

INTIMATIONS

Welcome to worship, with a warm welcome especially to visitors. Please sign our visitors' book on the Welcome Desk in the vestibule. If you wish further information about Morningside Parish Church, or a visit from the Minister, complete a Pew Card and give it to an office bearer as you leave.

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Joining the Church Family: If you would like to become a member of our Church family please contact the Minister for further details.

A Loop System for the hard of hearing operates throughout the Church. Additional personal infrared hearing equipment is also available in the vestibule. Please ask for assistance.

Large Print hymnbooks are available in the vestibule. Please return them to the vestibule after use.

Hospital and home visits: Please let the Minister or Associate know by giving them a completed pew card as you leave the church, or leaving a message at the office.

Baby and Toddler Group: The group meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am-11.30am in St Matthew Hall.

Wednesday Coffee Morning: 10am-11.30am in Braid Hall. Please spread the word to everyone in the church and community.

Loose Change Offering: at the beginning of each Sunday morning service there is an opportunity to contribute to the charities supported by Morningside Parish Church namely, Scottish Love in Action, The Edinburgh Clothing Store and Marie Curie Edinburgh by placing any loose change in the offering plate that is on the Welcome Desk in the vestibule.

Edinburgh Food Bank: In association with the Rotary Club of Braids, we are providing a collection bin for donations to the Edinburgh Food Bank. Items should be of non-perishable food and basic toiletries. The bin will be situated in Vestibule. Please give generously.

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.

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. Children in Sunday Club and crèche will be taken out by staff and up to the Cluny Centre where they can be collected.

Intimations 10th September

1. **9.30am: Early Service: (St Matthew Hall)** Tea and coffee will be served in the Braid Hall after the service.
2. **10.30am: Morning Worship: Covenant Service – Brother of the poor, talker with birds.** Tea and Coffee will be served in the Braid hall after the service.
3. **Choral and Organ Scholars:** We are delighted to welcome (or, in one case, to welcome back) our new Choral Scholars: sopranos Katie Brown, Amy-Felicity Horsey, Abbey Neave; alto Caroline Elliott; and bass Jack Harris. We have still to appoint a tenor. Also Organ Scholar Will Fielding (who will be playing the closing voluntary today.) We look forward to their singing and playing and trust that they will enjoy and profit from their time at Morningside.
4. **7.00pm: Autumn Lecture (Braid Hall): 'The joys and challenges of our faith'.** Our second speaker is Rabbi Mark Solomon (Judaism). Lecturer at Leo Baeck College, London, Honorary Jewish chaplain at University of Edinburgh and Co-chair of the London Society of Jews and Christians. Full details on our website and posters. Refreshments served from 6.30pm.
5. **Interim Moderator and Locum contact details:** during the Minister's absence in his Moderatorial year, the Revd Scott McKenna will be interim moderator (responsible for the Kirk Session and occasional worship – email SMcKenna@churchofscotland.org.uk. Tel 667 1286. The locum (responsible for most Sunday worship, baptisms, wedding, funerals and pastoral care) will be the Very Revd Dr Andrew McLellan – email arcmclellan@gmail.com. Our Associate, Jennifer Stark, will continue to be responsible for pastoral care and Christian Education.
6. **Moderator's News:** This can be found on the website under 'About Us'. Hover over 'Who's Who' then select from the drop down menu that appears on the right 'Moderator's News 2017-18'.
7. **Weekly Church Email:** An email with news and information about the church, and also a reflective thought, is available weekly for members and non-members alike. If you would like to receive the email, please let the church office know and we can add you to the mailing list: office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk.
8. **Minute for Mission:** During the intimations at the 10.30am service, you have one minute to highlight an activity, group, need for volunteers or event that relates to Morningside Parish Church, its wider work, or some good cause. Contact the Church Office to book your minute. **Today Ewan Brown will be talking about the 'Street Event'.**
9. **Gift Aid envelopes** (white with blue writing) are at the end of each pew for members and visitors to use. By using an envelope – if you are a tax payer – and filling in the details – your offering benefits the church even more and at no extra cost to you! If you normally give by standing order, but are putting some loose change in the plate when the children collect, please consider using one of these envelopes!

10. **Nursing Home Weekday Service:** next service – Wednesday 13th September, 3.15pm at Oaklands, Canaan Lane. Singers to help boost the singing are appreciated.
11. **Kirk Session:** Meets on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm in Braid Hall. Refreshments available from 7pm. Agenda and papers have been circulated by email or are available in members' pigeon holes for those who have requested paper copies.
12. **September Magazine, Life & Work & Service Tapes:** these are available from distributors' pigeon holes for distribution.
13. **Wednesday Coffee Morning Helpers – Rota 2017.** If you can spare 2 hours any Wednesday, please help! You can add your name to the rota, which is on the notice board in the vestibule. For further details contact Doreen Reekie 664 8431.
14. **ACCESS DURING BUILDING WORKS IN THE SANCTUARY:** – From Monday 3rd July the contractors will start work on alterations to the North Transept and Vestibule. The Vestibule (between the glass doors), the Gallery and the Main West Door will be closed and temporary screens erected over the 2 rear rows of pews. Likewise the North Transept will be closed with screens over the North Aisle opposite the Transept. Access to the sanctuary will continue to be available by the North door and North Aisle and by the West glass door next to the Braid Hall and South Aisle. The wooden door at the East end of the South Aisle is unaffected. All being well it is planned that work to the North Transept should be completed by the end of September and to the Vestibule by late October/early November. We look forward to the improved facilities these works will deliver and are grateful for your understanding and patience during the inevitable disruption.
15. **Church Hall Development:** Please note that there is no access for vehicles in the driveway at any time for the duration of the works as heavy vehicles will need access at all times. Pedestrian entrance to the church halls will be via the glass door on Braid Road only.
16. **Street Event, 23rd September 10-12noon:** We are repeating the event we had last year: stalls outside the Post Office and Waitrose - telling people what our church has to offer and inviting anyone to join us. Those willing to help for an hour should give their names to Ewan Brown or Issie Paterson.
17. **Auction:** The drop off evening for items donated to the September Charity Auction is on 13th September from 7 - 9 pm. If you can make it, please bring your items along on the night to the Cluny Centre. If that's difficult, you can drop them off to Carole in the Office during the week or if you need help with uplift let her know and we'll organise it. If you haven't given a Lot for auction so far, please consider what you can offer...we really need more good auction items to make this a success. We also need to catalogue them in the next week so we can publicise what's coming up on the web and get a good level of interest - so please let us have your donations in the coming week. We still need a lockable display case for valuable items...can you help us by loaning one for one week? We really need one or two to keep items secure. For the setup, viewing and the auction itself we will need some helpers. Could you

spare just two hours on the 28th or 29th of September. We need people to watch over the viewing, to sell catalogues, to help the auctioneer, and to check the items uplifted have been paid for. Please see Robert Armour who is collecting a list of volunteers after the service. Finally, tell your friends the auction is happening and display the enclosed flyer on your car or somewhere people will notice it like a local shop or notice board.

18. **Evening of Classical Guitar and Choral Music** with Ayman Jarjour and the choir of St Andrew's and St George's West on Friday 29th Sept. 7.30pm to 9.30pm. This is in aid of Palcrafts, a charity which aims to reduce poverty in Palestine by selling Palestinian goods in its Fair Trade shop, Hadeel, 123 George Street. Tickets £20, concessions £15, including a light buffet, available at Hadeel or at the church in George Street or at the door on the evening.
19. **Public Holiday:** The Office, Cluny Centre and Church Halls will be closed on Monday 17th September.
20. **Next Sunday:**
 - 9.30am: Early Service:** (St Matthew Hall)
 - 10.30am: Morning Worship:** Tea and Coffee will be served in the Braid hall after both services.
 - 7.00pm: Autumn Lecture** (Braid Hall): 'The joys and challenges of our faith'. Our third speaker is Bryan Webb (Buddhism). A practising Buddhist in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. He leads courses on mindfulness and on meditation for Christian and Buddhists together. Full details on our website and posters. Refreshments served from 6.30pm.