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Dear Friends

As part of its Local Transport Strategy, 2014-2019, Edinburgh City Council has produced a 'Draft Parking Action Plan'. One of the strategy claims is that it will improve centre travel and access on Sundays. It will do this by extending parking charges and restrictions. It is hoped this will ease traffic congestion, create safer travel for cyclists and pedestrians whilst resulting in a higher turnover of available parking spaces and assisting those resident in the city to access permit only parking spaces. The Council also intends to introduce parking charges and restrictions in the evenings. There is currently a consultation being carried out until the end of October.

Whilst I would welcome an improved bus service on Sundays, it seems to me disingenuous of the Council to suggest that the aim of the strategy is to improve traffic congestion in the city. It is, in fact, an attempt to raise more money from citizens and visitors to Edinburgh through parking charges.

As the Controlled Parking Zones move out from the City Centre, and there are already some in Morningside, the effect on Sunday worship for churches will be considerable, to say nothing of the many evening meetings that churches host. Whilst worship is the central purpose of a Christian

congregation, churches provide an immeasurable 'social capital' to the City of Edinburgh by providing accommodation for drop-in centres, meeting places for uniformed organisations and countless community organisations, and accommodation for organisations like Alcoholics Anonymous and other social support groups that tend to meet in the evenings. The impact on city centre churches will be immense on Sundays as well as week day evenings. If the Council approves this proposal I have every reason to believe that it will only be a question of time before something similar is rolled out across the rest of the city. It is, in effect, another tax.



The Presbytery of Edinburgh has debated the matter and it is hoped a petition will be organised shortly. Presbytery also heard that representatives from faith traditions who do not worship on Sundays (particularly the Jewish and Muslim communities) have given their support to the Christian faith community in this matter.

I would encourage every member of the congregation to oppose this proposal, sign the petition when it is made available, and contact your City Councillors expressing your opposition.

Revd Dr Derek Browning

EDINBURGH PARKING CONSULTATION

Further to the minister's comments on the previous page, a consultation is underway on parking in Edinburgh. The draft parking action plan sets out a range of actions and was approved by the Transport and Environment Committee on 25th August. The main actions include:

- The extension of parking controls to cover weekends/Sundays and into the evening
- The roll out of shared use parking places
- The introduction of visitor permits in the city centre

The Council wants to know what you think about the parking proposals to ensure that it makes the right decisions about parking in Edinburgh. Once you've read the proposals, please fill in the questionnaire. You will find it at:-

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/parking-action-plan/consultation/intro/view>

A full list of local drop in sessions and engagement events is available on the Council's Consultation Hub at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parkingconsultation.

The consultation is open and you can feed back until 31 October. We look forward to hearing from you.

Parking Action Plan Team

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NEWS

If you want to find out more about the work of the Church of Scotland, these resources are refreshed virtually every day by the Communications Department at the Church headquarters in George Street.

Twitter: [@cofslifeandwork](https://twitter.com/cofslifeandwork)

[@churchofscotland](https://twitter.com/churchofscotland)

The Church of Scotland Website: www.churchofscotland.org.uk

The Church of Scotland Facebook page: www.facebook.com/churchofscotland

If technology is not your thing, don't forget the Church of Scotland's monthly magazine, Life and Work.

Have you looked at the Website yet?
www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

WORSHIP EVENTS

Pregnancy and Infant Loss service – Thursday 15th October at 7pm in the Church. There will be a 'Global Wave of Light' at this service (there are services across the world) for those who have been affected by Pregnancy and Infant loss over the years. The short half hour service will enable people to come and remember in the safety of the church's sanctuary, to mark the loss, and to know that they are not forgotten.

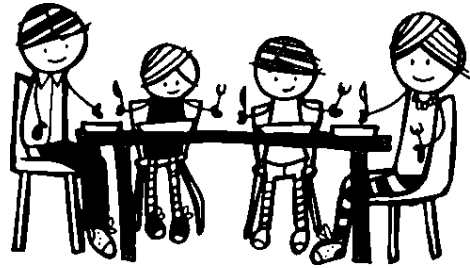
Night Light – Joint evening services (with Fairmilehead, Greenbank and Morningside Parish Churches). Join us for joint evening services at different times throughout the year.

On Sunday 25th October at 7pm in Fairmilehead Parish Church we mark World Mental Health Day. Music will be led by a praise band.

Future events will include a World Aids Day service at Greenbank on Sunday 29th November (with Taizé music); another Taizé service at Greenbank on Sunday 17th January; Worship with John Bell at Morningside Parish Church on Sunday 28th February; and a service with the Church of Scotland Swing Band on Sunday 24th April (monies towards Christian Aid and the Church of Scotland HIV/AIDS programme). All services at 7pm unless otherwise stated.

Remembrance Sunday

This year's Remembrance service is at 10.45am on 8th November. There will be no 9.30am service on that day.



SPEAKER SUPPER FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

We continue the successful Speaker Suppers with our next event on Friday 30th October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Tickets cost £20.

Our guest speaker will be the Most Reverend Leo Cushley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh. He has served in parishes in the west of Scotland before returning to Rome where he entered the Diplomatic Service of the See of Rome. He has served in Egypt, Portugal, Burundi, South Africa and the United Nations in New York. He was appointed Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh in 2013.

In the Spring of 2016 we hope to have as our guest the eminent lawyer and judge, Lord Hope of Craighead.

These evenings provide a great way for the congregation to invite non-church friends to a church event. Where else will you get the chance to hear and question an archbishop, or a senior law lord?

Looking forward to seeing you there!

DON'T FORGET –

CLOCKS GO BACK ON 24TH OCTOBER!

FLOWER LIST

	Provided by	Arranged by
Oct	4 Rena Tough	Ruth Henderson/ Val Dunn
	11 Gordon Hendry	Anne Armour/ Issie Paterson
	18 Val Mannings	Val Mannings
	25 J J Rimer	Eleanor Watt
Nov	1 Ian Hastie	Irene Wilson



CHRISTIAN AID FILM EVENING

The Morningside and Fairmilehead Christian Aid Committee is hosting a Scottish Film Evening at Greenbank Parish Church on Friday 16th October 2015 commencing at 7.30 (doors open at 7.00). The main feature is the classic film "The 39 Steps" starring Kenneth More. This film is accompanied by a short Ian Rintoul feature called "The Hour of the Eagle" which tells the story of the German air raid on the Forth Rail Bridge in 1939. Tickets priced £7 (which include a free tub of Luca Ice cream) are available from Bob Cunningham (447 4757), Bill Reid (466 3111), Ruth Henderson (449 6449) or at Greenbank Church on the night.

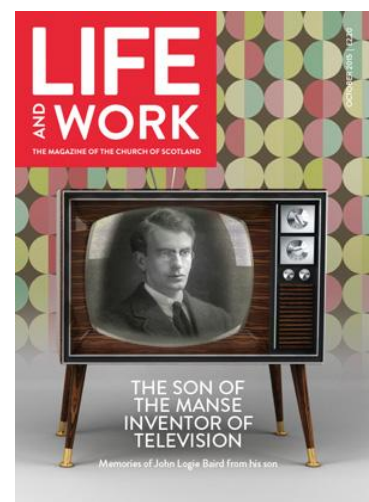
HOLY LAND TRIP – January 2016

The proposed Holy Land trip in January/February of 2016 has had to be postponed as it was not possible to get enough support. A trip to the Holy Land is however being considered for January/February 2017.

LIFE AND WORK

Orders for LIFE AND WORK 2016 should be received before 20th November, so this is an advance notice. Order forms will be included in next month's church magazine. As the discount price for subscription has changed, the price for 2016 will be £24, a saving of 20p per copy. If you don't already subscribe to LIFE AND WORK, the magazine of the Church of Scotland, now is the time to think about it.

Joan McKenzie and Audrey Riddell



**MORNINGSIDE PARISH CHURCH GUILD
welcomes visitors and new members...**



when it meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from October to March, at 2.15pm, in the New Hall at the Church.

The new session starts on 6th October, with our Minister opening the new 3-year Strategy (Be Bold, Be Strong!) with this year's theme: "Go in Peace". More details about the Guild and a copy of our Programme for the year will be available early in October through the revised Morningside Parish Church website, or on request to any member of the Committee.

By the time you read this, Souper Sunday (27th September) will be past, so thanks to those who plan to join us in supporting the Church of Scotland's HIV Programme.



WORK PARTY

The Work Party's new session starts on Monday 5th October at 10.30am/10.45am in the Cluny Centre. A warm welcome is extended to anyone interested, both regular attendees and new members. There is no outlay as wool, pins, patterns are all provided, together with a cuppa and biscuit.

The six meetings are all held in Cluny Centre. During the session a range of articles is produced for distribution to a variety of outlets in due course.

Please put the dates of the remaining meetings in your diaries and come and join us.

2nd November 2015

7th December 2015

1st February 2016

7th March 2016

4th April 2016

If you would like further information, please contact Margaret Guild (447 6290)

On Sunday 6th September, after our Annual Covenant Service, a stone was unveiled in front of the Church to commemorate the 125th anniversary of its opening as St Matthew's Parish Church in 1890. The stone was kindly donated by local company William Purves.



BETHANY WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

There will be a coffee morning in aid of the Bethany Winter Night Shelter in the new Church Hall on Saturday 24th October from 10am till 12 noon.

Funds raised will be used for purchasing food supplies for the two nights which the Morningside Parish Church team is on the Catering rota for the Winter Night Shelter which will be open seven nights a week from 19th October until 24th April 2016.

The Winter Night Shelter helps people who are homeless and sleeping rough in Edinburgh during the winter months. It provides a warm, safe bed for the night, transport from a central pick-up point, a cooked evening meal (cooked on the premises by the Church team on the rota), breakfast, and support and signposting to other services. The Shelter is a place of security, managed by friendly and experienced Bethany staff, which provides a welcoming and non-judgmental environment in which they may speak to staff and get help in accessing other services. For many rough sleepers the Night Shelter is a first step towards addressing their homelessness - giving them a chance to renew their hope and consider a brighter future.

Please come and support this worthwhile cause - tickets costing £3 for coffee and scone will be available from Anne McNeil, Joan McKenzie and Fiona Ross or may be purchased on the day at the door.

Anne McNeil, Team Leader, Bethany
Night Shelter Catering



JOHN RUTTER COME AND SING EVENT

A wonderful day was spent making a joyful noise by all those who participated on the 'Come and Sing' day led by composer John Rutter on 12th September. The church was filled with the music of about 230 singers accompanied by Morley Whitehead at piano and at organ. The music was a mixture of John Rutter's own compositions and well-known pieces such as the Hallelujah Chorus, Bach's 'Jesu, joy of Man's desiring' and Vivaldi's 'Gloria'.

A great deal of work had been put in behind the scenes to ensure that the event was a success and, as well as enjoying music-making, participants also complimented the speed at which the supplies in the toilets were replenished and the efficiency of the coffee-serving! It seems that no detail had been overlooked. Comments included "What a great day – amazing number of people and the sound of the organ to sing to as well as the piano. I hope the church does it again...."

Many thanks to all those involved in any way in making the event such a success. Final figures are not yet available but it is estimated that the event has raised about £3,000 to be shared among church funds and the three charities we are supporting this year, assisted by John Rutter generously charging neither fee nor expenses for his involvement.

THE MONDAY CIRCLE (FORMER "LADIES GROUP")

Please note that "The Ladies Group" has changed its name and is now known as "The Monday Circle". We hope the new name will feel more embracing and encourage more men to attend our meetings.

The Monday Circle meets in the Morningside Parish Church Halls on a Monday at 7.45pm. Here are the dates for our meetings in October 2015.

12 th October:	Cassock in the Kitchen	Rev Mary Morrison
26 th October:	Robert Louis Stevenson	John Macfie

Hope you can join us.

Anna Cunningham

MORNINGSIDE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

On 6th October 2015, Morningside Heritage Association is holding its first evening history lecture of the 2015-16 season. This event will take place in the new hall of Morningside Parish Church. Doors open at 6.45pm and refreshments are available until 7.15pm. On that evening, the Charles Smith lecture is being presented by the Revd Dr Derek Browning on the subject of "Morningside, Mussolini and the God of Calvin: Theology and a certain Miss Jean Brodie in her Prime". Visitors are most welcome. Admission £3

SCOTTISH LOVE IN ACTION SPOOKTACULAR FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZAS

Help support one of our charities – SLA - on Sunday 1st November. Fireworks, Pipe Band, Delighters Fire Circus Theatre, The Rock Choir. Hot food and drinks.

Single ticket - £7.50, Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children – under 2s free) – £26. Tickets only available online at www.sla-india.org

First show at 4pm; second show at 7pm, both at George Watson's College Rugby Ground, Myreside Road.



ROLL CHANGES

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of

Miss Sheila Whamond, who died on 20th August 2015

NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the November issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 16th October 2015** and it will be available for distribution on **Sunday 1st November**. Contributions may be put in her pigeonhole at church, sent by email to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk or by post to the church office at 1 Cluny Drive, Edinburgh, EH10 6DN.

If you receive a paper copy of the magazine and would prefer it by email, please contact the office at the above address.

CHURCH SERVICE AND MAGAZINE TAPES

We are continuing to record the Church service and the magazine. If you would like to have either or both of these tapes delivered to you each month, or Elders, if you know of anyone who might make use of this, please let one of us know.

Thank you

Joan McKenzie (337 4643); Audrey Riddell (445 2330)

REFUGEES

by *Martha Sprackland*

I sit on my coat
and think about home:
the warm cosy glow of the fire,
the smell of home baked bread...
I brush tears to the grass.
A small child wanders over,
sits down with a bump.
I glance at him,
and he gazes at me intently.
A sharp, blue gaze,
I offer him a piece of bread
and he takes it. A flicker of a smile.
I put my arm around his skinny shoulders.
Silently, together, we sit, and think, and cry.



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