



# Magazine

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I know that many of you have been following Dr Browning's blog, which is found on the Morningside Parish Church website under "About Us" – "Who's Who?" – "Moderator's News". Did you know that you can follow his plans month by month on the Church of Scotland website? All you have to do is to search on the site for "Moderator's Diary" Very few congregations ever have the opportunity to keep in touch with the activities of their own minister as Moderator of the General Assembly, so I am not surprised that so many of you are interested.

Better than the Church website, however, was the opportunity we had to see Dr Browning recently on the national news. The occasion was the opening of the new bridge – "The Queensferry Crossing" – on 4<sup>th</sup> September. The opening was carried out by Her Majesty the Queen; and Dr Browning led the dedication. Everyone who saw it must have been proud of him. These are the words he used:



*This is a bridge  
That connects the land:  
A bridge to honour  
The contours of earth, air and water,  
All gloriously united.*

*This is a bridge  
That celebrates the skills  
Of hand and heart and mind:  
Concrete and steel, style and shape,  
All gloriously created.*

*This is a bridge  
That enables the movement of people:  
Through space and time,  
In coming and going,  
All gloriously dynamic.*

*God bless this bridge;  
God bless this Queensferry Crossing.*

When Dr Browning was two his grandmother took him to the opening of the Forth Road Bridge, when she told him to look out for "the lady in blue" – i.e. the

Queen. He was pleased to see that, 53 years later, at the opening of the Queensferry Crossing, she was still "the lady in blue"!

Andrew McLellan



## CHRISTIAN AID FILM EVENING

The Morningside and Fairmilehead Christian Aid Committee is holding its annual autumn film evening at Greenbank Parish Church on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30. The film is the classic “Out of Africa” starring Robert Redford and Meryl Streep. Tickets priced £7 are available from Ruth Henderson, Evelyn Henderson and Bob Cunningham from 1<sup>st</sup> October. Doors open at 7.00pm and there will be a free Luca ice cream served at the interval.

## 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.

The next few meetings are as follows:-

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 (Our charity for this year)	Speaker to be advised
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	A Midwinter’s Night	Dr Nicki Scott

Anna Cunningham,  
Magazine Secretary

## LIFE AND WORK - OCTOBER 2017

### A Living Church

In the first of a three-part series, the Very Rev Dr John Chalmers outlines the case for reform amid the challenges of secularism

### From Abandoned Baby to Damehood

The life of author and charity worker Katharine Liston

### New Charge Developments – Where Are They Now?

As two former new charge developments are elevated to full status this year, Thomas Baldwin looks at the impact of the NCD programme

### Scotland’s Reformation Town

The role of St Andrews in Reformation Day celebrations on October 31

### The Abundance of God’s Earth

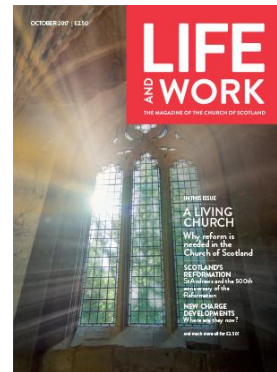
The Rt Rev Dr Derek Browning reflects on the gifts of Harvest

### ‘Christianity Has to do With Love’

Sandy Forsyth considers the impact of the mission and ministry of the Rev Tom Allan – the subject of a new book focussing on the minister and his peers

### Journeying With God

The Rev Richard Baxter explains why decisions made on a journey also impact on others



**Autumn Lecture: the joys and challenges of faith**

**Mary Cullen with Jennifer Stark**



**Kim Milne and Gregor admiring the Morningside Parish church sunflower**



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**Rabbi Mark Solomon with Rev Dr John Stevenson**

## PROPOSED VISIT TO IONA

You may recall one Sunday during the summer Andrew McLellan suggested that he would be willing to take a group to Iona next year. It would be useful to get an idea of numbers who might be interested in this. If you are interested, please notify the church office either by email or in writing, including whether a long weekend or a week would be your preference, or put a note to that effect into David Mitchell's pigeon hole at church.

## MUSICAL NOTES

It is surely a good thing to mark and celebrate important events in church. The Church's year, for example - Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ascension, and Whitsuntide, at least; and Harvest, and Remembrance; and some Churches also go in for all sorts of Saints' days and "Corpus Christi" and the like. We may feel that too much is made of this sort of thing, or we may feel that we do not think about these things enough; but as part of the Reformed tradition surely the Presbyterian Church of Scotland should mark and celebrate Reformation Day - 31st October -, when we remember Martin Luther's nailing of his ninety-five theses to the



castle church door in Wittenburg. And especially so this year, which sees the five-hundredth anniversary of that world-changing event!

To that end, the morning service on 29th October, the Sunday nearest the day itself, will have a most decidedly "Reformation" theme. Exact details have still to be decided, but the music will include: one or more voluntaries based upon "Ein' feste Burg", a setting by J S Bach of "Nun danket alle Gott", and Charles Stanford's (B flat) setting of the Te Deum - this last a Protestant affirmation of faith if ever there was! M.W.

## WORK PARTY

The first meeting of this new session has been arranged for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 in Room 2, Cluny Centre at 10.30am/10.45am. It is hoped that the current members will be giving their time and support. Anyone interested in this activity will be made welcome.

The Work Party meetings are on the following dates. Please contact me for details if required.

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

4 December 2017

5 February 2018

5 March 2018

9 April 2018

Margaret Guild 447 6290





The 55th BBGA started its 103rd year in Morningside a few weeks ago and welcomed four new recruits. We have three new P1 boys and our second girl member has also joined us. It was great to welcome them along and see them join in and have great fun with our existing members. Some of our recent challenges have included the Pringle Challenge and building towers with spaghetti

and marshmallows as well as our normal games and arts and crafts activities. Our Christian Faith focus in September is on God's creations, centred around Genesis 1 v20-25.

Our senior boy, George, is now a Staff Sergeant and will be helping myself, Rona and Tom to deliver the programme this session as well as continuing to work towards the highest award in the Brigade, the Queen's Badge.



We are also hoping to have the BBGA in Church at least once a month, starting with our very own annual Enrolment Service on 15<sup>th</sup> October. We take our vow and present our membership cards in the presence of our own congregation. It's an important service for us as it renews our link and integration with Morningside Parish Church.



Thank you again for all the support many in the congregation show for the 55th.

Best wishes.

Scott A J Peter, Captain

The next **SPEAKER SUPPER** is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 when the speaker will be Professor Nancy Loucks OBE, chief executive of Families Outside, a charity which works with the families of prisoners. Tickets costing £20 will be on sale on Sundays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The ticket price no longer includes your first drink but the usual refreshments will be available to purchase. Please make any dietary requirements known when buying your tickets.

## NOVEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the November issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017** and it will be available for distribution on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk).

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.

### FLOWER LIST

	Provided by	Arranged by
Oct	1 Marion McGrouther	Irene Wilson
	8 Michael Hunter	Val Mannings
	15 Joyce Maclean	Val Mannings
	22 Fiona Spencer	Eleanor Watt
	29 Jennifer Rimer	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
Nov	5 Ian Hastie	Irene Wilson



### ROLL CHANGES

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Mrs Jean Sneddon,  
who died on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

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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.