

Intimations 26^h October 2025

1. **Today:** 9.30am Early Service (in the Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – God be merciful. Tea and coffee are served after the services in the St Matthew Hall. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Bereavement notice:** We give thanks for the life of Joyce Robertson. Please remember her family and friends at this time in your prayers.
3. **Funeral notice:** The funeral of Bryce Haggart will be held on Thursday 6th November at 11.30 am, in the Pentland Chapel, Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh.
4. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** It is the last Sunday of the month, please provide generously and support our usual stall in the St Matthew Hall after the 10.30am service.
5. **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
6. **Morningside Hope:**
Music and Memories - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshop will be on Mondays 3rd and 17th November.
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 Monday 27th October 2-4pm in the Church.
Games Afternoon – dementia-friendly and open to everyone. Wednesday 19th November 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. **Gift Service - Sunday 16 November 2025:** By popular demand the Gift Service on the 16th November is once again to be for the Edinburgh Clothing Store. Every year the congregation has been amazingly generous to the Clothing Store. We are extremely grateful for the generosity which has been shown by the donations both of new clothes for children and of money which have allowed us to buy items which are in short supply. Due to the cost-of-living increase, many more people are wearing their clothes longer and many are selling their good quality clothes online. This has had a continued detrimental effect on the amount and quality of the second-hand clothes which have been donated over the past year. We are therefore having to buy even more to meet the continued need of children who are living in abject poverty in our city. We have a desperate need for warm clothing for all.

On the **two Sundays prior to 16 November**, labels will be laid out on two tables at the back of the church. Each label will have an item of clothing and the age of the boy or girl to whom this item will go. If you would like to give a gift, we are offering 4 options.

Option 1 Please take one or more labels; buy an appropriate item or items; attach the label or labels

Bring on Sunday 16 November to the tables below the pulpit before the 10.30 service. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS

Option 2 - If you cannot come to church on 16th November but can on the 9th November, please bring your gift(s) to the box below the elders' pigeonholes.

Option 3 - If you cannot come to church on either Sunday, contact Fiona Gossip who is once again willing to collect items from your home. She can be contacted on 07850 338 908 in November from Monday - Friday between 10.00am and 6.00pm or e mail her at fiona.gossip@outlook.com.

Option 4 - if you prefer not to go shopping, cash or Cheque donations are also most welcome. Please make cheques payable to The Edinburgh Clothing Store. If you wish to gift aid your donations, please include a note with your name and address and post code, state that you are a taxpayer and sign the note.

Your generosity has made a huge difference in the past and the children are excited to receive new clothes which they really need. This year, more than ever before there is a huge need. Thank you so much in anticipation.

Please note that the Gift Service is the Sunday BEFORE the Coffee Morning this year.

9. **Weekly Email:** A weekly email can be emailed to you so that you can keep up to date with events going on in the life of the Church, particularly if you miss the Sunday intimations. If you would like the Weekly email (and the Church Magazine), please email the Church Office to request. office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk
10. **Next Sunday: 2nd November, All Saints-tide.** 9.30am (in the Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Blessed. 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.

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.**

Baby and Toddler Group: our weekly Baby and Toddler Group meet on Mondays from 10am – 11.30am in the St Matthew Hall. All are welcome.

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.