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Dear Friends

Miss Prism, the governess of Cecily Cardew in Oscar Wilde's play *The Importance of Being Earnest* says, "Memory... is the diary we all carry about with us." The poet Thomas Hood wrote, "I remember, I remember the house where I was born, the little window where the sun came peeping in at morn." Children going out guising on the 5th of November used to chant, "Remember, remember the fifth of November, the Gunpowder treason and plot..." (It goes on to say things perhaps not well-suited to these more ecumenical times!)

Memory, remembering, these are fundamental aspects of who we are for our memories often shape what we are. Memories come from our childhood and form our relationships, our work and the way we believe.

Somewhere near the heart of the faith tradition we belong to is the building up of memory. In what was largely an oral culture this is part of the explanation of why so many of the stories in the Old Testament are repeated, and so many phrases are repeated. For example, "The steadfast love of the Lord endures for ever." Repetition was used to get the point home, to help people remember the things that were important about God, and about God's relationship with His people. Remembering is also at the heart of the church's meal – communion. "This do in Remembrance of Me."



November is a season for remembrance in so many ways. It starts with what has become known as All Saints' Tide – a time when some Christian traditions remember those 'saints' of all generations – people who have lived faithful lives – and give thanks for their memory. Not all saints are necessarily the ones who are remembered in stained glass windows. Like many of the unsung heroes in life, most saints will have lived ordinary lives, doing ordinary things, but somehow making an extraordinary difference in the lives of those around them. There is a fine biblical tradition that sees all

people of faith as 'saints', or enhanced in life by their faith and the way they live it. Churches, for all that we know they can be gatherings of sinners, are supremely a kindergarten for saints. It's how Paul, in his letters to some of the early Christians, saw them;

they, and we, are "called to be saints".

In this season of remembering, that's worth recalling. Not that we ought to think too highly of ourselves, but equally that we do not have such a low self-esteem that we think we are of no value. Remember, we are called, chosen, and named. Remember with thanksgiving what others have enabled you to do and to become; remember that you too, in your own way, are also a saint of God, called by Him to shine a light in the darkling world. Remember, you too can shine!

Revd Dr Derek Browning

WORSHIP NOTES

Remembrance Sunday is on 10th November. There will be one service at 10.45am that morning (no 9.30am service). Children and young people should attend the first part of the service and then go through to Sunday Club as usual. At 6.30pm that evening we shall share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper around the Lord's Table.

The Gift Service will be on 24th November at 10.30am. Further details are given below.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be shared on Sunday 1st December at 9.30am and 10.30am. This will also be Pledge Sunday and information about this will appear elsewhere. On this Sunday children and young people should attend the first part of the service, help collect the offering and the pledges, and then go through to Sunday Club as usual.



GIFT SERVICE



The Gift Service will be on Sunday 24th November. Labels will be available on Sunday 10th, probably laid out on tables in the church hall. I don't yet know the exact number of children on the Challenger Children Fund list but expect it to be about 60, with 16 men from our own Wednesday club.

The response to our appeal last year was wonderful with a present provided for every child and adult so I thank you all once again and hope that we can do as well this year!

Hazel Knight

KIRK SESSION

At the October meeting of the Kirk Session:-

The Property Committee reported on its extensive work at the Church, Halls, Cluny Centre and the Manse in recent months. The Session was pleased to hear that, with the support of the Friends of Morningside, brass rails have been fitted at the south transept doorway to the hall, and an iron rail has been fitted within the north transept. Both railings will alert people to the steps from one level to another. As has been intimated, because of three separate thefts of lead from the Church Hall roof over a period of six months, extensive work is being carried out to make that area more secure. A railing is being situated above the Cluny Gardens hall

doorway, anti-climb paint is being applied, and the replaced lead on the roof will be coated with a substance that will make it unsellable, as well as being marked with 'smart water' so it could be identified at a scrap merchants if someone attempted to sell it on. CCTV cameras and lights have been installed, and these are linked to the Church security system. Electronic bollards are being installed at the Cluny Garden driveway. During the day time and evenings when the church or halls are in use, the bollards will be lowered, but overnight they will be raised to prevent vehicular access up the driveway. The Session noted its sadness that these steps were necessary but realised that the theft of lead, and its replacement, was an expensive business and insurance companies were becoming less willing to pay out.

Elders' Districts - reorganisation: After an extensive consultation with the congregation and with the Session, the new elders' districts will become operational from November 2013. The districts have not been reviewed for ten years, since the time of the union, and many of them were growing too small, or getting too large as the population of the congregation 'moved'. Also, in the light of the 2012 consultation, many people in the congregation opted for the majority of their communication from the church via email, with a few opting for post. (These options still remain open – there is a reasonable saving, for example, in having the magazine emailed to you; hard copies are also available on the Welcome Desk, at the pigeon holes, and in the Cluny Centre. If you would like to receive information from the Church, including your communion invitation and the magazine via email, please contact the church office: office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk). At this time a number of elders also intimated they wished to step down from district duties.

The number of districts has been reduced from 64 to 20 (one of them is a postal district). Some districts will be visited by one elder, but most districts will now have two or three elders assigned to them. However, you will have only one elder visiting you and the elders in the 'team' districts will be working out in their districts who will visit whom. Working in teams will, we hope, provide 'cover' for districts at times when elders are on holiday or unwell.

The Kirk Session affirmed its commitment that **all** members of the congregation would get at least one face-to-face visit a year, with others who had requested it a twice yearly visit; the majority of members will get a quarterly visit tied in with the Communion season either because they requested this, or because they made no response to the congregational survey. Elders will confirm with members that they are happy with the number of visits they are receiving and agree with them whether they would like fewer, or more, visits.

The Session hoped that those members of the congregation who may be getting new elders will welcome them warmly and be supportive and appreciative of this important work that is carried out in God's name.

The Kirk Session expressed its gratitude to the small group who worked with the Minister to carry out this major pastoral and administrative task, and thanked in particular the Roll Keeper, Moira Clark, who carried out the bulk of this complex work.

The new districts are:

	District Name	Elder(s)
1	Caiyside/Swanston	Charles Wilson
2	Frogston/Queen Margaret/Buckstone	Fiona Fojut Margaret Gossip
3	Caiystane/Pentland/Fox Spring	Doreen Reekie Marie Ogilvie Walter Thomson
4	Hailes/Redford/Colinton Mains/Balerno	Douglas Walker Ian Hastie
5	Greenbank	Olga MacFadyen Bill Reid
6	Braid/Braid Hill/Riselaw	Euan Murray
7	Braidburn/Hermitage/Comiston Road	Fiona Stimpson Fiona Ross
8	Plewlands/Morningside Gardens	Wallace Bell Evelyn Reekie
9	Morningside Drive/'Terraces'	Douglas Paterson Lindsay Watson
10	Balcarres/Belhaven/Maxwell/Meadowspot	Adeline Clark Aline Haggart Maren McElroy
11	Craiglea/Comiston Drives	Anne Watson Tom Davidson Helen Hughes
12	Midmar/Braid Avenue	Michael Hunter Evelyn Henderson
13	Cluny Drive/Cluny Gardens (small numbers)	Isobel Paterson Catriona Reid
14	Cluny Gardens (big numbers)/Mortonhall Road/Jordan Lane	Mark McInnes Anne McNeil Paul Cackette
15	Springvalley/Morningside Park/Canaan	David Calder David Barr
16	Churchhill/Chamberlain/Newbattle/Tipperlinn	Ruth Bowman Bob Alexander
17	Falcon/Cluny Terrace/Nile Grove	David Mitchell Diane Gaskin-Ruddock
18	Craiglockhart/Meggetland/Merchiston/Polwarth	Lorna Graham Kate Stewart Barry Hughes
19	Relugas/St Margaret's Place/Strathearn/Liberton	Fiona Watt Hugh Crawford
20	Postal	Office



THE GUILD

The Guild season started in October with two very interesting and contrasting topics. The Minister, Dr Browning, speaking on 'A Fellowship to Build' and Dr Marie Ogilvie giving a fascinating illustrated talk on her recent return visit to Jalalpur, where she spent some of her childhood years before returning to this country for schooling.

Our November meetings start on the 12th with a presentation from the 'Cook Shop' in Morningside Road. With Christmas approaching, it should be particularly interesting. On 19th November there is a joint meeting with the Fairmilehead and Greenbank guilds at Greenbank at 2.30pm when Alistair McKenzie will be telling us about the work of Street Pastors.. The 26th November meeting will be very topical in view of the future referendum when Eric Melvin will give us the history of 'Edinburgh and the Act of Union 1707'.

The meetings on the 12th and 26th will take place as usual in the church hall at 2.15pm and all interested will be very welcome.

Kate Stewart

188TH GUIDES

We've had a great start to the new term with five new guides joining us from Brownies and lots of exciting things going on. We have four patrols who are working on Go For It's Chocolate and Healthy Eating, which is an interesting combination and resulted in fruit smoothies and no bake chocolate cake last week. Many thanks to Olga McFadyen, our visiting elder, who just rolled up her sleeves and joined in with the mayhem of Gambian t-shirts etc the night she visited!



Fiona, one of our leaders, is now in the Gambia and having a great time. As part of their fundraising, the Gambia Team put together a new badge pack so we've started on that this term. We've done tie-dye t-shirts and papier mache masks so far, and have lots more Gambian things to try on topics such as food, games, songs and wildlife before we earn our lovely cloth badges for our blankets. If you are

interested in what GOLD is all about, Team Gambia's blog is at <http://gold13gambia.com> We're looking forward to hearing all her news when she is back with us.

We've a Halloween party planned, a visit to the Gang Show, Christmas leaflet delivery and Christmas crafts all coming up after the break so it will be another busy term.

As ever, guides are open to all from age 10 up so please come along and talk to us if you're interested in joining or volunteering, or get in touch on <https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Moira Clark 188th Guide Guider

QUIZ NIGHT

We are looking for teams to take part in a quiz night to raise funds for the Church, Edinburgh Clothing Store, Edinburgh Headway and Scottish Love in Action

Date – 1st February 2014

Time – 19.00 – 21.00

Venue – New Hall

Tickets – Adults £5.00 Children £2.50

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team & refreshments will be available to purchase on the night.

So let's get our Eggheads on and hope we aren't the weakest link!

PLEASE BUY A BRICK

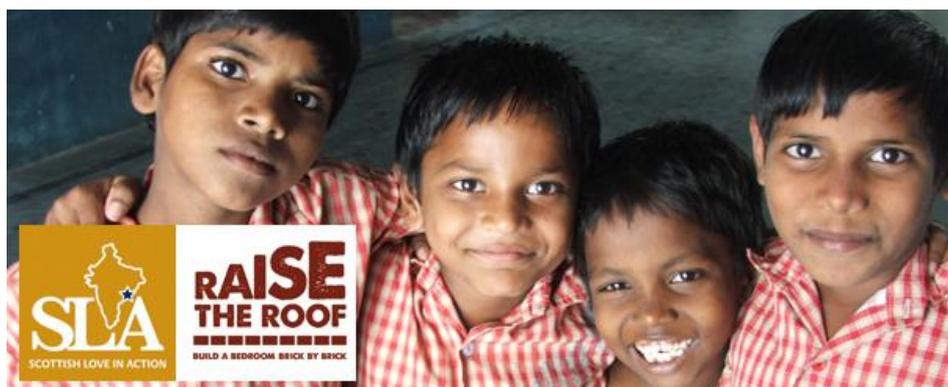
Many of you are aware that I was in India with Scottish Love in Action last winter, and generously gave me a variety of craft items to take to be used in the orphanage. I enjoyed the whole experience so much and felt that the need was so great, that I've decided to go back this November.

At the moment SLA is running a project to raise funds to build a new dormitory for the youngest boys who are currently sleeping on the floor of the dining room. The boys' dormitories are about a kilometre away from the main campus and the boys are compelled to walk along a narrow country road, with grassy verges, to reach them. The verges have become a breeding ground for poisonous snakes and scorpions and construction of a new motorway nearby has turned the little road into a busy rat run. It is felt to be too dangerous for the younger boys to make the journey any longer; hence the urgent need for a new dormitory.

£5 buys two bricks, so one brick is about the price of a coffee in any of our coffee shops. Please give up one coffee to help the children in Tuni. The need is very urgent.

Donations may be made by phone by calling the SLA office 629 9112 or online at www.sla-india.org To express our thanks, the names of all those who give more than £10 will be included on a plaque in the new boys' dormitory. Thank you in advance,

Olga Macfadyen





55TH BOYS' BRIGADE

This session, we decided we would undertake a recruitment campaign which we started a couple of weeks ago. We held a Hot Dog, Games and Recruitment Night on the 4th October - which as you will no doubt be aware by the Press coverage and on TV was the 130th Anniversary of the Boys' Brigade. We personally handed

230 leaflets out to Parents outside South Morningside School during the week leading up to the event. Boys were invited to come along with their Mums and Dads to find out about the BB. A further 20 leaflets were distributed by our current members to their school friends and we got Evening News coverage of the Event including a photograph of the existing Boys inviting new Boys to come along to join in the fun.

We considered this Venture to be a great success welcoming 4 New Boys and the return of an Old Face who left us last session, sadly however none came from South Morningside our local school.

We are still in the process of arranging dates with Schools in the area as to when we can go along to visit them and to show a DVD of what just they are missing by not being BB members!

Do encourage all Boys in P1 to P7 to come along on a Friday evening to the Church Hall at 6.30pm - they will be very welcome. Competitions & Events coming up include Swimming, Golf, Figure Marching, Musician of the Year, Football - something to suit all tastes, give us a try!



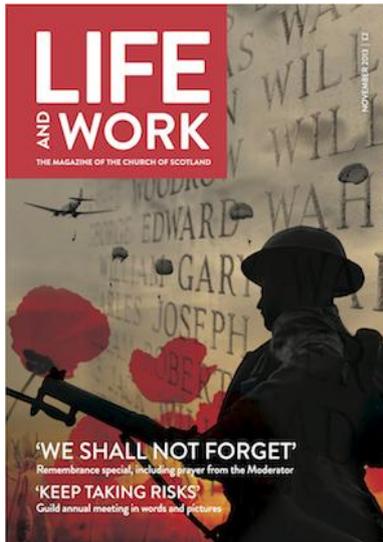
Rona McLaren

FLOWER LIST

	Provided by	Arranged by
Nov 3	Mr I Hastie	Irene Wilson
10	REMEMBRANCE	Caroline Reid
17	Mrs Margaret Gossip	Margaret Gossip
24	Mrs J M Cowan	June Cowan
Dec 1	Mrs E Munro	Isobel Paterson



The new list for next year will be put in the vestibule shortly. If you would like to supply flowers one Sunday, please put your name and phone number against your chosen date. The cost is £40 and cheques are to be made payable to 'Morningside Parish Church Flower Fund'. If you are a UK taxpayer and can give by Gift Aid, please fill in one of the Gift Aid envelopes found on the pews. Monies can be put in the Flower Committee pigeon hole or sent to the church office.



LIFE AND WORK SUBSCRIPTIONS

Life and Work subscriptions for 2014 are now due. The annual subscription is £20, being discounted from £24 (£2 per copy). Order forms are enclosed in this month's Life and Work and are also available on the Welcome Desk.

Please return forms as soon as possible as orders have to be in by the end of November.

New subscribers are always welcome. If you wish to view the magazine, spare copies are available on the Welcome Desk.

Joan McKenzie and Audrey Riddell

The November issue contains articles on:-

'We Shall Not Forget'

Remembrance reflection by the Rev John Chalmers, two and a half years after his son was injured in Afghanistan.

Jackie Macadam meets the Church of Scotland minister who helps injured service personnel look to the future.

Remembrance prayer from the Moderator.

Guild urged to 'keep taking risks'

Lynne McNeil reports from the 2013 annual meeting of the Church of Scotland Guild.

Who is my Neighbour?

The Very Rev Dr Sheilagh Kesting reports on new insights from a study of ecumenical activity

The God Question

Lynne McNeil learns more about a new resource in the science v faith debate

'A God Thing'

Thomas Baldwin meets the Christian writer and actor Abby Guinness

A Fife Success

John R Hume focuses on a new church in Dunfermline

Changing Church

Thomas Baldwin discovers a Dundee congregation reaching out and serving the local community

The Church of the Night

Elizabeth White and Jenny Williams report on the progress of NiteKirkin Edinburgh

Plus news, letters, reviews and crosswords – all for just £2.

Have you looked at the Website yet?

www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

If you use **Facebook** – 'like' our Morningside Parish Church Facebook page!



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday 25th September a Coffee Morning was held in our Church Hall to raise money for The Macmillan Nurses. Despite the weather this proved to be a very successful event raising the superb sum of £620.

My Thanks to everyone who helped on the day and to everyone who came along and supported us.

Aline Haggart

WORK PARTY

The current session continues with a meeting to be held on Monday 4th November at 10.30am/10.45am in the Cluny Centre. The Work Party provides wool, patterns and knitting pins. A selection of articles and garments are produced during each session by the ladies.

Hoping that this intimation may appeal to ladies who have an inclination for such. The ladies of the party would be delighted to welcome new members.

If interested please contact Margaret Guild 447 6290.



SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

The group has been going for a few weeks on a Wednesday evening from 7.30pm in the new Hall of the Church. We have been enjoying some of the simpler and favourite dances at present but occasionally trying new and slightly more challenging dances.

Please come and join this friendly and sociable group but note we are not meeting on Wednesday 11th November and our term finishes on 11th December with a Christmas Party. We resume on 8th January.

Further details from Catriona Reid 466 3111

MESSY CHRISTMAS

There will be a Messy Church event for children of all ages in the Church Halls on Saturday 7th December from 1 – 4pm. More information in the next magazine and in the intimations.

LADIES GROUP

Our September/October meetings have been very enjoyable and very different in topic.

Alan Irving informed us about how and why **The Edinburgh High Constables** were formed and their present role today. They originally helped with law and order but now their role is more ceremonial along with fundraising. The City is divided into areas with each having their own members who are invited to join the ranks.

Four members of The Edinburgh Tenners (all reside within EH10) gave us an insight into how this group was formed to stitch one of the 160 panels of the **Scottish Tapestry**. The tapestry was on show recently at the Scottish Parliament when about 30,000 people came to see it. This project started with an idea by Alexander McCall Smith, the author, and involved artist Andrew Crummy to design and historian Alistair Moffat to oversee it. The stitchers were volunteers had a wide range of experience. They were given the basic design for panel 5, which depicted 'The Wildwood and its Fauna c.8,500 BC', but they were allowed to choose their stitch design and any extras.

This Tapestry returns for another display but this time at Cockenzie House and Gardens, 22 Edinburgh Road, Cockenzie from 19th October to 8th December. It is well worth visiting but allow at least three hours for viewing as there are 160 panels to see depicting our history. There is refreshment at the house. The number 26 bus to Port Seton will take you there, check with the driver before getting on.



Catrina Reid, President

The Ladies Group meets in the new hall at Morningside Parish church at 7.45pm on a Monday. The following are the dates and topics for our next meetings.

4th November Visit to the Holy Land Rev Dr Derek Browning, speaking about his trip to the Holy Land earlier this year.

18th November ROSPA Carlene McAvoy and Jen Foley, speaking about the history and work of The Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents, with emphasis on "interactive electrical safety" in the home.

2nd December Life on the rocks Prof. Stuart Munro, Scientific Director of Dynamic Earth, speaking about the Formation and Evolution of The World

All welcome, both members and visitors.

Anna Cunningham, Secretary

SOUP & APPLE CRUMBLE LUNCH

This will be held this year in the original Church Hall, Cluny Gardens, on 10th November after the 10.45 am Remembrance Service. Tickets are on sale in advance or at the door on the day: £6; toddlers and primary children free.

All materials are donated and all profits go to The Rock Trust, which helps Edinburgh's young homeless people.



Isobel Paterson



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Our traditional and very popular Christmas refreshments event takes place in the Church hall on 15th December following the Lessons and Carols Service. In addition to mulled wine, tea and coffee, Christmas cake, stollen, mince pies and shortbread will be served along with festive chocolate treats for the children. Do put the date in your diary and come along with family and friends – everyone welcome. A donation of about £3 per head will ensure that costs are covered.

ROLL CHANGES

We welcome new member Mrs Rosemary Braid of 41 Merchiston Crescent. If you happen to meet her (or anyone else you don't know or think might be new!) do say hello.

EXPLORING THE GOD QUESTION"

There is to be a Launch in Edinburgh on Monday 11th November at 7pm in the Story Telling Centre and in Glasgow on Monday 25th November at 7pm in the University Memorial Chapel. It is a series of DVDs and study guides which have been produced exploring "The Question".

Details from Karen@searchfortruthenterprises.com or 0131 556 9579 to book a place.

MAGAZINE BY EMAIL

As you should be well aware from articles elsewhere in this magazine and previous issues, we are making every effort to reduce costs in all aspects of our church's life and activities in order to tackle our deficit. One way in which you can contribute to this is by taking the magazine by email rather than in printed form. If you are able and willing to do this, please email the church office at the address at the foot of the back page. **If however you are being sent the magazine by email and would prefer to read it on paper, please let the church office know so that we can ensure the correct number are printed.**

DECEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the November issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 15th November 2013** and it will be available for **distribution on Sunday 1st December. There is no magazine in January.** Contributions may be put in her pigeonhole at church, sent by post to 1 Swanston Road, Edinburgh, EH10 7BB, or sent by email to alison@riddell2.plus.com.

REQUIEM FOR AN AIR GUNNER

By Ralph Wilson Gilbert

The pain has stopped, For I am dead.
My time on earth is done.
But in a hundred years from now,
I'll still be twenty one.

My brief, sweet life is over,
My eyes no longer see,
No summer walks, No Christmas trees,
No pretty girls for me.

I've got the chop, I've had it.
My nightly ops are done.
Yet in another hundred years,
I'll still be twenty one..



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