



# Magazine

No. 130 September 2017

It has become common for Church of Scotland ministers to wear coloured “stoles” (like scarves) while conducting worship. Quite a few Morningside people have told me that they like the ones I wear. I have a red one, a white one, a green one and a purple one. Except I don’t. I only have two: each is double-sided. So I have a red one which can be reversed into a white one; and a green one which can be reversed into a purple one.

One reason for wearing these colours is that they have come to represent different seasons in the Christian year. At the moment I am wearing the green one; when we come near to Christmas I will wear the purple one; green between Christmas until Lent (the weeks before Easter); purple in Lent; white for Easter and the Sundays after Easter; red for Pentecost (the gift of the Holy Spirit); then back to green. Sometimes it is said that white represents joy, that red represents the fire of the coming of the Holy Spirit, that purple is for repentance and green for growth. Whether these interpretations are anything more than guesses to explain the tradition I am not sure.



The stoles I wear were a gift. I was given them by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea. Each of them bears a cross; and each bears the badge of the PROK. There are 50 million people in South Korea, of whom half are Christians. Presbyterians number 10 million: but there are 100 different Presbyterian denominations! The PROK is one of the two

with which the Church of Scotland has close relationships.

The Bible was first translated into the Korean language by a Scottish missionary, Rev John Ross, who is buried in Newington Cemetery. When he was trying to decide whether to return to his home country of the Black Isle, or to become a missionary to China, a college friend encouraged him with the words “Better to be a spark in China than a flame in the Highlands”!

These days, more than ever, the Korean churches need our prayers.

Andrew McLellan

## KIRK SESSION UPDATE

At its June meeting, the Kirk Session heard reports on:

### **Stewardship & Finance – Robert**

Armour, Convenor, reported that it was planned to raise funds for the church by means of an auction on 29<sup>th</sup> September. He had placed an article in the Magazine and would be undertaking a Minute for Mission and issuing a leaflet encouraging donations of goods and volunteers for the wide range of activities necessary to support and make the auction a success. Chris McNeil, Treasurer, reported that the RBS branch in Comiston Road was now closed and our accounts were now with Bruntsfield branch. To facilitate the paying-in of cash by the office and by the counting teams, he had opened an account with the Bank of Scotland South Morningside Branch at the corner of Balcarres Street. Funds lodged in this account will be transferred on a regular basis to our RBS account. This branch has a night safe facility and a new night safe key and new plastic night safe bags must now be used.

**PVG** - Paul Cackette, Convenor, reported that he was now up to date with PVG clearances and was now dealing with ongoing business of new volunteers. He advised that two training sessions had been held and 75% of volunteers had undergone training.

**Church Hall Development and Sale of Cluny Centre** - The Clerk reported that the contractors are making good progress, the roof beams in the transept have been completed and they still hope to complete their works by 22<sup>nd</sup> December. At the beginning of July, when they start working on the transept, the Contractors propose to erect plastic sheeting between the arches sealing off the North aisle opposite

the transept. However it is likely that the work can be progressed to allow the screening to be down before the October Communion.

Likewise, at the beginning of July, screens will be erected to seal off the back two pews, the gallery and the vestibule between the two glass doors. The main West door will be closed and access to the sanctuary will only be from the North door and the glass door at the Braid Hall entrance. The area will be closed until work in this area is completed - scheduled for the beginning of November.

The Clerk advised that the General Trustees had offered to make available from the Central Fabric Fund a short term loan to assist with the cost of the new hall facilities. The loan will be repayable from the sale proceeds of the Cluny Centre.

**Communion** – At the June Communion, only five members had requested the common cup and were served by eight elders! While the number requesting the common cup was possibly exceptionally low on that Sunday, it is never large and after discussion it was agreed that as an experiment the common cup would be served only at the rear Section on the South side.

**Autumn Lectures** The September Autumn Lectures, this year on the theme of the “Joys and Challenges of our Faith” will be held on the four Sunday evenings in September in the St Matthews Hall. Further details appear elsewhere in this magazine.

**The General Assembly** - Session recorded the success of the General Assembly under the effective chairmanship of our Minister as Moderator. His appointment at the opening session had been witnessed by

over 100 members of the congregation, both the Clerk and the Treasurer were commissioners and three of the Sunday Club had read the lesson at the Wednesday morning devotions. As we might have anticipated, the general view seems to be that the Minister performed the duties of Moderator in Assembly week with aplomb, controlling the debates and finding the right words for every occasion. Some were clearly well prepared such as the daily devotions on the theme of Word of Life. Others were spontaneous such as the prayer after the minute's silence for the Coptic Christians in Egypt whose bus had been attacked and over 50 killed or wounded - an immediate response to an event notified to him by a note passed to him while chairing the Assembly. It had been an excellent start to an interesting and exciting year.

### ROLL CHANGES

Please give a warm welcome to new members Mr Norman and Mrs Iris Moyes.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of

- William Madill, who died on 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Miss Elsie Grigor, who died on 5<sup>th</sup> June
- George Willis, who died on 31<sup>st</sup> July

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### COVENANT SERVICE

Our annual covenant service will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. This is also the Sunday that the 9.30 services resume for the season.

Our annual **ALL-AGE HARVEST SERVICE** will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. There will be no 9.30 service that day.



### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15 in the Braid Hall,

there will be a short service, including Communion, aimed at those who, for whatever reason, are unable to attend Sunday morning worship. All are of course welcome to attend this informal service, with refreshments and a chance to meet and chat afterwards.

If you would like to attend, or know of someone who might be interested, please let your elder know. It may also be possible to offer transport, but this will depend on having volunteers able to provide cars, and the numbers involved.

The next **SPEAKER SUPPER** is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October when the speaker will be Professor Nancy Loucks OBE, chief executive of Families Outside, a charity which works with the families of prisoners.



## NURSING HOME SERVICES

If you have some spare time on a Wednesday afternoon, extra voices are always welcome to help with the singing at the weekly services in local nursing homes. Please note that the times for each are different.

The services in September are as follows:-

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2.15pm – Cluny Lodge, Cluny Drive
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 3.15pm – Oaklands, Canaan Lane
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm – Ashley Court, Craighouse Terrace.

## SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA

The Summer Afternoon Tea is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the Morningside Social Calendar, and this year's event, on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, lived up to its reputation and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The tables, set with pristine cloths, napkins, flowers and attractive, hand printed menus, greeted the guests.

The waiters and waitresses, from the Social and Outreach Committees, plied us with a variety of beautifully cut sandwiches and dainty scones and cakes which could have graced the Great British Bake Off!

The afternoon passed quickly and the guests seemed reluctant to leave (and not simply because of the downpour outside...)

Well done and thank you to all concerned.



**The Menu**



**Some of the Tea Ladies**

## MONDAY CIRCLE

The Monday Circle meets in Morningside Parish Church hall on Monday nights at 7.45pm. We look forward to seeing our members again and hope to welcome some new ones.

We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and are ready for our next speakers. At the moment we only have information for October 2017

2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Department Stores Tales	Jane Tulloch
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Steady Steps	Gordon Faulkner
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Richmond Hope	Speaker to be advised (Our charity for this year)

You may find it useful to have a note of the dates of our meeting for the 2017/2018 session

2017  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October

13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November

11<sup>th</sup> December Members' Christmas Party

2018

8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January

5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February

5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> (coffee morning) and 19<sup>th</sup> (AGM) March

2<sup>nd</sup> April - members' meal

## JAM & BAKING STALL

This is an initiative by the Communication Group to raise money exclusively for church funds.

All that is sold is donated. When three stalls run as a trial project in 2016 raised the gratifying total of £529.25, it was decided to continue the stalls indefinitely on the last Sunday of every month excepting December. Six stalls in 2017 have raised £784.72 to date.



It would be appreciated if any customers buying goods in little jam jars or plastic boxes would return them (once empty!) for re-use, to save those that fill the containers buying new ones. They may be returned to the pigeonholes of Joan McKenzie or Isobel Paterson.

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Scottish Country Dancing resumes on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Braid Hall.

A warm welcome awaits those who would like to join us for some gentle exercise, fun and friendship where we try and have a "reely" good time!

Further info from Catriona Reid (466 3111)

**MORNINGSIDE PARISH CHURCH**  
**Diary of Events**  
**1 September 2017 – 31 December 2017**

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING**  
 Every Wednesday from 10am-11.30am in Braid Hall

**BABY & TODDLER GROUP**  
 Monday and Wednesday 10am-11.30am in St Matthew Hall

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

<b>3 (Sun)</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>No 9.30am Service</b> <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Series of 4 Evening Lectures begin. (Braid Hall)</b> This year's theme focuses on sharing stories and Experiences from different faiths. <b>'The joys and challenges of our faith'.</b> Dr Mary Cullen (Christianity) Refreshments from 6.30pm
<b>7 (Thur)</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Midweek Service (with Communion) (Braid Hall)</b>
<b>10 (Sun)</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Early Service (St Matthew Hall)</b> <b>Morning Worship: Covenant Service</b> Evening Lecture with refreshments (Braid Hall) Rabbi Mark Solomon (Judaism)
<b>12 (Tue)</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Kirk Session – Refreshments from 7pm (Braid Hall)
<b>17 (Sun)</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>Early Service (St Matthew Hall)</b> <b>Morning Worship</b> Evening Lecture with refreshments (Braid Hall) Bryan Webb (Buddhism)
<b>24 (Sun)</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>6.30 for 7pm</b>	<b>No 9.30am Service</b> <b>All-Age Service: Harvest Thanksgiving</b> Evening Lecture with Refreshments (Braid Hall) Professor Carole Hillenbrand (Islam)
<b>29 (Fri)</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Church Auction (Cluny Centre)

**OCTOBER**

<b>1 (Sun)</b>	<b>9.30 &amp; 10.30am</b>	<b>Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Church)</b>
<b>3 (Tue)</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Kirk Session – Refreshments from 7pm (Braid Hall)
<b>8 (Sun)</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Early Service (St Matthew Hall)</b> <b>Morning Worship</b>
<b>15 (Sun)</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Early Service (St Matthew Hall)</b> <b>Morning Worship: BB Enrolment Service</b>
<b>22 (Sun)</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Early Service (St Matthew Hall)</b> <b>Morning Worship</b>
<b>27 (Fri)</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Speaker Supper (Braid Hall) Professor Nancy Loucks OBE
<b>29 (Sun)</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	<b>Early Service (St Matthew Hall)</b> <b>Morning Worship</b>

## NOVEMBER

5 (Sun)	9.30am 10.30am	Early Service (St Matthew Hall) Morning Worship
12 (Sun)	10.45am	No Early Service Morning Worship: Remembrance Sunday
14 (Tue) 18 (Sat)	7.30pm 10-12 noon	Kirk Session – Refreshments from 7pm (Braid Hall) Coffee Morning: Edinburgh Clothing Store (Braid Hall)
19 (Sun)	9.30am 10.30am	Early Service (St Matthew Hall) Morning Worship
26 (Sun)	9.30am 10.30am	Early Service (St Matthew Hall) Morning Worship

## DECEMBER

2 (Sat)	10-12 noon	Coffee Morning: Christian Aid (Braid Hall)
3 (Sun)	9.30 & 10.30am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Church) With a celebration to mark Revd John Cameron's 60 years in ministry.
7 (Thur)	3.15pm	Midweek Service (Braid Hall)
9 (Sat)	10.00am	Christmas Decorations in Church
10 (Sun)	10.30am	No Early Service Christmas All-Age Service Christmas Refreshments (Braid Hall)
12 (Tue) 13 (Wed)	7.30pm 7.30pm	Kirk Session – Refreshments from 7pm (Braid Hall) Telephone Choir Carol Concert (Church) Wednesday Club Christmas Party (Braid Hall)
15 (Fri)	7.00pm	Children's Christingle Service (Church and Hall)
17(Sun)	9.30am 10.30am  3.00pm	Early Service (St Matthew Hall) Service of Lessons and Carols <i>(Children in for first part of service, then crèche and activities in halls)</i> Blue Christmas (Church)
24 (Sun)	10.30am 6.30pm 11.00pm 11.30pm	No Early Service Morning Worship Christmas Eve All-Age Service Carols by Candlelight Christmas Eve Watchnight Service
25 (Mon)	10.00am	No Early Service Christmas Day All-Age Service (this replaces the 10.30am service)
31 (Sun)	10.30am	No Early Service Morning Worship

Church Office: Tel: 447 6745 [office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)  
Church Website: [www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

*Edinburgh: Morningside Parish Church of Scotland  
Scottish Charity No. SCO34396*



## MUSICAL NOTES

This will be a little out of date by the time you read it. However, the lunchtime concerts are going well (if one who this year is taking a major part in same is allowed to say such a thing!) Both the "Organ pops" on 9<sup>th</sup> August and "Four-hands-one-piano" (with guest pianist Margaret Donaldson) on 16<sup>th</sup> August were, it seems, much enjoyed - particularly the latter. And we look forward to Serena Linley Adams' concert on the 23<sup>rd</sup> (Serena was one of our soprano Choral Scholars last session.)



Attendances so far have been most encouraging: 82 on 9<sup>th</sup>, and 95 on 16<sup>th</sup>; and a far cry from the early days, when one would regularly play to audiences in single figures ... Which might be just the right cue for a word of thanks hereby to Jim Jenkinson and his team of helpers for their very hard work over the years in the matters of publicity, "behind the scenes", and "front of house" - without which the whole idea of concerts would have been still-born. (After many years' sterling service Jim has had to step down due to ill

health, and Geoff Newton has taken his place - and certainly things this year seem to be working as smoothly and as well as ever!)

Part - but only part - of the reason for the concerts is, of course, to raise money for a FIFTH Choral Scholarship, over and above the four funded so generously by the church and the Friends of Morningside. Again, at time of writing, things in this department are looking very promising.

Which brings me onto the matter of the Choir itself. We have had a reasonably good number of folk applying for Choral Scholarships, and should be able to start the new session with two soprano, one alto and one bass-baritone scholars, although (inevitably) we are still hoping for a suitable tenor applicant. Perhaps come the new academic year our prayers will be answered. The Choir return to the chancel on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, the annual Covenant Service.

### FLOWER LIST

	Provided by	Arranged by
Sept 3	Florence Patton	Marjory Watson
10	Eleanor Wrigley	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
17	Liz Munro	Joan Burnet
24	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	Flower Committee
Oct 1	Marion McGrouther	Irene Wilson





## NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE

It seems ages since our last magazine (the 'bumper' edition including glimpses of the General Assembly and our 'Word of Life' photo) and I have to keep reminding myself that it is only August, and summer is still loitering around in a low-key way! Over the last few months, I have been able to put many more faces to names in the congregation, whether through the pastoral visiting, events such as the Summer Lunch and the regular Wednesday coffee mornings and toddler groups, the Lent study group and the many conversations in kitchen, church or elsewhere.

Again and again, I am impressed by the commitment to the Gospel of love, compassion and service.

Looking back to June..... we had

South

Morningside

Primary School's end of term service and Assembly in the church, with some of the P7s presenting ways in which they have given something back to their 'buddies' programme which links older pupils with younger ones. At our All-Age Service in June, we had presentations to the Sunday Club children, and also to the regular leaders, for their commitment and creativity throughout the year.

During May and June, we hosted a 7-week course organised by Edinburgh Council, 'Raising children with confidence', which draws together research and practice on exactly that – helping parents and carers to care better, and confidently,

for children. The presenters were excellent, and the group (which included some of our church and toddler group parents) found it very useful to exchange and reflect on their day-to-day experiences with children in the light of what we learned. One of the stories that's stuck with me was that of Billy Connolly - a tough start in life, but eventual huge success as a comedian, and happiness with his family - and led me to read his biography at the first opportunity to learn more about how this happened.



**Sunday Club in the Hermitage**

Sunday Club has continued through the summer, thanks both to the regular leaders, Norma, Rona and Laura, and those who have helped out week by week. We were delighted to have brilliant weather recently for our

'Scavenger Hunt' in the Hermitage. This was great fun, many thanks in particular to Rona (see our Sunday Club page for a photo gallery). August also brought a busy week with community; and reflecting also on the Greenbank Church's Holiday Club, where I found myself literally weeping with laughter at the imitations of a roller-coaster ride by some of the young helpers – and the moment when Steve, their youth associate, got a whipped cream pie in his face!

Jennifer Stark

[associate@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:associate@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

07802 263979

## AUTUMN LECTURES

Our Autumn Lecture series (organised jointly with Greenbank Church) begins on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Each evening starts with refreshments at 6.30pm, and at 7pm there is a short act of worship and the lecture.

This year's theme focuses on sharing stories and experiences from different faiths, 'The joys and challenges of our faith'.

- **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:** (Christianity). Dr. Mary Cullen, a Roman Catholic, former officeholder in SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund), editor of the Scottish ecumenical monthly Open House.
- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September:** (Judaism). Rabbi Mark Solomon, lecturer at Leo Baeck College in London, honorary Jewish chaplain at the University of Edinburgh and Co-Chair of the London Society of Jews and Christians.
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September:** (Buddhism). Bryan Webb practising Buddhist in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. Bryan leads courses on mindfulness, and on meditation for Christian and Buddhists together. He rightly sees a lot of mysticism in Jesus as well as in the Buddhist traditions.
- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September:** (Islam). Professor Carole Hillenbrand, Professorial Fellow in Islamic History, University of St Andrews, and the first non-Muslim recipient of the King Faisal Prize in Islamic Studies.

The need to share and understand different faiths within our country and world today has rarely been more important. We look forward to welcoming our speakers.

-----

## MODERATOR'S DIARY

A reminder that anyone interested in finding out more about what our minister is getting up to during his year as Moderator might find it interesting to read what he writes on our website. [www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

His blog can be found under 'About Us'. Click on 'Who's Who' and scroll down to 'Moderator's News 2017-18'.

## **MORNINGSIDE UNDER THE HAMMER – AUCTION ON 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

Morningside Parish Church is running an Auction on 29<sup>th</sup> September to raise funds for our new audio systems in the Church and the Halls. This will improve the quality of sound in the Church, make it easier for those requiring hearing assistance, properly equip our halls for flexible use and allow us to video services for the housebound.

To raise these funds we're asking everyone in the congregation to donate one good quality item to the Church Auction. The item should be of auction quality - something that could raise a decent sum. But what that is, is up to you.

Here are some ideas you might consider if you're looking for inspiration:-

- Ornaments, Vases, Crystal, Porcelain (figurines, Moorcroft, hummel figures, tea sets, wall plaques, wally dugs)
- Silverware (candlesticks, cutlery, snuff boxes, teasets)
- paintings, etchings, mirrors, wall hangings, persian rugs, artworks, sculpture,
- samplers, tapestries
- furniture (desks, bureaux, book cases, chairs, tables, foot stools, cabinets, dressing tables) ,
- . garden furniture, sundials
- clocks, watches, brassware, chandeliers
- old dolls, vintage toys, trainsets, model cars, mechanical toys
- coins and currency, military artefacts and medals, armour and weapons,
- communion tokens and stamps
- Valuable books (first editions, volumes on local history), old maps,
- Jewellery (brooches, rings, pearls, vintage necklace, watches)
- Tribal artefacts and items of ethic history, taxidermy,
- . vintage clothing and costumes, military uniforms
- Railway memorabilia and vintage posters
- . Sporting memorabilia, musical instruments, nautical objects
- . Scientific instruments, interesting old objects and artefacts , cameras and
- telescopes

These are simply a few ideas for inspiration. The list is potentially endless

## OCTOBER MAGAZINE

Material for the October issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017** and it will be available for distribution on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. 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](mailto:editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk).

Whether you are a regular contributor or an occasional one, it may be helpful to have a note of the copy dates for the coming year.

	Copy date	Publication date
October	Friday 15th September	Sunday 1st October
November	Friday 20th October	Sunday 5th November
December	Friday 10th November	Sunday 26th November
February	Friday 12th January	Sunday 28th January
March	Friday 16th February	Sunday 4th March
April	Friday 9th March	Sunday 25th March (Palm Sunday)
May	Friday 20th April	Sunday 6th May
June	Friday 18th May	Sunday 1st June

For those of you already receiving the Church magazine via email, you may already be receiving a weekly email from the Church that highlights some of the current and upcoming events in the Church's week. If you would like to receive this helpful email, please contact the Church Office ([office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)) with your email address.

Locum Minister: Very Revd. Dr. A McLellan    01383 725959    [arcmclellan@gmail.com](mailto:arcmclellan@gmail.com)

Magazine Editor: Alison Riddell    445 2330    [editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

Church Office: Carole Byres    447 6745    [office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

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