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He is a very minor character - he is only mentioned twice (apart from the mere recording of his name) in the New Testament. But I am sure I would have liked him and I am sure that you would have liked him. His name is Tychicus. Both times he is mentioned the Bible says the same thing about him: *I have sent Tychicus to you ... that he may encourage your hearts.* The one thing that is remembered about this slight figure is that he was good at putting fresh heart into people.

I have found the congregation of Morningside Parish church to be an unusually encouraging congregation. The frequent expressions of gratitude which Jennifer and I receive from people who have received church flowers, the support which I hear regularly for the music of Morningside, the generous Sunday morning comments after worship – these are all signs of a congregation that is good at encouraging. For sixteen months I have been the beneficiary of your encouragement, and that encouragement has made my time with you a real pleasure for which I am very grateful.

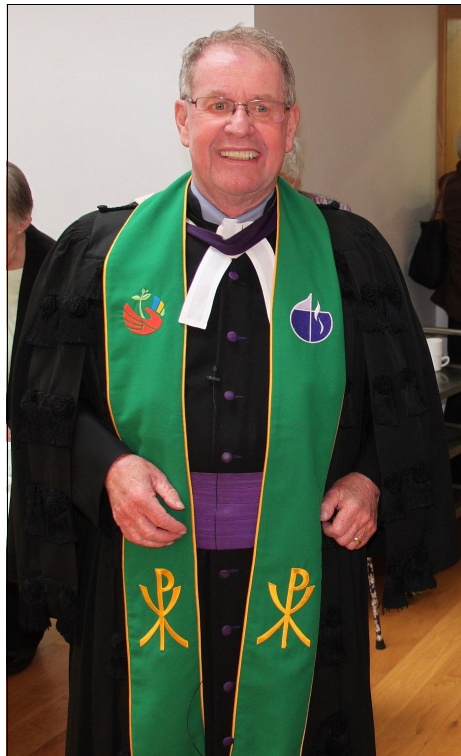
I envy Dr Browning. On 1st July he will return to the life and worship of this encouraging congregation (the other reason I envy him is that he only has to walk down Braid Road to do so!). I was speaking to him the day before I write this letter (which is the day before he

lays down his responsibilities as Moderator) and I know that he is looking forward to being with you again.

So let me offer you a word of encouragement. This might be exactly the sort of encouragement that Tychicus would give to these early Christians, for it is a word of encouragement from the Bible (from the Old Testament, which was the only Bible he knew). Let the

word of God to Joshua as he faced the great challenge of his life be the word of God to you: *Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

Very Revd Dr Andrew McLellan



An enormous thank you to Andrew McLellan and his wife Irene for their contribution to life at Morningside Parish Church over the past sixteen months. He has done so much more than merely 'fill-in' in the absence of our minister during

his Moderatorial year – they have both supported a wide range of social events as well as the regular pastoral work, despite the amount of travel from their home in Dunfermline. Thank you both very much. We wish you well, and hope you will come back to visit us from time to time.

WITH THANKS

I was delighted and felt privileged when Dr Browning first asked me to serve as Interim Moderator at Morningside Parish Church. It is no time at all since I began this task and, incredibly, the end of June seems very near. Time has passed swiftly and I believe this is so because, far from experiencing any difficulties, it has been a real pleasure to work with the Kirk Session, my locum the Very Revd Dr Andrew McLellan, your Associate Jennifer Stark and office secretary Carole Byres.

I attribute the smooth, efficient and courteous proceedings at Kirk Session to the generosity of the Elders, the hard work of the convenors and the enormous and diligent contribution of your Session Clerk, Robin Stimpson. I am grateful to them all.

I wish the former Moderator, the Very Revd Dr Derek Browning, the Session and congregation of Morningside Parish Church every blessing for the future.

Kindest regards,

Scott S McKenna
Interim Moderator

Many thanks to Scott McKenna for his work as Interim Moderator in Derek's absence. While a less visible face than Andrew McLellan in congregational life, we have greatly appreciated his contribution to the smooth running of our Church.

Dear everyone at Morningside

As most of you know by now, I will be leaving you in early July to move to a Ministries Development Staff post at Richmond Craigmillar Church, working alongside Rev. Liz Henderson.

While I am very happy to have been offered the post, and felt genuinely drawn to the church and congregation, it will be a real sadness to leave Morningside and many of the people here. I was also looking forward to working more closely with the new ministers at Greenbank and Fairmilehead, having already developed relationships with the youth associates there; but I'm confident that these links will grow and flourish. Derek hosted a very enjoyable meeting at the Moderator's flat a few weeks back for all of us, which produced some good discussion and ideas (see Fairmilehead's Facebook page for more pictures!)



I'm very grateful to all of you who in different ways have supported our ministry here together and given encouragement and helpful feedback, during a very busy - and interesting! - 18 months. Thanks in particular to Andrew, with whom I have worked closely. And many others. I'll be thinking of you all 'down the road' and wish you and Derek the very best for the future.

Jennifer Stark, Associate in Christian Education and Pastoral Care

We thank Jennifer very much for all her work with our children and pastoral team, and send her our very best wishes for her new post.

Dates for your diary:

MIDWEEK SERVICE

There will be a short, informal service on Thursday 21st 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.

SUMMER LUNCH AND AU REVOIR TO ANDREW AND IRENE MCLELLAN

Our summer lunch will be held on Sunday 24th June in the Braid Hall after the 10.30 service. Tickets cost £12 and will be on sale on Sundays 3rd, 10th and 17th June from Fiona Gossip, David Calder or Aline Haggart.

Come and enjoy the fellowship and an opportunity to thank Andrew and Irene for their work with us, as well as enjoying a lovely lunch.

Come along and enjoy **AFTERNOON TEA** on Saturday 21st July 2018 between 2.30 - 4.30pm in the Braid Hall. Tickets cost £10 and will be on sale on Sundays 1st, 8th and 15th July from Aline Haggart and Fiona Gossip. This is a ticket only event.

If you need transport to and from the Church Hall please let us know when buying your ticket and we will do our best to organise this for you. A lovely afternoon is usually had by all

AUTUMN LECTURE SERIES

The September lecture series, held jointly with Greenbank Church, will focus this year on the theme of **religion and health** from various angles. The lectures will take place in the Braid Hall on Sundays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd September, starting at 7pm, with refreshments available from 6.30pm.

SPEAKER SUPPER

If you are very quick, you may still be able to get tickets for the next Speaker Supper which is being held in the Braid Hall on Friday 8th June at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20 and are available from members of the Social Committee and the Church Office, but **only until Sunday 3rd June** as final numbers have to be given to the caterers.

The guest speaker will be Allan Little, a former BBC researcher, reporter and latterly special correspondent who is currently chair of the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

NEWS FROM MAY MEETING OF KIRK SESSION

The Interim Moderator Scott McKenna advised that he had accepted an invitation to preach as sole nominee for the Parish of Tiree. Subject to the vote of the congregation being positive he would not be planning to move until October. His move would not therefore affect MPC as his role as Interim Moderator would have finished by then.

Data Protection - New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25th May 2018. Arising from this, several issues will require to be taken forward to ensure that we comply with the new regulations.

Communication Committee - Issie Paterson, Convenor, reported :-

Christmas and Easter cards - Printing was now outsourced as the cost in cash was less and it saved a total of eight days of Carole's time. Feedback has been good with those delivering saying that the size and material of the card made it easier to put through letter boxes. It seems that the cards have also been effective in encouraging people from the parish to come to church. Delivery to the 5300 households in the Parish is a large task and the group is looking at ways to involve as many as possible in the delivery of them.

Street event – 22nd September 2018: 10am - 12noon - Last year 300 leaflets were given out between the two venues: Waitrose and the Post Office. This year 350 will be printed as last year they ran out. The 2017 leaflet was more effective than the first one in 2016 in that, although it invited people to the church for Harvest Thanksgiving, it also had printed on the back all the organisations that meet on our premises.

Jam & Baking Stall - This continues to be a successful monthly event. In 2017 with 10 stalls the sum raised for church funds was £1,460 and it seems likely that 2018 will raise at least as much.

Live Streaming - This is the committee's new challenge. The new technology in church makes possible recording or videoing. There remain safeguarding issues that they are aware of (they have received guidelines from the Church of Scotland) and practical considerations that they have still to come to terms with

Health & Safety Committee – Moira Clark, Convenor reported:-

Fire Safety - All of the new fire exit signage is in place along with the sounder system through both the halls and now the sanctuary, with sounders loud enough to be heard over the organ music if required. In due course there will be a fire drill evacuation from the sanctuary to ensure all procedures are in place and correct. Fire drills for users will be on going for the next few months.

Tables - Following discussion it was agreed that any tables required for specific occasions such as Christian Aid, Christmas leaflets etc should from now on not be placed in corridors but, to comply with safety regulations, be sited in a hall.

Staff training - A review of staff training, and any relevant training for volunteers, is being undertaken to ensure that we are compliant with current regulations.

As ever, Health & Safety concerns us all, so everyone is encouraged to advise Moira if there is something that they are concerned about.

Report on Church Hall Development - The Clerk reported that he was disappointed that the contractors John Dennis were not pursuing with sufficient vigour the outstanding snagging items. He had raised the matter with the architects, who had produced a very comprehensive list of snagging items. The matter had been escalated to Director level at John Dennis but action was still awaited

Audio visual work was nearing completion and Wi-Fi was now available in most areas although there may be pockets where reception has still to be boosted. The password is "morningside1".

Associate for Christian Education and Pastoral Care - Jennifer Stark reported that she had been offered, and accepted, a post as community project worker at Richmond Craigmillar church. This is a Ministries Development Staff post. It is subject to references and a medical check, so nothing is finally confirmed yet. She envisages that she would be leaving her post in July to allow a handover on the Moderator's return to Morningside.

Social Committee - Fiona Stimpson, Convenor, advised that the Summer Lunch was postponed until Sunday 24th June which would coincide with Revd Dr Andrew McLellan's last Sunday with us as locum.

Funds raised in memory of Margaret Thomson - Walter Thomson reported that the total sum raised by donations at the church, the crematorium and afterwards and through the coffee morning promoted by her granddaughter Rachel had reached the magnificent sum of £4,680 for the Western General Hospital ward where Margaret had been a patient.

MUSIC NOTES

Time marches on, and already (it seems no time at all since last September) we are approaching the end of another choir "session." Our last Sunday before the summer break will be 10th June. We have been very fortunate once again in our Choral and Organ Scholars, and it will be sad to see them leave: they have given us so much, AND been so pleasant to work with. Perhaps one or two, if they are free to do so, might be persuaded to come back again in September.



Our music scholarships are there thanks largely to the church and the Friends of Morningside, but we, on the music side of things, try to "do our bit" too - particularly in the matter of the summer concerts. It is good to have music in the church of course, especially during EIF; but one of the reasons we hold these is to help fund the music scholarships - indeed so successful were the events last year that we were able to fund TWO extra Choral Scholarships for '17/'18. So please make a note of these for this year, and come along to enjoy some very high quality music-making (if I may be allowed, as one who takes part, to write such a thing!) whilst supporting a very worthy cause. The dates are Wednesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd August, between 1.10 and 1.55pm; and whilst not all details are yet fixed in tablets of stone, one date will definitely be a recital by our young virtuoso Organ Scholar, Will Fielding, while another will be the ever-popular four-hands-one/two-piano(s) concert with Margaret Donaldson and MW. (In case you do not know, the by-now traditional "novelty item" at these piano duet concerts is MW 's singing a song or two - Flanders and Swann, Noel Coward, and so on -; nor will those present be disappointed this year ...)

We hope to see you all there!

M.W.

ROLL CHANGES

Please give a warm welcome to our newest members,
Joshua Andrew Donald Cumming, who was baptised on 29th April,
and his parents, Jennifer & Andrew Cumming .

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of
Mrs Doreen McMillan, who died on 19th April 2018,
George Barns, who died on 21st April 2018,
Richard McKinley who died on 10th May 2018, and
Alexander Howatt who died on 17th May 2018.

MORNINGSIDE PARISH CHURCH
Braid Road
(Church of Scotland, Edinburgh)

FOUR CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

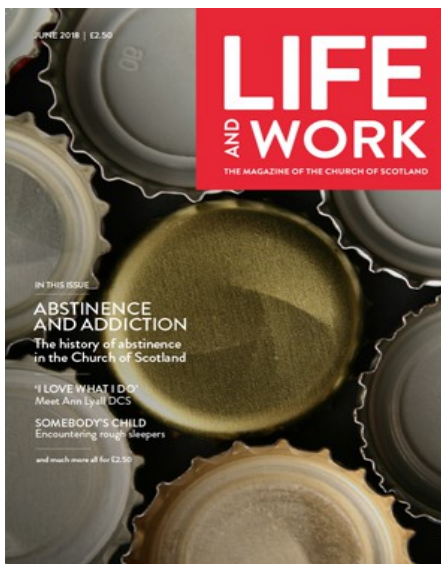
*(for any voice, Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass
are available, worth £1,000 minimum)*

From Autumn 2018 to June 2019

Comprehensive repertoire from Tallis to Leighton

***For further details, please contact the Organist and Choirmaster,
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2 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh EH10 6BQ
(e-mail office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)***

FLOWER LIST			
		Provided by	Arranged by
Jun	3	Catherine Leonard	Anne Armour/ Issie Paterson
	10	Charles & Irene Wilson	Irene Wilson
	17	Forbes & Jean Bowman	Joan Burnet
	24	Hazel Knight	Val Mannings
Jul	1	Rosemary Drysdale	Eleanor Watt
	8	Diane Gaskin Ruddock	Anne Armour/ Issie Paterson
	15	WEDDING	WEDDING
	22	Ian Hastie	Irene Wilson
	29	Marjory Watson	Marjory Watson
Aug	5	Annette & Jim Jenkinson	Ruth Henderson
	12	Fiona & Robin Stimpson	Joan Burnet
	19	Margaret Gossip	Irene Wilson
	26	Moir Forsyth	Val Mannings
Sept	2	Florence Patton	Anne Armour/ Issie Paterson



LIFE AND WORK JUNE 2018

Abstinence and Addiction

Jackie Macadam charts the history of abstinence in the Church of Scotland and examines the continuing work with addicts at home and overseas.

'I Love What I Do'

Interview with Ann Lyall DCS, a deacon who works with the homeless and people dealing with addiction.

Somebody's Child

Stewart Lowe describes his encounters with homelessness on the streets of Edinburgh.

General Assembly

Summaries of reports to this year's Assembly.

Teachers Who Inspire

Ron Ferguson reflects on inspiring teachers and celebrates the 90th birthday of Professor Bill Shaw.

A Change of Mindset

The Very Rev Albert Bogle urges congregations to give permission to change.

The Medicine of Meditation

The Rev Scott McKenna examines the miracle of Moses and the burning bush.

True Holiness

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers explains why holiness is about who we are.

SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the September issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 17th August 2018** and it will be available for distribution on **Sunday 2nd September**. There are no magazines in July or August. Contributions may be put in her pigeon-hole at church, sent by post to the church office at 2 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh, EH10 6BQ (Please note the new address) or by email to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk.

PREACHERS IN JUNE

3 rd June	Very Revd David Arnott – Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
10 th June	Rev Marjory McPherson – last 9.30am service until 2 nd September
17 th June	Rev Dr Scott McKenna (making his last visit to Morningside as Interim Moderator while Dr McLellan is at Mayfield Salisbury) – all-age service at 10.30am
24 th June	Very Revd Dr Andrew McLellan (his last service at Morningside as Locum)
1 st July	Very Revd Dr Derek Browning

The last 9.30am service takes place on Sunday 10th June. They resume on Sunday 2nd September, and the 10.30am that day will be the annual Covenant Service.

GREENBANK CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB will run from Monday 6th to Friday 10th August, 10.00-12.15pm. This year's title is 'Teambuilders'. For all children of primary school age, with games, stories, arts, crafts and more!

To find out more, or to register, see www.greenbankchurch.org/youth/holiday-club/

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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.