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Dear Friends

One of the responsibilities I have for the General Assembly is to chair the board that organises the Heart and Soul event in Princes Street Gardens on Assembly Sunday. We regularly attract around 5,000 people and it has been, I'm happy to say, one of the success stories of the Church of Scotland. This will be the sixth one coming up in 2017.

Each year there is a theme for the event, which is used by the incoming Moderator, Pray Now, and other groups across the Church. Edinburgh Presbytery is thinking about running with the theme for the whole of 2017. This year's theme is, "Word of Life".

It's a theme that has many layers and is open to many interpretations. When you think about your faith, what are the words that give it life for you? Hope? Peace? Encouragement? Security? Generosity? Love?

How we use words is important, for words emanate from our thinking (hopefully!) and tell those who hear those words about what we believe as well as who we are. Words can be used for making and breaking, building up and tearing down. We use words to make things happen, and sometimes to prevent things from happening. Words can be used to bless and to curse.

Jesus and the Bible are sometimes thought of as being the 'Word' of God.

Equally, the idea of 'life' is an important one in faith. When you think of 'life' what comes to mind? The life of a new infant just born, or the life of a loved one who has passed away? The life we see ebbing away as Autumn turns into Winter, or the life we await with confidence at the coming of Spring? What about the person who is the 'life and soul' of the party?

We think of Jesus as the 'way, the truth and the life'.

'Word' and 'life'; when it comes to our faith these are two rich and marvellous ideas, and once we start thinking about them and what they mean,

most of us will not be able to stop. What they speak to us about is the definition and vibrancy of what we believe. On the whole the pictures they will paint will indicate what and how we believe, and tell us, and others, so much about the kind of person we are.

As you think about 'Word of Life', what word do you need to speak, and what word do you need to hear? What life do you need to live, and what life do you want to experience?

Such a great theme for all God's children. Speak the words, live the life!

Revd Dr Derek Browning

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WORSHIP EVENTS

The Minister will be on holiday on Sunday 6th November. The 10.30am service will be taken by the Very Revd Andrew McLellan, formerly HM Inspector of Prisons, and previously minister of St Andrew's and St George's. Andrew served as Moderator of the General Assembly in 2000-2001.



Rev Chris Kellock, army chaplain, at the first of the Autumn lectures on 4th September

OPENING THE GATES – STUDY GROUP

The Minister will be hosting a late autumn study group on the theme of 'Opening the Gates', starting on Thursday 10th November and running through until Thursday 15th December.

The group will meet in the manse at 7.30pm, with refreshments available beforehand.

Gates and doors feature a lot in the Bible – they are places of entry and exit, and also places of decision and encounter.

The study is open to everyone in the congregation interested in coming along, and also will be suitable for those thinking about coming into Church membership, or wanting a refresher course in faith.

FLOWER LIST

	Provided by	Arranged by
Oct 2	Eleanor Wrigley	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
9	Dorothy Mushet	Ruth Henderson & Val Dunn
16	Helen Buist	Val Mannings
23	Robert & Anne Armour	Ruth Henderson & Val Dunn
30	Jennifer Rimer	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
Nov 6	Ian Hastie	Irene Wilson



KIRK SESSION

At its September meeting, the Kirk Session heard reports from:

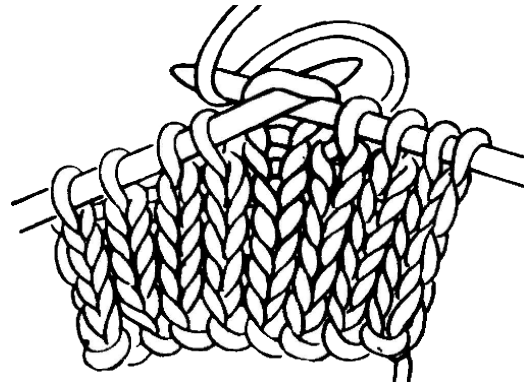
Associate for Christian Education and Pastoral Care: the Kirk Session heard that there were nine applicants for this position, and that interviews would take place in early October.

Communications – for the first time, Morningside Parish Church hopes to take two ‘stalls’ in Morningside Road, one at the Post Office, one at Waitrose, and hand our leaflets and chat to passers-by inviting them to come along to church organisations, events and services.

Social Committee: The Session noted with gratitude the huge amount of work our Social Committee does on behalf of the Church, with a particularly busy summer that included the wonderful lunch, and the greatly appreciated afternoon tea. The committee, along with the Outreach Committee, helps organise the Speaker Suppers, and is also planning a Burns Supper for Friday 20th January.

LIFE AND WORK 2017

Order forms for LIFE AND WORK 2017 are enclosed in this month's LIFE AND WORK and are also available on the Welcome desk. These should be returned before 20th November. The price per copy is £2.50, but the discounted price for 2017 will be £27.50. Further details next month.



WORK PARTY

The Work Party resumes on Monday 3rd October in Room 2 of Cluny Centre at 10.30am/10.45am.

There is no cost to anyone who comes and a warm welcome will be given. Members produce quite a varied collection of knitted items which are in due course, distributed to outlets.

I look forward to welcoming both existing and new members at our first meeting. As usual tea/coffee together with biscuits are provided.

There are six meetings during the session, all held on Mondays in the Cluny Centre. The other five meeting dates are:-

7th November 2016

5th December 2016

6th February 2017

6th March 2017

3rd April 2017

Please note there is no meeting in January 2017.

Margaret Guild (447 6290)

THE MONDAY CIRCLE

The Monday Circle meets in Morningside Parish Church Halls at 7.45pm on a Monday. The new session starts on 3rd October. Everyone WELCOME.

Here are the dates and topics for October/November.

October	3	Prayer Shawls	Rev Elizabeth Fisk
	17	Come fly with me	Jean Eggar (NB Old Hall)
	31	A Battlefield Experience	Wendy Doran
November	14	Department Stores	Jane Tulloch

Anna Cunningham
Magazine secretary

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Each year, on Pledge Sunday, we ask all our members to renew their commitment to our Church. We all contribute to the Church in different ways...in our offering through the open plate or what we covenant...or through the time and effort we put in to help the Church or Church organisations continue their good work. Our Church would not function without the generosity of our many willing volunteers and supporters.

Pledge Sunday is also a time for us to consider and renew our commitment to God. We need to reflect on what God expects of us, how best we can serve him and what he wants us to do with our lives. It's too easy to put those questions in the too difficult box....Pledge Sunday gives us a point in the year to face up to the tough questions.

It's not just about money (though we need to understand what it costs to run Morningside Parish Church and think about whether we are contributing our fair share). It's not just about how much time we set aside to support the Church (though we need to reflect on what we do and what we leave to others) or contribute to our worship. It's also about the part we want to play in the future success and sustainability of our Church.

The leaflet inserted in your magazine or emailed to you is the one that went to everyone in Church on Pledge Sunday. If you weren't there, or if you haven't had time to consider it yet, now's a good time to tackle the questions and renew your Pledge. It's your pledge to God and your Pledge to the Church... a private commitment that you make and only you and God know whether you deliver on it. So please read it, think about it and Renew your Pledge to the Church.

Thank you

AN INVITATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF MORNINGSIDE

The Bible Lands of Morningside and Afternoon Tea, Sunday 23rd October, 2-4pm, Church Halls

The Friends sponsor a lot of good work around the Church, and have done for a number of years. They are always looking to welcome new members into the Friends of Morningside and to share in the good work that they do. If you think you might be interested in joining their number, you might want to come to an event they are hosting.

On Sunday 23rd October, from 2-4pm in the new church hall. Dr Ted Duvall, from the Morningside Heritage Association, will give a forty minute illustrated talk on 'The Bible Lands of Morningside' - an opportunity for us to learn a little more about Canaan Lane, Nile Grove, Egypt Mews and the other prominent Biblical names embedded in the local streets of Morningside. No need to walk around: we can hear the whole story in the comfort of our hall!

After the talk, and during the time of the afternoon tea, the Church will also be open and the Minister will be at hand to talk about some of the finer features of our stained glass windows, and the other furniture of the Church. So often we sit in Church and see it without looking closely at it.

If you are planning to come, it would help with catering if you would let Isobel Paterson know. Please telephone confirmation to her on 0131 447 7315, or email her at issiepaterson@hotmail.com.

SCOTTISH LOVE IN ACTION – LIGHTASTIC FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday 6th November at George Watson's College Rugby Ground, Myreside Road, EH10 5DB. £7.50 per ticket, family ticket discounts available.

Blue show: Gates open 4pm; show time 4.30 – 5.15pm

Red show: Gates open 6.30pm; Show time 7 – 7.45pm

Visit the website for full details of this fun, family event. Tickets are only available online at www.sla-india.org from noon on 13th September 2016. Number of tickets limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. Event enquiries: 0131 629 9112 or enquiries@sla-india.org

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

HELP REQUIRED...

...for **Friends of Edinburgh Prison**: this charity volunteers in running a tea bar in the visit room of Edinburgh Prison. It serves hot/cold drinks and snacks to visitors during visits. The tea bar is open every afternoon and week day evenings and more volunteers are urgently needed. For more information contact Ann-Marie West on 446 0150 or email amwest012@gmail.com

ROLL CHANGES

Please give a warm welcome to our new members:-

- Bob & Magdalene Stevenson
 - Ronnie & Irene Wilkie
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LIFE AND WORK: OCTOBER 2016

Caring in Christ's Name As CrossReach Week approaches, Jackie Macadam profiles the work of the Social Care Council of the Church of Scotland

'Follow My Nose' Interview with designer turned author Ethyl Smith

From Gender Justice to Fresh Expressions The Moderator of the National Youth Assembly, Andrew McPherson, reports on the work carried out by this year's delegates

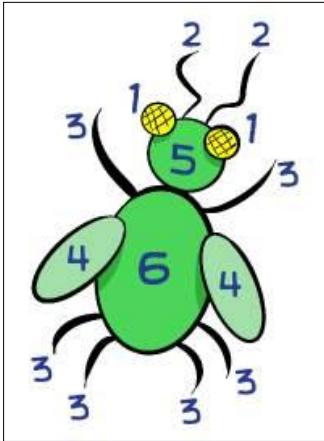
An Online Life The Church's Head of Communications, Rob Flett, explains the benefits of social media to congregations and presbyteries

Hope in Death Robin Taylor considers the role of faith in end of life attitudes

Swapping Stark Pews for Smart Phones The Very Rev Dr Albert Bogle emphasises the need for change in communicating the core messages of Christianity

A Lonely Job In the months of harvest, the Rt Rev Dr Russell Barr reflects on the challenges facing Scotland's farming community

Divine Liberation Ron Ferguson reflects on the limitless love of God



BEETLE DRIVE - SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2016

Back by popular demand the MPC Outreach Beetle Drive! 7pm on 29th October.

Tickets: £5 adults/£2.50 children.

Refreshments will be available to purchase on the evening and prizes will be awarded for the winners and losers.

Tickets will be on sale from 9th October.

INVITATIONS FROM NEIGHBOURING GUILDS

Although there is no longer a Guild branch meeting in Morningside Parish, our neighbouring Guilds have issued a warm welcome to anyone who would like to attend their meetings:-

- Greenbank Parish Guild meets on Tuesdays at 7.30 in the Braid Room.
- Fairmilehead Parish Guild meets on Wednesdays at 2.30 in the Frogston Hall.
- Liberton Kirk Guild meets on Mondays at 7.30 in the Anderson Hall.

In each case the meetings are in the first and third weeks of months Oct – Mar.

In addition to the Guild branches, fellowship can be found in other groups:

- Greenbank Friendship Club meets most weeks from 5th October onwards at 2.30 in the Church Hall. The year's subscription is £15, which includes tea.
- the Monday Circle meets in Morningside Parish Church New Hall on Monday evenings from end of September fortnightly, at 7.45 pm.

Visitors (women and men) would be warmly welcomed at any of these meetings.



Greenbank Guild hold their first meeting of the session on Tuesday 4th October at 7.30pm in the Braid Room, Greenbank Church. The topic is the History of Thomas Tunnock. Any former members of the Morningside Guild would be very welcome to join us (with tea, biscuits and chat of course).

Edith Armit

NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the November issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 21st October 2016** and it will be available for distribution on **Sunday 6th November**. Contributions may be put in her pigeonhole at church, sent by post to the church office at 1 Cluny Drive, Edinburgh, EH10 6DN or by email to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk.

A MORNING PRAYER

Anonymous

So far today God, I have done all right.
I haven't gossiped. I haven't lost my temper,
And haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty,
Selfish or over-indulgent. And I haven't told
Anyone to mind their own business and stay
Out of mine. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get
Out of bed; and from then on I'm probably
Going to need a lot of help.

Amen



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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9.30am (September to June)
and 10.30am (throughout the year). Other services as announced.

CLOCKS GO BACK

British Summer time ends on Sunday 30th October, so please remember to put your clocks
back by one hour!