



# Magazine

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We will all remember April 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 for a long time. The Moderator of the General Assembly came to Morningside: Dr Browning came home. He only came home for one day, of course: it will be July 1 before he returns to Morningside to resume his duties as the parish minister. But on April 15 he was with us for our special day.

I have not heard of anyone who does not like the new accommodation. For some people it is the ceiling in the St Andrew's Room which is their special delight.

For others – I think the Moderator included himself in this group – it is the redesigned vestibule (the South Morningside Room) which pleases them most. I particularly enjoy conducting the 9.30 service in the Cluny Hall – although it does demand really good sermons since people might find the excellent view from the large window quite diverting!

What is it all for? All that time and work and energy and money: what is it all for? It will be money well spent if the new accommodation helps us to nourish the life of our congregation in developing

our sense of belonging together and in developing our faith and spirituality in a deeper way.

AND if the new accommodation helps us better to meet the needs of the community around us in ways which they are asking for.



AND if the new accommodation makes it possible for us to care for and to support and to strengthen those outside our numbers who need to be loved and those to whom the name of Jesus seems unimportant.

A friend of mine posted this recently on Facebook:

*Churches that become passionate about people outside their walls will be far more effective than churches that are passionate about keeping the few people they have inside their walls. Better still, you will have a healthier church. We call individuals who are fixated on their wants and needs selfish and immature. Selfless and mature churches will have an impact because of their passion for people God cares about.*

Andrew McLellan

## KIRK SESSION UPDATE

At its April meeting:-

**Data Protection** - a review of data held by the church is proposed to ensure we comply with imminent changes in the Data Protection law.

**Property** - Moira Clark Convenor reported that the variance in temperature experienced in the Braid Hall was largely due to users adjusting the controls.

In future the system will be operated as designed and as is successfully being operated in the Cluny Hall with a basic temperature being maintained. If this is found to be too warm for users they can open the vents to cool the room. Tamper proof controls are being sourced.

**Pastoral** - Doreen Reekie, Convenor, reported that there were currently 8 visitors with a ninth awaiting PVG clearance. More visitors would be welcome.

The afternoon service held in February was attended by 12 people and the Remembering service held in April by 13. Both services were much appreciated. The next afternoon service is scheduled for June.

**Report on Church Hall Development and Sale of Cluny Centre** - The Clerk reported that it is disappointing that there are continuing delays in completing snagging works some minor but some major, not least the heaters in the vestibule, the additional lighting in the chancel, the tiling and banisters at the entrance to the new hall (which needs three consecutive days with temperatures in excess of 5 degrees!) and the reseeding of the grass which must await the proper arrival of spring...

The considerable amount which has been achieved has been achieved with the support of the steering group, the tolerance of the congregation and the assistance of most of the groups who have relocated to new premises or even just new storage.

Especially we should be grateful to the caretakers who have been cheerful and positive and incredibly hard working throughout the whole process.

We have been very fortunate that the capital received from previous generations whether by bequest or sale have enabled us to upgrade our facilities fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

It is now up to us to make best use of them for the promotion of the work of the church...

**Report from Jennifer Stark, Associate for Christian Education and Pastoral Care - School work** - Steve Chaffee and Jennifer were asked back by SMPS to take classroom slots for the P4s on Easter and Palm Sunday. They enjoyed this, and the teachers seemed pleased with their contribution.

The Easter assembly provided an opportunity to introduce Rev. Martin Ritchie to the school.

**'Inside out' day with Graham Fender-Allison.** 12 people attended, allowing everyone to participate fully. There have been many positive comments.

**Lent group: 'Finding your Voice'.** There has been good feedback about the course described as being "enjoyable and informative".

## **'INSIDE OUT' RETREAT DAY, SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**



This day provided a welcome opportunity during Lent to step back briefly from the busy-ness of every day. We were 12 – a good Biblical number! – and were particularly happy to welcome Martin Ritchie and Steve Chaffee from Greenbank Church.

Our guide for the day was Graham Fender-Allison, Worship Development Leader, Mission and Discipleship Council.

We shared a mixture of quiet time and reflecting on some questions and scripture, as well as discussion in smaller groups.

From the informal comments made during the day and after, it seemed that one of the things people enjoyed most was when Graham led us in our imagination through a passage from John's gospel, and invited us to reflect on our experience, and what that might mean for us.

'Graham's relaxed style and being part of a generous group meant the time went all too quickly in the new Cluny Hall. '

'I was struck immediately upon entering by the arrangement of cloth, a Bible, flowers and candles on the floor. It so perfectly distilled my morning and honed my attention in on the moment.'

'I loved the quiet reflection in the company of others.'

'I especially liked the imaginative Bible reading which Graham did at the beginning. The fellowship among the group was good too.'

'Looking back on it, I am struck at how even our lunch break—soups, bread, fruit and cheese - carried on the peaceful calm of the morning.'

'I really enjoyed it, particularly the chance to talk with members of Greenbank, and people from our own church that I didn't know. I appreciated the times of quiet.'

'I had not realised how much I needed a day like this, and am so glad I decided to give it a go.'

Thank you to all who helped organise the day.

*Jennifer Stark*

## **QUIZ NIGHT**



On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, a very successful Quiz Night was arranged by the Outreach Committee.

The Question Master was your genial host, David Calder, and the taxing questions were compiled by Fiona Gossip. Thanks are due to them and to all the people responsible for the catering.

Over seventy people took part in this very enjoyable event and the winning team was 'Ladies in Pink'.

The event raised over £450 for church funds.

Nyria and Keith Bailey

## DEDICATION OF THE NEW HALLS



On 15th April, the sun shone literally and metaphorically when the Moderator of the General Assembly (aka our own minister), the Right Revd Dr Derek Browning made a visit home to dedicate our new halls.

He was accompanied by his chaplains, the Revd John McMahon and Anne Mulligan DCS and his first task was to plant a new cherry tree on the Braid Road side of the building.

This was followed by the service of dedication of the new halls: conducted by our Locum Minister, the Very Revd Dr Andrew McLellan, with prayers from the two chaplains and the sermon by Dr Browning on the subject of 'It is I, myself' which both enlightened and entertained.

### What has been done?

There are new glass external doors at the West and North entrances.

There is now a corridor from the sanctuary to the Cluny Hall which allows disabled access to the sanctuary.

There is a glass roofed corridor leading to the caretakers' station and toilets.

The chancel has had new lighting installed thanks to the generosity of the Friends.

There is new storage accommodation, a fire detection system in the sanctuary, a new audio-visual and sound system and internet access throughout.

The garden has been landscaped.



Robin Stimpson, Session Clerk, makes a presentation to the Moderator's two chaplains.

He was himself given a spade (because he became so well entrenched in the recent project?) and some vouchers from the Session in appreciation of his untiring efforts in overseeing the project.



In his children's address, Dr Browning reminded us of the names of our new halls that call to mind the churches that joined to become Morningside Parish Church.

**The St Matthew Hall** - the original hall for this building.

**The Braid Halls** - completed in 2010 - so named as they face Braid Road and were funded by the sale of Braid Church.

**The South Morningside Room** - the vestibule has been enlarged and can be cleverly adapted by the use of bi-fold glass doors to become a meeting room. From it, the clear glass doors to the sanctuary give an uninterrupted view to the communion table. The stained glass panels, donated by the Monday Circle years ago, are now rehung. There are display shelves and storage.

**The Cluny Hall** - so named as it faces Cluny Gardens and was funded by the sale of the Cluny Centre. This has acoustic screens so that the space can be divided into two meeting rooms. It also has a tea/coffee preparation area cunningly concealed behind a cupboard door.

**The St Andrews Room** - named after its stained glass window - used as the vestry on Sunday and a meeting room at other times with a beautiful ceiling and door panelling made possible by use of a bequest from the late Miss Mary Cowan. The glass ceiling sections allow a view to the transept windows and give the benefit of light from them.

**The church office** is in what was previously the vestry - now refurbished.

The large number of photos, pictures, cradle rolls and war memorials that were in a variety of locations have now been photographed and are in an album that is available to look at in the vestibule.

The congregation was invited to see the new spaces for themselves and all comments were favourable.



The service of dedication was followed by a finger buffet - provided to their usual excellent standard by the Social Committee.

## NEWS FROM JENNIFER STARK, ASSOCIATE

### THIS MONTH WE MEET...MILLY MILNE



1. Tell us three things you'd like us to know about you....

I love swimming, I have a cheeky little brother called Gregor and I am 13.

2. Best or most memorable holiday ever?

My best holiday was when I went to Turkey with my mum, Gregor and my step-dad Neil.

3. Favourite author? My favourite author is Non Pratt.

4. Best book you've read so far? (needn't be by your favourite author)

My favourite book is 'Trouble' by Non Pratt.

5. One thing you enjoy or have enjoyed, about Morningside Parish Church and/ or Sunday Club?

I love that the kids get involved in the service.

6. What's the thing you are proudest of having done so far?

I am very proud of myself for being in the top ten in Scotland for my age group [for swimming].

7. Who's the person you most admire and why?

I really admire my mum and how she juggles everything.

8. If you could do one thing to change the world for the better, what would it be?

I would end all war in the world.

9. Favourite Bible story? (or character?) What's the appeal?

I like the story of the Good Samaritan and the other two men; and how no matter how many people are bad in the world, there will always be someone good in the world.

10. What would you do if you had a completely free day?

I would go on holiday.

### EASTER EGGS ROLLING

Sunday Club and friends enjoying our traditional Easter egg rolling outside the church, with a touch of welcome sunshine!



## **SUMMER LUNCH and AU REVOIR to ANDREW AND IRENE MCLELLAN**

This is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 after the 10.30 service in the Braid Hall.  
Tickets cost £12 and will be on sale on Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June.  
They can be bought from Fiona Gossip, David Calder or Aline Haggart.  
Come along and enjoy the fellowship and an opportunity to thank Andrew and Irene for their work with us - as well as a lovely lunch.

## **SPEAKER SUPPER**

The next Speaker Supper is on Friday, 8th June 2018 at 7 pm in the Braid Hall when the Speaker will be Mr Alan Little who is a former BBC Researcher, Reporter and latterly a Special Correspondent.

Born in Dumfries and Galloway, he was educated at Stranraer Academy before attending Edinburgh University to read History and Politics. His career with the BBC started in 1983 and included reporting from many dangerous but extremely newsworthy regions - from the Middle East to the former Yugoslavia, Africa and Russia. Currently, he is the Chair of the Edinburgh International Book Festival. With such a diverse background there will be many interesting stories related to his work that will be of great interest to us and give us a lot to think about, in the light of his first hand experiences.

Tickets will be on sale on Sunday, 20th and 27th May and 3rd June from Aline Haggart, Fiona Gossip and David Calder or from the Church Office at a cost of £20.00 which does not include your first drink.

Come along and enjoy a lovely meal in good company when the usual refreshments will be on sale.

## **MID WEEK SERVICE**

There will be a short, informal service on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 3.15pm in the Cluny Hall. It is particularly aimed at those who, for whatever reason, find it difficult to attend Sunday morning worship; but everyone is welcome, not just church members but friends, family and the wider community. There will be refreshments and time to meet and chat afterwards. If you would like to attend, or know of someone who might be interested, please let your elder know, or contact Jennifer Stark (Associate), Doreen Reekie or Marie Ogilvie. If you can offer a lift, again please contact Jennifer, Doreen or Marie. Everyone will be warmly welcome.

## **NURSING HOME SERVICES**

Anyone with time to spare on the following dates would be very welcome to come and boost the numbers, and the singing, at the nursing home services, details below:

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm	Cluny Lodge
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 3.15pm	Oaklands
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm	Ashley Court

## **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS – MALE OR FEMALE**

If you are free once every three months and would like to help serve the coffee/tea after the Sunday morning services, please leave your name and contact number in Fiona Gossip's pigeonhole and she will get in touch with you and answer any questions you may have before arranging for your name to be added to the coffee rota.

This is a lovely way to meet and make friends with members of the congregation.

## JUNE MAGAZINE

Material for the June issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and it will be available for distribution on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Please note, this will be the last magazine until September.

Contributions may be put in her pigeonhole at church, sent by post to the Church Office at 2 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh, EH10 6BQ or by email to [editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk).

## ROLL CHANGES

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of  
Harry Frederick Jebesen Moore who was baptised on 18<sup>th</sup> March  
Mrs Ann Ramsay who died on 5<sup>th</sup> April.

## PREACHERS

Dr Browning returns to Morningside Parish Church on July 1. Before then Dr McLellan will not be with us for some Sundays. He has holidays to take; and he has to be at other services on two Sundays. So our preachers will be:

May 20	(when Dr McLellan is at the General Assembly Service): Rev Tony Bryer
May 27	Dr McLellan
June 3	Very Rev David Arnott
June 10	Rev Marjory McPherson
June 17	Rev Dr Scott McKenna, making his last visit to Morningside as Interim Moderator: Dr McLellan will be at Mayfield Salisbury
June 24	Dr McLellan

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our Interim Moderator, Rev Scott McKenna, has recently been awarded the degree of PhD by the University of St Andrews. We send him hearty congratulations.

## FLOWER LIST

	Provided by	Arranged by
May 6	Trudy Ferrier	Joan Burnet
May 13	Marie Ogilvie	Marjory Watson
May 20	Dorothy Rutherford	Ruth Henderson
May 27	Eleanor Watt	Eleanor Watt
June 3	Catherine Leonard	Anne Armour/ Issie Paterson



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