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Dear Friends

I wonder what you are making of worshipping in the St Matthew's Hall. The different lay out of the chairs; music from the piano; the proximity of the preacher (and, for the preacher, the proximity of the congregation!); the sense of being in a packed space where you sit more closely to your fellow worshippers and speak to people you may not have spoken to before. It was certainly something on the first Sunday when we used the hall to find we needed to bring in more chairs.

One of the important things about worship is that we need to remember it can and does happen in many places and in many styles. We become accustomed to what we have, and are challenged helpfully or otherwise when 'things are different'. Some find that refreshing whilst others are more unsettled. In the Old Testament when the Jewish people were carted off to exile in Babylon and their beloved Temple was razed to the ground with the rest of Jerusalem, many wondered if God had abandoned them forever. What they found was that God travelled with them into exile. It was a struggle at first, and there was a fear that not only would God forget but that they would forget God. It is why the first

writing down of what we call the Old Testament started at that time, so that the stories people had gathered and shared orally for centuries would be recorded and handed on.

God is worshipped in cathedrals and chapels; during Covenanting times in the C17th God

was worshipped on bare hillsides and remote moors; in the C19th at the time of the Disruption when the Church of Scotland split and the Free Church was formed, Thomas Chalmers, leader of that movement, conducted worship in his house at Churchill, preaching on the first floor landing, every room and stair was filled with worshippers; also during the Disruption people forming the first Free Church in Morningside worshipped in a tent; in the

Highlands, unable to find land to build a church, a boat was used by a preacher as his church, whilst his congregation gathered on the shore to listen to his sermons.

God is worshipped everywhere, and so long as the worship is heartfelt, sincere, passionate and thoughtful, we can be confident that God is well-pleased. Thanks be to God.

Very Revd Dr Derek Browning

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KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session met in June and discussed a number of ideas about how to use the new sanctuary. A small group will be gathered together to think about a timetable of events which will stretch into next year. We hope to be back in the sanctuary in October, and that a weekend of events to mark the dedication of the new sanctuary will take place on the first weekend of November.

- **Stewardship & Finance** - Robert Armour spoke to his circulated paper which highlighted that although the budgeted deficit was £90k, the run rate in the first quarter would indicate annual out-turn would be a higher deficit. At current rates we would use our reserves in 6-7 years. The congregational roll is declining and we are not managing to attract or retain younger members in significant numbers (and we have paused funding for a family support worker). In recent years we have lost some generous donors with the consequent impact on tax recovery. Fundraising activities produce valuable contributions but it appears that really big fund raising events are becoming an overstretch for our finite and ageing volunteer base. A giving appeal was launched in the May magazine and a good response is hoped for. However it is clear that previous appeals have seen a poor response rate with 50 % of regular givers not having increased giving in the past 4 years. He acknowledged that there are a lot of positives to build on; outstanding modern facilities, committed donors, volunteers who are generous with their time and talented and dedicated people. Our reserves will buy us time. He therefore raised the question as to what we should do to follow up the appeal letter - to follow-up donors to review and to encourage non-givers to make a commitment.
- **Report from the Pastoral Assistant** – Jacqui Lindsay proposed that we should

provide an afternoon activity and space that serves the needs of both those with a diagnosis of dementia within our parish and those who care for them by -

Heart for Art - Getting Creative with Dementia (Group size max. 15, Sessions last 2 hrs.) - It aims to promote creativity, self-worth and achievement for people with dementia.

CrossReach runs creative arts groups for people with dementia all across Scotland. These sessions are called Heart for Art. Set up in 2012, it's been bringing joy to people affected by dementia ever since.

CrossReach writes: 'We know from research and our own experience that creativity stimulates conversation, aids concentration and even improves memory retention. With pencil or paintbrush in hand, we see people with dementia expressing themselves freely and finding new ways to communicate. In the company of art tutors and others with dementia, our artists find friendship, purpose and acceptance. Support for families and carers - Heart for Art provides an activity you can do alongside someone with dementia. At the same time, it gives you a chance to take a break or speak to others in a similar situation. You can also get advice from a CrossReach Dementia Ambassador –on hand at every session.'

Anybody with dementia is welcome along to our Heart for Art sessions. It does not matter if you've painted all your life or you're completely new to it. Come along and experience the creativity, companionship and self-confidence that Heart for Art provides.

Forget me Notes: The Forget Me Notes Project is a charity that uses music to build community and combat isolation in a variety of settings. A project that is built upon dementia-friendly values, open to all; seeking to provide environments that are

purposeful, supportive, accepting, empathic, secure, celebratory, and are encouraging of self-awareness and achievement. They provide musical workshops offering an experience where people can express themselves more fully than they might be able to in other environments. Groups would be up to a max. of 12 – 16 depending on volunteer input.

Funding: Aim would be to secure 2 – 3-year funding. Jacqui will undertake the task of identifying possible funding streams and then making applications. She has already spoken to “Go for It” funding who are willing to receive an application from us and have suggested going for small grant initially to run a pilot scheme.

We would suggest a realistic weekly donation from participants but none would be turned away for lack of funds. Jacqui would seek out other sources of funding, giving 12 months to put this in place. After such time, if funding was not in place, we would need to reassess.

Session agreed that this is something we would like to pursue and gave Jacqui the go ahead to develop the idea, to identify funding streams and to begin making applications.

Event: Alzheimer Scotland will deliver a Dementia Friends Information session on Thursday 26th September, 7.30 – 9pm. - A Dementia Friends information session is a free, interactive and informative training course that will provide you with an understanding of how to interact with people who have dementia. Five key dementia messages will be brought to life through a number of activities delivered by one of Alzheimer Scotland’s trained Dementia Advisors. At the end of the session you will become a registered Dementia Friend – you will also receive a certificate and a badge!

Coffee will be provided at 7pm with the session proper starting at 7.30pm and finishing no later than 9pm. Numbers are limited, 20 in all, so places should be booked asap!

AUTUMN LECTURES – FAITH AND ART

The joint autumn lectures that we share with our neighbours at Greenbank Parish Church will begin mid-September and run into October.

This year the first two lectures will be in Greenbank, and the third and fourth lectures will be in our Church. Please note the earlier time for the first lecture, and the later times for the remaining three. Refreshments will be served first, with the lecture beginning half an hour later).

This year the theme will be Faith and Art.

22nd September (6pm for 6.30pm – **note earlier time**) Greenbank, Juliette McDonald

29th September (7pm for 7.30pm) Greenbank, I D Campbell

“Painting Luke’s Gospel”

6th October (7pm for 7.30pm) Morningside, Prof Jeremy Begbie

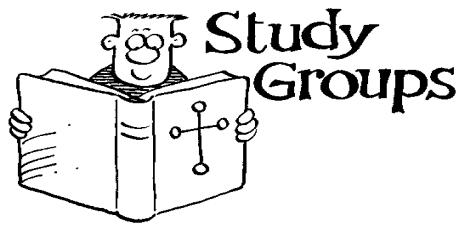
“The Sound of Freedom: Re-hearing Trinitarian Faith through Music.”

13th October (7pm for 7.30pm) Morningside, Dr Deborah Lewer

READING LUKE IN OCTOBER

We're going to try something new to Morningside Parish Church in October!

The Minister is planning to hold a four week reading group where the Gospel of Luke will be divided into four parts and we will look at and reflect on each section across October. We'll treat Luke's Gospel like literature, so the event will be like a book club.



There will be four reading events held in the morning and then repeated in the evening at the following times and dates:

10.30am -12noon (Cluny Hall) or 7.30pm – 9pm (St Andrew Room)

9th (Luke 1 – 6) 16th (Luke 7-12) 23rd (Luke 13-18) 30th (Luke 19-24)

We hope to provide refreshments at these events. The reading groups are open to members of the Church and non-members, in fact, anyone who is interested. You will be expected to have read the parts of Luke's Gospel before the reading group meeting, and come armed with views, questions and ideas about what the gospel is trying to say to us. No biblical or theological knowledge is required – simply good, honest questions.

You can read from any version of the Bible that you are comfortable with, and the pew Bibles from the Church will be available.

To help you prepare:

- Read the section through once, without a break.
- Note down what you remember, and what you are not sure about after this first reading.
- Read the section through a second time, noting down any further questions, ideas, images that come to mind.

People are often nervous about the Bible, and consequently tend not to look at it very often, or if they do, are not sure if it is 'allowed' to ask questions about what they read, or to entertain doubts, or how to respond to the challenges about how we live which the Bible makes. It is a complex book written over a long period of time by different people, and to address different needs and contexts. It is a book that needs to be read openly, questioningly and wonderingly. The Bible poses as many questions as it gives answers, and that is all right. God wants us to engage with the message, and work out what it might mean for us as we live our lives today.

This will be something new to most people, but please come along and give it a try.



CRECHE

During the building work in the Sanctuary, the Creche continues to share the space in the Cluny Hall with the Sunday Club. We have a smaller selection of toys stored in the Cluny Hall during this time. An Autumn Sign Up Genius will be available to volunteer for, with dates starting from Sunday 6th October.

I have taken over the running of the Creche from Marie Ogilvie and thank her for her years of dedicated service. It would be good to have more volunteers in our merry band. If anyone is interested, please speak to me at any time. I can always be found in the Creche.

Evelyn Henderson (07749 059537)

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WORSHIP MATTERS



Harvest Thanksgiving- Sunday 29th September

This year we are going to mark the occasion of Harvest by making a special effort to support, in a more significant way, the Edinburgh South East Food Bank, based at Southhouse Broadway. Throughout the year the Bank benefits from the Congregation's very kind donations, but on Harvest Sunday we are hoping that an extremely large effort, by us all, will produce an extremely large amount of goods that are always urgently required for those needing help.

Items that will be greatly appreciated by the recipients should be non-perishable foods and toiletries. A table will be set up to display the donations and we hope that it will be groaning under the weight by the time all the goods have been collected. As a guide to what is most popular the following is a short list:

- Canned Foods: Meats, Spam, corned beef, ham etc., tuna and salmon, soups, stews, chilli, gravy (dried), and sauces in bottles (tomato, brown and salad cream and mayonnaises), puddings, pies (Fray Bentos for example), tinned vegetables (beans, carrots, peas etc)
- Dried Goods: Soups and soup mixtures, pancake mixes, tea bags, instant coffee, granulated sugar
- Grains, rice, packaged pasta (macaroni, spaghetti), noodles
- Potato crisps
- Peanut butter, jams, syrup and honey
- Bottled Water
- Biscuits including crackers
- Nuts and dried fruits.
- Cereals (Corn Flakes etc)
- Power bars and granola bars
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste [and brushes, but ONLY new ones!], tampons and sanitary pads

We hope that this will help you select some nice things for the people who most need these items. Bring whatever you wish to donate to the Church on the morning of the Harvest Service (29th September 2019) and your item(s) will be collected and put into the display.

In advance of what we believe will be a very successful response, we thank you.

Afternoon Service with Communion- Tuesday 8th October

The next afternoon service will be held on Tuesday 8th October at 3.15pm in the Cluny Hall. This short service will include Communion. A number of people find attending longer services, or services in the morning, difficult for a variety of reasons, so please let people in the congregation know about this service, as well as friends you might like to invite. Tea and coffee are served afterwards, and all will be made warmly welcome.

Refurbishment Work in the Sanctuary

Work to adapt the church sanctuary approved by the Kirk Session to renew heating and lighting, level the floor, and replace the pews with chairs, continues. During the duration of the work, our 10.30am Morning Worship will be held in the St Matthew Hall until the end of September. The Sunday Club and Crèche will be held in the Cluny Hall, and teas and coffee will be served in the Braid Hall. Over the summer months traditionally we only hold one service and this will continue throughout September. The 9.30am services will recommence on Sunday 6th October in the Cluny Hall. We aim to return the 10.30am service to the sanctuary on 6th October too, but given the tightness of the work schedule, and the work to be done to clean the sanctuary, position chairs, unveil the organ and so on, **this service on October 6th will no longer be our usual communion service**, but an 'ordinary' Sunday. **The next Communion Sunday will be in December.**



REUBEN ADDIS

Edinburgh is often said to be like a small village, but for those of you who don't know me I'm here at Morningside for my first placement, training to become an Ordained Local Minister (a minister who is unpaid and part time). During the week I work as a social worker with the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), and will continue to do this as part of my future, dual vocation.

I have been involved for many years in Sunday School and Messy Church, particularly at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church, where I am an Elder. Though it is a little daunting I am delighted to be with you for the next six months, as I begin to learn more about what church is and how it works. I am also delighted to be under the able and experienced guidance of the Very Reverend Dr Derek Browning. I am looking forward to developing my skills in curating and leading worship and in preaching. I ask that you bear with me as I am new to these tasks. Please do feel free to ask me questions – and to give me feedback.

FLOWER LIST		
	Donated by	Arranged by
Sept 1	Fiona Watt	Val Mannings
8	Rena Tough	Ruth Henderson
15	Moira Clark	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson
22	Diane Gaskin Ruddock	Marjory Watson
29	HARVEST THANKSGIVING	Flower Committee
Oct 6	Michael Hunter	Joan Burnett



MUSIC NOTES



I don't know about you, but for me (to start with, at least) summer services seem something of a (semi-)holiday - particularly this summer, when, because of building works in the church, we are holding services in the St Matthew Hall. But as the weeks go by, I DO miss the organ AND the choir. (And the opportunity to play voluntaries...)

However, rest assured that we (organ and choir) shall be returning on the first Sunday in October, 6th, when services resume once more in church. It gets no easier, each succeeding year, to attract Choral Scholars and an Organ Scholar - too many other churches are at the same game! :-; but even so it looks as tho' we have a full compliment once more of Choral Scholars, more-or-less; and there has been a (relatively) large uptake of interest this year in the Organ Scholarship. I still, at the time of writing (16th August), have to hear one more applicant for the Organ Scholarship. So things look fairly healthy once again for the immediate future.

And this might be no bad time to put on record my (and others') thanks to The Friends, the church generally, several very generous individual donors, AND (neither lastly nor leastly) those stalwarts who did in fact attend our summer concerts, for their generosity in continuing to support this scheme so essential to the future of worthwhile church music in Morningside.

M.W.



Morley Whitehead & Margaret Donaldson at one of last year's concerts

A RESPONSE WITH REGARD TO KENNETH LEIGHTON' MUSIC IN CHURCH

For someone with no musical skills but with a love of music, I was interested to read Morley Whitehead's article in the June issue of the church magazine.

Kenneth Leighton may be, to some, a composer who writes a piece of music with all the right notes but not necessarily, for that particular listener, in the right order (as a well known comedian was known to comment)!

Music is so complex and varied that some might jar the ear but when listened to for the appropriate occasion, paints the musical picture in the listener's mind.

To suggest that certain pieces might be disallowed within a church, for whatever reason, is to take away the whole point of music. To be able to hear and decide, within one's own self, whether it is liked, loathed or loved, means all can have the chance to do the same.

Might I suggest a fascinating piece of music which Mr Whitehead played a few years ago and was then played by Dr John Kitchen at the Usher Hall? I had requested this piece to Dr Kitchen, saying that Morley Whitehead had played it at our church, to which he replied that if Morley could play it then he had better give it a try. He later said it had been a hard piece to learn but worth the effort, strange to the ear and slightly dissonant possibly for some listeners!

The piece is Serenade for organ Opus 22 by Derek Bourgeois, and can be found on YouTube.

Sheila H Bulmer

BREAKING THE SILENCE - AWARENESS RAISING MORNING



Four Churches, including Morningside Parish Church, have been working together to discuss how best we might respond to the problem of domestic abuse within our own communities. This event is the first step in exploring this. If you have an interest in finding out more, please do come along on Saturday 7th September.

Domestic abuse affects at least 1 in 5 women in Scotland at some point in their lives. Join us and our expert speakers for a morning of information, discussion and sharing of ideas while we explore the issue of domestic abuse within our communities.

Come and find out more about how we might respond together:

Saturday 7th September, 9.30 – 12.30

Greenbank Parish Church, Braidburn Terrace,
EH10 6ES

If you wish more information please contact
greenbankchurch@btconnect.com

This event is free to attend and all are welcome. If you would like any further information, please get

in touch by contacting Jacqui at: pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

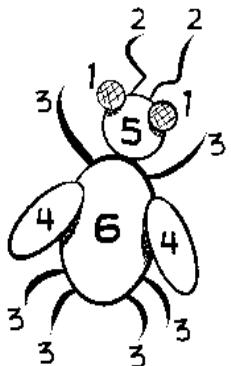
Refreshments will be provided. CPD Certificates available on request.

BEETLE DRIVE

Saturday 21st September at 7pm in the Braid Hall.

Come along and enjoy some fun drawing beetles. Our annual Beetle Drive is open to all ages, younger and older. It is a fun night enjoyed by all. Tickets cost Adult £5 and children £2.50 and can be bought from Fiona Gossip or Kim Milne. They will be on sale Sundays 1st, 8th and 15th September.

Refreshments, coffee, tea and juice and biscuits will be on sale. Come along and enjoy a very sociable evening.



ROLL CHANGES

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of the following members:

Mr Jim McIntosh, who died on 26th May

Miss Morag Mitchell, who died on 2nd June, and

Mrs Anna Darling who died on 16th July.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND CHALMERS LECTURES

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER IN GREYFRIARS CHURCH

The Revd Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin in the Fields Church, London, will give the Church of Scotland Chalmers Lectures in October. Sam is the founder of a movement called HeartEdge. Launched at St Martin-in-the-Fields in 2017, HeartEdge is a membership-based organisation, an ecumenical network of partners and a movement for renewal. The name HeartEdge reflects the group's purpose - for those working at the heart of commerce, culture and community, with those at the margins and on the edge. Through joining the network, churches are supported in finding their stories, share resources and connect with others developing their church and community.

Dr Wells said he was looking forward to visiting Greyfriars Kirk and discussing the future direction of the church. "What kind of church do we need to become if we are to face the challenges and take the opportunities of the years ahead?" he asked. "I'm going to be looking at what it means to see culture, commerce and compassion as out-workings of congregational life, and sources of growth for the church in faithfulness as well as numbers. The lectures are called 'A Future Bigger than the Past' because I want listeners to rediscover a sense that this is a great time to be the Church and God is sending us everything we need to do the work of the Holy Spirit."

A Future that's Bigger than the Past

The six Chalmers Lectures being delivered by Dr Wells throughout the autumn at Greyfriars Kirk in Edinburgh from 6pm-8pm are:

1. For Such a Time as This: Locating the UK Church in a global and gospel story – Tuesday 17 September
2. Investing in the Kingdom: Taking money beyond the benefactor and the steward – Wednesday 18 September
3. Minding God's Business: Realigning commerce and Church – Thursday 19 September
4. Entertaining Angels Unawares: How God renews the Church through the stones that the builders reject – Tuesday 1 October
5. Let All the People Praise Thee: How the Church may be part of a cultural renaissance – Wednesday 2 October
6. On Earth as it is in Heaven: Towards a vision for the renewal of congregational life – Thursday 3 October

The Chalmers Lectures at Greyfriars Kirk are open to the public, free to attend and will be held each evening between Tuesday 17 September-Thursday 19 September and Tuesday 1 October-Thursday 3 October at 6-8pm. For those who are unable to attend in person, the lectures will also be live-streamed through the Church of Scotland website and available in audio format.

HeartEdge Conference, 2-3 October

In October there will also be a two-day conference, held in St Cuthbert's and St John's churches in Edinburgh's West End. **HeartEdge Annual Conference in Edinburgh** Noting that the HeartEdge conference will overlap with the October Chalmers lectures, Dr Wells said: "I'm especially thrilled that the invitation to explore the theology and significance of HeartEdge has coincided with the second annual HeartEdge conference in Edinburgh. "It feels like in the evenings we'll be proposing the theory and during the days we'll be exploring the practice. What a wonderful model of Church."

The conference offers a practical, two-day intensive of ideas, theology and connecting, which is being jointly hosted this year in St Cuthbert's Parish Church and St John's Episcopal Church in Edinburgh. It includes workshops on enterprise and commerce, launching cultural projects, developing congregations and sustaining community response, plus time to make connections and find encouragements. Alongside Dr Wells, contributors will include Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, Rev Rosie Addis, David Bradwell, Very Rev Dr Derek Browning, I.D. Campbell, Rev Peter Sutton, Rev Scott Rennie, Rev Fiona Smith, amongst many more.

"How do we reach out with compassion to those on the edges of faith and life, and what do we learn from them when we get alongside them?" asks the Very Rev Dr Derek Browning. "What does our faith and our experience of life challenge us to explore and to share? How do we take our faith and put it into practice so that it might make a difference for good? HeartEdge asks all of these questions, and suggests, in context, some of the possible answers."

A one-day ticket starts from £40 and a two-day ticket starts from £80. Your ticket includes lunch and refreshments across the course of the day. Further details on the HeartEdge section of the St Martin in the Fields website. <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/ODYyLTEz/t>

SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA

Morningside Parish Church's Braid Hall was the venue for the Social Committee's annual Summer Afternoon Tea which took place on Saturday 20th July. The weather for the event was perfect with lots of sunshine ensuring a warm temperature.

For several weeks before the event, Aline Haggart and Fiona Gossip had actively promoted the event successfully selling 54 tickets in the process. On the day, 51 people attended and enjoyed a most delicious and well-presented meal.

As with all successful events, a huge effort had been put into preparing for this afternoon tea. The wide selection of fresh sandwiches, scones, pancakes and cakes on offer were all home-made and prepared by Fiona Stimpson and her superb baking and catering team. The quality of the afternoon tea was excellent with plenty of delicious food on offer.

During the afternoon tea, some helpers from the Social Committee worked in the kitchen ensuring that a constant supply of hot tea and coffee was available while a second group of helpers attentively served the tables and looked after all the needs of the guests.

The delicious food on offer and the professional manner in which the event was organised by Fiona



Stimpson and her team ensured that everyone attending it had a marvellous afternoon, left with happy memories and are already looking forward to the 2020 afternoon tea.

Bob Cunningham

Many thanks also to those who contributed in any way to another very successful **Summer Lunch** at the end of June. If you were not there, you missed yourself!

THE MONDAY CIRCLE

Welcome back for a new session of The Monday Circle starting on 7th October 2019. We meet on a Monday at 7.45pm in Morningside Parish Church Halls. We are looking forward to seeing our existing members back AND new members will be most welcome.

Here are the dates and topics for the new session.

2019

Oct 7 Irene McLellan Journeying together

(This talk is about a joint project between The World Mission Project and The Guild, to empower teenage mothers in Zambia's capital, Lusaka, allowing the girls back into education, training and life skills which will help to give them and their children a better chance in life. The project will support these mothers over the next 3 years and beyond.)

Oct 21 Ann Orr Wojtek, the bear

Nov 4 Sandy Boyle Mills on the Water of Leith

Nov 18 Charles Burnett Historical Journey

Dec 2 Tbc Chocolate

Dec 16 Members' Christmas party

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Jan 6 Maggie Shearer Orkney

Jan 20 Sandy Walton Tiphereth

(Tiphereth is a charity based in Colinton for Young Adults with Special Needs doing gardening etc.. They sell e.g.logs, compost to the public)

Feb 3 Henry Meeking Further Travels

Feb 17 Neil Fraser Morningside – Architectural History

Mar 2 Katie Taylor Dovecot Studios

Mar 16 Kim Ritchie Search & Rescue

(Based on work in East Lothian)

Mar 30 AGM

Apr 6 Members' meal

Anna Cunningham, Magazine secretary

HELP WANTED!

On Saturday 21st September between 10am and midday, we need people to help staff a stall either outside Waitrose or the former Morningside Post Office, in Morningside Road, to distribute leaflets with details of our Harvest Service and all the activities which take place in the Church and Halls. If you would be willing to give an hour of your time on a Saturday morning, please sign the sheets which will be available at Church from Sunday 8th September or contact Isobel Paterson.

OCTOBER MAGAZINE

Material for the October issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by Friday **20th September** 2019 and it will be available for distribution on Sunday 6th October. Contributions may be put in her pigeon-hole at church, sent by post to the church office at 2 Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh, EH10 6BQ or by email to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk. Reports and photos of events that have taken place as well as forthcoming attractions are welcome, and early submissions are always appreciated!

CHURCH WEEKLY EMAIL

For those of you already receiving the Church magazine electronically, you may also be interested in 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 weekly update, or to receive the magazine by email, please email the Church Office (office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk).

My Nanie's Awa'

Now in her green mantle blythe Nature arrays, And listens the lambkins that bleat o'er the braes, lawn While birds warble welcomes in ilka green shaw; But to me it's delightless - my Nanie's awa.	Thou lavrock that springs frae the dews of the The shepherd to warn o' the grey-breaking dawn, And thou mellow mavis that hails the night-fa', Give over for pity - my Nanie's awa.
The snawdrap and primrose our woodlands adorn, And violets bathe in the weet o' the morn; They pain my sad bosom, sae sweetly they blaw, They mind me o' Nanie - and Nanie's awa.	Come Autumn, sae pensive, in yellow and grey, And soothe me wi' tydings o' Nature's decay: The dark, dreary Winter, and wild-driving snaw, Alane can delight me - now Nanie's awa.

by Robert Burns

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and 10.30am (throughout the year). Other services as announced.

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