

Intimations 5th October 2025

1. **Today: 5th October, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**, 9.30am (in the Church) and 10.30am. The theme – Great is Thy faithfulness. The Lord's Table is open to all members of the Christian family. Coffee and Tea will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the 10.30am service. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Choir:** We welcome back to worship the Church choir.
3. **Edict for Ordination and Admission of Elders: Robert McCabe, Morag Shankland, Laura Shaw and Neil Thrower**, members of this congregation have been elected to be Ruling Elders in the same, and the aforesaid **Robert McCabe, Morag Shankland, Laura Shaw and Neil Thrower** have intimated their acceptance of the office of the Eldership; if anyone has any objections why **Robert McCabe, Morag Shankland, Laura Shaw and Neil Thrower** should not be ordained and admitted to office, they state their objection at the Kirk Session appointed to meet on Sunday, the 12th day of October 2025 at 10.10am in the Braid Hall; if no relevant objection regarding life or doctrine is made and substantiated, the Kirk Session will proceed with the ordination and admission.
4. **October Church magazine:** available today for collection distribution. The magazine is also available online via the Church website. If you would like the Church Office to email it to you, and the weekly church email, please pass contact the Church Office. Items for the November edition should be sent to the editor by 17th October - Editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk or to the Church Office - office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk
5. **Jam, Baking & Making Stall** - thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful stall last Sunday. The total raised was £259.00. The next stall will be on Sunday 26 October when we look forward to your continued support.
6. **Harvest Collection:** The total amount of food donated to the South East Edinburgh Foodbank, following last Sunday's Harvest Service, amounted to 274 kg, with around £200 cash also contributed. Thanks to everyone who donated and also to those who helped take in the donations and then transport them on Monday – a great team effort and much appreciated by those who help run the Foodbank at Southhouse Broadway.
7. **Morningside Hope:**
Music and Memories - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshop will be on Monday 6th, Monday 13th featuring Nigel's All Stars, and 20th October 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 13th in the St Matthews Hall and 27th October 2-4pm in the Church.

Games Afternoon – dementia-friendly and open to everyone. Wednesday 15th October 2-4pm in the Braid Hall.

8. **Animal Afternoon, Come and meet the Alpacas, Wednesday 8th October, St Matthew Hall, 2-3pm.** 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. Teas and coffees will be served Entry is by donation; all donations will go towards our Morningside Hope. Everyone Welcome!
9. **An Afternoon of Traditional Scottish Music, Nigel's All Stars, Monday 13th October at 2pm** in the Church. This will be followed by teas and coffees. This event is **open to everyone**, and entry is by donation. We look forward to seeing you there.
10. **Speakers Supper:** Come along on Friday, 31st October in the Braid Hall at 7:30pm to hear Sir Paul Grice. Tickets will cost £28.00 for adults and £14.00 for children. These will be on sale on Sunday 12th, 19th, and 26th October and can be bought 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 there.
11. **Morningside Hope Concert:** Thanks to everyone who made the recent Saturday concert such a success. It was a lovely, happy afternoon with superb music and more that 120 in attendance. Everyone was so generous and once we add in gift aid, we will have raised £700, all of which will go towards our Morningside Hope funds. We are really grateful for everyone's ongoing support.
12. **Fairtrade Fortnight:** lasts until 5th October. Please try to support all the farmers over the world who work hard to grow our every-day essentials, and our favourite treats e.g. chocolate. Hope for justice and fair trade for all. We are a Fairtrade Church. Enjoy the coffee!
13. **The Open Door** is holding its monthly Coffee & Cake for a donation on Wednesday 8 October, 10.30am to 4pm. All donations will go towards the day service transport costs.
14. **Friends of Morningside:** The Friends have, since the 1990s, provided financial support for many projects around the Church. They refurbished the eagle lectern, provided choir robes, commissioned the St Cuthbert Window that marked the union that create Morningside Parish Church, contributed towards the purchase of the mini grand piano, helped with the refurbishment of the organ, refurbished the war memorials, provided

the glass etching of the Church of Scotland emblem on the glass door in the vestibule, provided the 'text boards' for the chancel, make a significant annual contribution to the choral scholarships, framed the pulpit falls from the original Morningside Parish and Braid Churches, and recently provided the photographs of the five churches that have made up the union of the new Morningside Parish Church. The objects of the Friends of Morningside Parish Church are to raise funds by subscription and other appropriate means to provide supplementary resources for:

1. The maintenance and improvement of the fabric of Morningside Parish Church and the surrounding grounds.
2. The renewal and enhancement of furnishings and equipment in these buildings.
3. The maintenance of services and praise in Morningside Parish Church.
4. The development of awareness of the heritage of the congregation of Morningside Parish Church.

Membership of The Friends of Morningside Parish Church is open to **anyone** in sympathy with these objectives. The minimum annual subscription is £10. For further information contact:

The Treasurer of The Friends of Morningside Parish Church,
Morningside Parish Church Office, 2 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh EH10 6BQ

15. **Next Sunday: 12th October** 9.30am (in the Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship (with the Ordination and Admission of Elders). The theme – The welfare of the city. 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.

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.

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.