

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 Water Aid 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 is situated under the pigeon holes in the halls corridor. 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.

Intimations 4th March

1. **9.30am: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (congregation to sit in choir area)**
2. **10.30am: Morning Worship:** All-Age Morning Worship with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: We welcome Revd Dr Margaret Forrester, who will be conducting both services. Tea and coffee will be served in the St Matthew hall after the service.
3. **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.
4. **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'.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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!
8. **Nursing Home Weekday Service:** next service – Wednesday 7th March, 2.15pm at Cluny Lodge. Singers to help boost the singing are appreciated.
9. **Wednesday Coffee Morning Helpers – Rota 2018.** 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.
10. **Church Hall Development:** Please note that there is no access for vehicles in the driveway until works are complete as contractors will need access at all times. Pedestrian entrance to the church halls will be via the glass door on Braid Road only.
11. **March Magazine, Life & Work and Services tapes:** are available for collection from distributors' pigeon holes. Material for the April edition

should be with the editor, Alison Riddell by Friday 9th March so it can be available for distribution on 29th March (Palm Sunday). Contributions may be put in her pigeonhole, by email to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk or posted to the church office at 2 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh EH10 6BQ.

12. **Monday Circle:** Please note the meeting scheduled for Monday 5th March has now been cancelled.
13. **Monday Circle Coffee Morning:** will be held on Saturday 10th March in Braid hall from 10am – 12 noon.
14. **Kirk Session:** Meets on Tuesday 6th March at 7.30pm in Braid Hall. Refreshments available from 7pm. Minutes from meeting of 13.2.18 and Agenda for meeting on 6th March have been circulated by email or are available in the pigeon holes of those who have requested paper copies.
15. **Fairtrade Fortnight 26 Feb – 11 March.** As a Fairtrade Church we are committed to using only Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar any time we serve refreshments on our Church premises. It is also hoped that we will all consider how we can help improve life for the families and communities overseas who produce so much of our food, both essentials and treats. Look out for bargains in your supermarket and try a new Fairtrade item.
16. **Jam and Baking Stall:** Last Sunday's stall made the gratifying sum of £165.65 for church funds. Thanks to all who contributed in any way. The next stall is on 25th March.
17. **Lent Study Group:** The third of our four weekly Thursday meetings is on 8th March at 7.30 pm at the church (St Andrew Room). Tea and coffee will be served from 7pm. The theme is "Finding a Voice", which is a *"Brilliant Lent course for individuals and groups, based on the Oscar-winning film 'The King's Speech'. The purpose of 'Finding a Voice' could be summed up in the words of the King's speech therapist: 'To give them faith in their voice and let them know a friend is listening.'* The course, which offers five group sessions plus weekly material for private reading, uses the film as a discussion starter and relates it to what the Bible has to say about such universal issues as discouragement and determination, fear and friendship, calling and courage". This group is for everyone: you do not have to have seen the film and you do not have to have been to a study group before.
18. **Quiz Night:** come along and enjoy yourself at our annual quiz which takes place on Saturday 24th March at 7pm in the Braid Hall. Tickets cost £5.00- adult and £2.50-child. These will be on sale 4th, 11th & 18th March from members of the Outreach Committee or Church office. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the night.
19. **Next Sunday:**
9.30am: Early Service: (Cluny Hall)
10.30am: Morning Worship. Tea and coffee will be served in the Braid hall after both services.

**Date for your diary: SATURDAY 17th MARCH
'INSIDE OUT'. 10.30 – 3pm, with tea/coffee from 10 am.**

A day in which to step back a little from busy lives and spend some time with God, the wisdom and story of Scripture, and each other, during Lent. Led by Graham Fender-Allison, Worship Development Leader, Mission and Discipleship Council of the Church of Scotland.

Graham writes, 'Retreats don't always feel like they are for everyone. Sometimes, they seem more geared to those of us who enjoy listening to Saints being quoted all day, or who think far too much about techniques for breathing with our eyes closed. Whilst these things can be useful, on this particular retreat, we will explore one prayer exercise that can help us live our life more fully, not escape it; and another which can help us engage with the world we live in, not 'retreat' from it.

Some conversations and journaling will be also used, but you will not be asked to share what you have written, nor to pray out loud in small groups.

That all said, a Saint or two may be mentioned and it would definitely help if we all agreed to breathe.'

Venue: either the Cluny or Braid Hall, depending on numbers.

There is a small cost of £5 for the day, which includes all refreshments and a simple lunch. To register, please contact Jennifer Stark, our Associate, or Fiona Ross (447 5077), and let us know of any dietary requirements. There is also a sign-up sheet on the desk at the entrance to the Braid Hall.

The day is open to anyone interested - bring a friend.