next sharing of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am and 10.30am in the Church. The Lord's Table is open to everyone who wishes to share it.

### Ordination and Admission of Elders, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October during the 10.30am service there will be an ordination service for four new elders: Robert McCabe, Morag Shankland, Laura Shaw and Neil Thrower. The Kirk Session will meet prior to the service at 10.10am in the Braid Hall.

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## RUN FOR DAVID



On 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May the Edinburgh Marathon Festival became more than a race, it became a tribute in memory of David Calder, whose kindness and spirit touched so many.

On the day friends, family, and supporters from different parts of the British Isles came together to run in support of Morningside Hope, a charity close to his heart.

Across the weekend, runners of all abilities took on distances from 5K to the half marathon. Some ran in silence, reflecting on lovely memories. Others laughed and chatted, sharing stories of David's generosity and humour. I think we all could hear David telling us we were daft running for him as he would not even run for a bus.

Morningside Hope and I thank everyone for their incredible generosity - we've raised over £5,000 to help the charity continue its work, bringing dignity, connection, and care to those who need it most.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who made this possible. To the runners who trained and showed up, to the donors who gave so generously, and to the supporters who kept spirits up, thank you.

Your contributions will make a huge impact, and you all honoured David in the most fantastic way.

Whether you ran, donated, or simply held David in your thoughts, you were part of something truly special.

Thank you so very much.



Kim



# Morningside Hope



## DATES for 2025

**HEART FOR ART:** workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers

Held every **Tuesday in the St Matthew's Hall** 11- 1pm

**Annual Art Exhibition:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November.



**MUSIC AND MEMORIES IN MORNINGSIDE:** workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers

Held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mondays** in the month in the Cluny Hall 2- 4pm

**October:** Mondays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th\*</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

**December:** Mondays 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Party)

**November:** Mondays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

*\* Visit from Nigel's All Stars, Traditional Scottish Music Group date 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

**GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES:** dementia friendly but **open to all 60+**The class itself will last 40-45 minutes, followed by tea, coffee and the chance to chat.

Held on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> **Mondays** in the month in the Cluny Hall 2-4pm

**October:** Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

**December:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Party)

**November:** Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**GAMES AFTERNOON:** open to **everyone**, these afternoons are a chance to meet up with friends old and new, play our favourite board games, jigsaws etc. and have a coffee and catch up.

Held once a month on a **Wednesday** afternoon, 2-4pm

15<sup>th</sup> October;

19<sup>th</sup> November;

17<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Party)

**ANIMAL AFTERNOONS:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October Alpacas 2pm

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CONCERTS:** We offer 4 dementia friendly concerts each year. Open to everyone, this will be a varied programme Each concert lasts 40 – 45mins and is followed by teas and coffees. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November., 2pm Chamber Choir

The Church also offers a **Coffee Morning** every Wednesday, 10 – 11.30am – all welcome!

Interested in attending? Please come along with any of the above, you will be made most welcome.

Interested in volunteering? If you would like to help with any of these activities, please get in touch.

Or simply interested in finding out a little bit more, just contact our Pastoral Assistant Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364 628 or e mail: [pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

## PASTORAL SKILLS COURSE, PART 2:

running over two evenings, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Open to those who have completed the introductory course and want to further develop their skills and knowledge. Specialist subject for the level two will be bereavement.

If you are interested, contact our Pastoral Assistant Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364 628 or e mail: [pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

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## SUMMER WORKER SCHEME 2025



Over the summer months, thanks to a generous grant from Presbytery, I have been able to work as the Morningside Hope **Summer Worker**. It has been my pleasure to work alongside many members of our lovely community and I have focused particularly on the implementation of personalised playlists. The charity Playlist for Life has given us resources to help with the creation of these personalised playlists. We have had two training sessions so far, one with many of our church members and another with 12 senior students from Boroughmuir High School.

We have begun to create playlists and many more are on the way. The process of creating these personalised playlists has been enriching. They create opportunities for connection and careful thought about ourselves and others. We hope that these playlists are as enriching to those who listen to them, as they are to us when we assist with their creation.

Jacqui and I recently went to Playlist for Life's Parliament reception. Hosted by Sally Magnusson, we listened to many people's top of the playlist songs and heard some very interesting talks from a variety of people, including a speech from somebody living with dementia who spoke on the huge importance that their playlist had on their daily life. That evening was very inspiring and has encouraged us to continue our work with personalised playlists.

All of our workshop groups have been doing well despite my off-note singing and poor paint-mixing skills! Although the exercise group and board game group had a summer break, they are back in full swing. It is amazing to see how our community comes together in different ways - especially with the massive undertaking that was the quiz and silent auction evening earlier this year.

I cannot begin to express how soul fulfilling this role has been. The opportunity to spend so much time focused on love, compassion and people has been extremely rewarding.

I can't thank Jacqui and all of our wonderful volunteers enough for all of the support they have given me over the last few months. We are extremely lucky to have such great people who are friendly, reliable and excited to put in the effort!

Alexander Bleck



## COME AND MEET THE ALPACAS - RETURNING BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The therapeutic benefits of spending time with animals have long been understood - being with animals does us good. With that in mind, we have arranged a very special return visit from some of the residents of our local alpaca farm to give us a chance to pet, feed and generally enjoy the company of these gentle, gorgeous animals.

You would be very welcome to join us on: **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** in the St Matthews Hall, 2 - 3pm. Teas and coffees will then be served for those wishing to stay on for a bit and chat.

Entry is by donation; all donations will go towards our Morningside Hope Project.

Jacqui Lindsay  
(07834 364 628)

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## AN AFTERNOON OF TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH MUSIC

**Nigel's All Stars** will be performing for us again on:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in the St Matthew's Hall

This will be followed by teas and coffees and a chance to chat to the players as well as one another.

This group is usually made up of 10 – 12 players, each with a different instrument. It has always been a very entertaining afternoon and I'm sure this one will be too.

This event is **open to everyone**, and entry is by donation. We look forward to seeing you there.



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## CHRISTIAN AID CONCERT

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm, Greenbank Parish Church

The Heart and Soul Swing Band will be performing at a concert for Christian Aid at Greenbank on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Entrance will be by donation.

The band of up to 20 members was founded by Rev Dr Robin Hill who is a Church of Scotland minister in East Lothian. They now perform exclusively to raise funds for Christian Aid and one of the conditions is that the fundraising is donation only on the night with no advance ticket sales..

Some may remember that the Swing Band performed in Morningside Parish Church some years ago when they were raising funds for the Church of Scotland HIV project in Africa.

## **SPEAKER SUPPER – SIR PAUL GRICE**

**- What value should we place on Higher Education?  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30pm**



Our next speaker supper is on 31 October. The speaker will be Sir Paul Grice, FRSE, FAcSS. A graduate of the University of Stirling in 1984, Sir Paul has worked in various Civil Service roles, in Whitehall between 1985 to 1992 and the Scottish Office from 1992 to 1999. He was Clerk and Chief Executive of the Scottish Parliament 1999 -2019. Sir Paul was knighted in the New Year's Honours List of 2016 for services to the Scottish Parliament and voluntary services to higher education and the community in Scotland He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2018, and a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in 2020. He was appointed Principal and Vice Chancellor of Queen Margaret University Edinburgh in 2019.

Tickets will be on sale in October, priced £28.

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## **A PRAYER - JOHN BAILLIE**

John and Duncan Baillie were brothers and C20th professors of Divinity. Duncan at St Andrews, and John in Edinburgh. They grew up at 21 Braidburn Crescent (just along from the manse), and attended the former South Morningside Parish Church.

John wrote *A Diary of Private Prayer*, published in 1936.

Creator Spirit, Who broodest everlastingly over the lands and waters of earth,

Enduing them with forms and colours which no human skill can copy,

Give me to-day, I beseech Thee, the mind and heart to rejoice in Thy creation.

Forbid that I should walk through Thy beautiful world with unseeing eye:

Forbid that the lure of the market-place should ever entirely steal my heart away from the love of the open acres and the green trees:

Forbid that under the low roof of workshop or office or study I should ever forget Thy great overarching sky:

Forbid that when all Thy creatures are greeting the morning with songs and shouts of joy, I alone should wear a dull and sullen face:

Let the energy and vigour in Thy wisdom Thou has infused into every living thing stir to-day within my being, that I may not be among Thy creatures as a sluggard and a drone:

And above all give me grace to use these beauties of earth without me and this eager stirring of life within me as means whereby my soul may rise from creature to Creator, and from nature to nature's God...

Amen

## SUMMER CONCERTS 2025

The 2025 Summer Concerts series featured three diverse and well-received performances, showcasing a rich blend of vocal and instrumental music.

### 6 August:

Organist Morley Whitehead and bass-baritone Jack Harris opened the series with a varied programme. Morley began with a rousing fanfare by Welsh composer William Mathias, followed by Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in C* and Mozart's lyrical *Adagio for a Glass Harmonica*. Jack performed with such feeling three contrasting songs: Fauré's melancholic *Automne*, Debussy's gentle *Beau Soir*, and Strauss's joyful *Morgen*. Morley then played an enjoyable quasi-baroque piece by Michael Festing, originally a violin sonata but arranged for a recital celebrating the Father Willis organ at the Royal Albert Hall, before Jack returned with Vaughan-Williams settings of two of R. L. Stevenson's *Songs of Travel*, the marching tempo of *The Vagabond* followed by the quieter *Youth and Love*. Highlights included César Franck's *Andantino in G*, featuring the rarely-used Vox Humana stop which gave it a flavour of the cinema organ, and Théodore Dubois' splendid *Toccata in G*, ending the concert on a high note. An impressively varied programme that left one audience member commenting approvingly "I could sit and listen to this stuff all afternoon."

### 13 August:

Morley was joined by Margaret Donaldson, director of music at Wardie Parish Church, for a four-hands, two-pianos recital. The programme included Handel's *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* arranged by Brian Easdale, the well-known Mozart's *Sonata in C* but with a second piano part by Edvard Grieg, and *La Calinda* from Delius's tragic opera *Koanga* set in the American deep south in the time of slavery. Morley added humour by singing Flanders and Swann's *In the Bath*, with updated political satire, and *The Hippopotamus Song*, with enthusiastic audience participation. William Gillock's *Accent on Two Pianos* painted vivid musical scenes of Paris, Rio, and Vienna, followed by Moritz Moszkowski's *From Foreign Parts*, capturing the musical essence of Russia, Germany, and Spain. The jazzy encore, Fats Waller's *Ain't Misbehavin'* sent us happily on our way.

### 20 August:

The final concert showcased the impressive talents of our choral scholars and friends. Pianist Catriona Polson kicked off with Chopin's *Nocturne No. 2*, followed by Olivia Thrower's very accomplished violin performance of Paganini's *Cantabile*. Soprano Diya Eddleston sang Burns' *Ye Banks and Braes* and Ivor Gurney's *Sleep*, both well-suited to her voice. A five-part a cappella rendition of *Can't Help Falling in Love*, arranged by Texan group Pentatonix, had complex harmonies and carefully balanced between the male and female voices. Mezzo-soprano Giselle Nascimento Diaz followed with expressive performances of two operatic arias, Mozart's *Voi Che Sapete* from the 'Marriage of Figaro' and Bizet's *Habanera* from *Carmen*. Instrumental highlights included Paul Dukas' *Villanelle* for French horn and piano, a demanding chromatic duet requiring much concentration from performers Magnus Graham and Morley, followed by an impressive marimba solo by Henry Jones, two mallets in each hand, of Eric Sammut's *Hombre d'Aout* – a first for our church. The concert concluded with a full ensemble rendition of Arthur Sullivan's gloriously romantic *The Long Day Closes*.

All three concerts were warmly received by large audiences and raised over £2,350 to support the choral scholarship programme in 2025–2026.

Barry Hughes



## MEET GAIL, OUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

I'm Gail, with a love of hiking, exploring Scotland, new coffee shops, running, the gym, creative writing and jewellery making!

I've climbed a lot of hills and Munros – I've walked Ben Nevis four times in both summer and winter conditions but want to do it once more, simply to round the achievement up to 5! Abroad, I've climbed Kilimanjaro and Everest Base Camp - both were incredible experiences. I also love local walks and will go on 'micro adventures', building an itinerary that must include a cake shop at the end of the walk. If I'm not out running with the local run club, I love to participate in prize competitions, I've won lots of great prizes including trips to New York, Helsinki, and the Eurovision Song Contest in Oslo. I also use my good luck to help local charities, and my biggest achievement was persuading the BBC to film a local cancer charity called Its Good 2 Give! for the day. The prime-time coverage helped to highlight the good work they do and to gain them a celebrity patron – Alfie Boe (singer & actor). I also run a small jewellery business called Lily Mo – named after my Great Aunt Lily and my Mum's nickname, Mo. My jewellery, made in gold and silver, is inspired by nature – bees, dragonflies, bird wings. I sell at local markets as well as online at [lilymo.co.uk](http://lilymo.co.uk).

Gail Burns

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## WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT?

Who would have thought that when 23 young people from Edinburgh went to India in 1999, in 2025 we would be celebrating 25 years of the charity, **Scottish Love in Action**.

In 25 years, SLA has helped well over 25,000 children and young people living in poverty in India into better lives. So many people have been involved over the years – going to India, running and attending fundraising activities, donating to SLA and serving on the SLA Board – a big shout out to you all. Thank you.



SLA's initial work was with the Light of Love Home in Tuni. More recently SLA has moved on to supporting inspirational Indian organisations who work to transform the lives of children and young people. The ASRITHA Rainbow Home supports former street children. Livelihoods supports children from Rainbow Homes as they transition into adulthood. VOICE-4 (formerly known as VOICE 4 Girls) empowers marginalised adolescent girls and boys.

Despite the improvements we hear about in the Indian economy, many young people are still being left behind; for 25 years, SLA has helped these children and young people into a better future.

Thanks to you all; we hope that you will attend some of our SLA25 celebratory events in November.

25 years – 25,000 children – £8 million raised

Who would have thought that! <https://www.sla-india.org/news/25th-birthday-events/>

## FLOWER LIST

The flowers in October have been donated and will be arranged as follows:-

		Donated by	Arranged by
October	5	Fiona Stewart	Irene Wilson
	12	Lawrence & Irene Hall	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
	19	Dorothy Mushet	Karen Keil
	26	Jennifer Rimer	Ruth Henderson



Irene Wilson,  
Convener - Flower Committee



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Calling all Crafters – the summer is over, the nights are drawing in, if you haven't already started its time to start crafting again for this year's stall at The Christmas Tree Festival.

We're not telling you what to make, you decide what you like to do and think Festival goers will want to buy. Watch out in the Sunday Intimations for when to bring finished articles along to the Church.

Many thanks.

Rona McLaren



## ROLL CHANGES

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of one of our elders, Hugh Crawford, who died on 4 September 2025, of Florence Shaw, who died on 24 May 2025, and of Norman Moyes, who died on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Please give a warm welcome to the following newly admitted members:

By Resolution of the Kirk Session:

- Bibi Francis
- George Jacob
- Ms Hsien-lin Ro

By Certificate of Transference:

- Mr Robert Boyd
- Mrs Heather Matheson
- Mrs Elizabeth Mackay
- Mr Finlay Montgomery

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## NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the November issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 17 October** and it will be available by Sunday 2 November. Contributions should be emailed to [editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk) or put in her pigeonhole at the church

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### Clocks Go Back!

Please remember to put your clocks back by 1 hour on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

#### THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER

*Thomas Moore*

'Tis the last rose of Summer,  
Left blooming alone;  
All her lovely companions  
Are faded and gone;  
No flower of her kindred,  
No rose-bud is nigh,  
To reflect back her blushes  
Or give sigh for sigh!

I'll not leave thee, thou lone one,  
To pine on the stem;  
Since the lovely are sleeping,  
Go sleep thou with them.  
Thus kindly I scatter  
Thy leaves o'er the bed  
Where thy mates of the garden  
Lie scentless and dead.



So soon may I follow,  
When friendships decay,  
And from Love's shining circle  
The gems drop away!  
When true hearts lie withered,  
And fond ones are flown,  
Oh! who would inhabit  
This bleak world alone?

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