



# Magazine

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Dear Friends

As the years go by, the number of funerals I take for women and men who saw active service in World War Two grow fewer and fewer. Taking any funeral is an honour, but I have found it fascinating to learn something of the lives of those who served. As I look back I remember... I remember a man who had served with a Commando Unit involved with the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp; I remember a man who was a skilled diver, who had dived into the Atlantic from his convoy ship to save the life of a comrade whose ship had been sunk by a U-boat. I remember a man who, around D-Day, steered his ship left and right to avoid German-fired torpedoes. I remember a woman who worked in the twilight of Bletchley Park, decoding. I remember another woman who had supervised the meal preparations for Hermann Göring and other senior Nazi figures at the Nuremberg Trials.

To meet these people in their later years, very little if anything would have given away their past. It was even more astonishing to realise that all of them would only have been in their twenties during the War. In their later years, all one saw was the grandparent, the

church elder, the home economics teacher, the everyday person.

As we look at the War Memorials in our Church, the guise of familiarity and ordinariness is there before us, but the courage and service is hidden in plain sight. As poppy wreaths are laid at our memorials, and countless others around the country, we bring to mind the memory of those who died during the wars, and now, all these years later, we add to that memory the recollections of those who survived the conflict, but who also have now died.



Christian faith has near its heart acts of remembrance, most notably the Sacrament of Communion. We share the bread and the wine,

almost casually, often failing to see the act of sacrifice and courage that lies at its heart. Remembering, whether on Remembrance Sunday, or at Communion, is about the putting back together again the fragments of memory and history that go to make up the bigger story, so that we might learn, honour, and *never forget what has been done for us*. Often by very ordinary people determined to make a difference, so that the world might breathe freely.

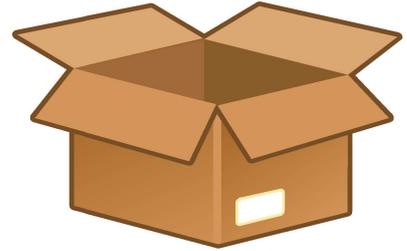
Very Revd Dr Derek Browning



We are delighted to report that appointments have been made to fill all three vacancies. Philip McPhail is our new caretaker, Alex Bleck is our new church officer and Jan Goulding is our new church administrator. You may recognise Jan as she has been helping out in Carole Byres' absence. All are due to join us within the next month, and may have started by the time you are reading this so please look out for them and give them a warm welcome.

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### **GIFT SERVICE FOR EDINBURGH CLOTHING STORE (SC039409)**



After last year's amazing response to the Gift Tags for the Edinburgh Clothing Store when over 200 items were given, Sunday Club has asked that we do it again. For those who weren't at the service or who cannot remember what happened, here is a reminder.

On the three Sundays before the Gift Service on 8<sup>th</sup> December, labels will be put on the new console tables at the back of the Church. On each label, it will state an item of clothing which is especially needed for a boy or girl of a particular age.

If you would like to support this venture, take one or more labels and have the fun of buying the article(s) on the label(s). There will be a range of items, from a pair of socks to a winter jacket, so you can choose what you would like.

On 8<sup>th</sup> December, please bring what you have bought, **unwrapped**, to the front of the church where Sunday Club children and Clothing Store helpers will receive the gift(s).

These gifts will then be issued over the following weeks to children who are referred to the Clothing Store for help. So far this year we have seen a record number of children.

The delight you gave to every recipient of a new article of clothing was wonderful to see. A small gift from you can make a huge difference to a child in this city who has very little.

Thank you very much in advance.

Fiona Stimpson

### **WEDNESDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS PARCELS**

For many years, the members of Morningside Parish Church have generously donated parcels at Christmas to the men of the Wednesday Club which Santa delivers at their Christmas Party following the Telephone Choir Concert in the Church.

Gift tags will be available for collection from the Church alongside the ones for the Clothing Store on the following Sundays: 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019. Gifts for the Wednesday Club should be **gift wrapped** and returned during the Gift Service which will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Charles Wilson, Wednesday Club Coordinator

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## WORSHIP MATTERS

### Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10.45am

Our annual Remembrance service will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. There will be no 9.30am service on this day.

### 9.30am Services in the Cluny Hall

The 9.30am services will resume on 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Cluny Hall. These popular half hour services look at the same theme as the 10.30am service, but with a slightly lighter, more thought-provoking, touch and the use of responsive readings and prayers. If you've not been before, why not come along and have a different worship experience. Tea and Coffee are served in the St Matthew Hall after the service.

### Communion

Our next Communion Sunday will be on 1<sup>st</sup> December (Advent Sunday). The 9.30am service that day will be held in the chancel area of the Church. All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at either the 9.30am or 10.30am service. The theme will be, 'Watch'.

### Advent evening service with John Bell, 6.30pm, 8<sup>th</sup> December

The popular hymn writer and worship leader, the Revd Dr John Bell, will be leading an evening service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. His theme will be, 'Unusual Christmas Trimmings: Celebrating Advent in Story and Song.' John's inclusive and encouraging approach to worship has gained him admirers and supporters across the world. Please come along and take part in what will be an enjoyable and thought-provoking evening.

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## ROLL CHANGES

Please give a warm welcome to new members

George and Evelyn McHollan



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

Alex Hannah, who died on 21 September 2019

Margaret Anderson, who died on 10 October 2019

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## CLUNY CENTRE UPDATE

For those who are interested, a planning application has now been granted to turn the Cluny Centre into seven flats. Details of the plans can be seen on the City of Edinburgh Council website, planning reference 19/01998/FUL .

## **A GIFT TO THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

The work of Morningside Parish Church has been assisted greatly by many generous gifts in the Wills of members of the congregation and adherents.

Please remember that a gift to the Church in your Will is exempt from Inheritance Tax as the Church is a registered charity.

**An important part of our funding comes as a result of gifts left in people's Wills.** *These are key to augmenting our members' regular giving and enable us to carry out the on-going work of our congregation.* Such gifts play a huge role in our work within the community and in maintaining and upkeep of the fabric of Morningside Parish Church. A recent example of this is Miss Mary Cowan's legacy for the St Andrew room ceiling.

**If you have already made a Will:** If you have already made a Will, but would like to leave a gift to the Morningside Parish Church, you can do so by making a simple addition to your existing Will. This is called a codicil. By adding this supplement to your Will, you can include new instructions and delete old ones without having to go through the task of revoking the whole Will.

**If you have not already made a Will:** If you do not have a Will at the moment, you may need to see a solicitor who will give sound professional advice and ensure that your wishes are achieved.

**Please don't think the gift that you may leave has to be large** – every gift makes a valuable contribution to the ongoing life of Morningside Parish Church. For example, this is reflected in the income generated from the investment of legacies received over past years.

***What better way to say thank you for the support, personal memories and enjoyment over the years than to allow our members in the future to share them?***

## **THE OPEN DOOR**

Could you please help? The Open Door, which is supported by Morningside Parish Church, needs someone to take minutes at their Board Meetings. It's not particularly onerous but it makes a huge difference to the efficient running of its Board Meetings. The current Minute taker is standing down after three years. Board Meetings are usually held about eight times per year and currently take place on a Monday afternoon at 420 Morningside Road.

**Please contact Euan Murray, who is our representative at The Open Door on 07702 092174 or [euanmurray@me.com](mailto:euanmurray@me.com) for more information.**

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

***When thinking how we might answer the question, “Who is my neighbour?”***

Based on the 2011 Census statistics, if Morningside were a parish of 100 people...

6 people would be in primary school

4 people would be in high school

32 people would be aged between 25 and 44

16 would be aged 65 or over

76 would be of working age

55 have a University degree

32 work full time

8 are retired

65 would describe themselves  
as ‘White – Scottish’

3 would describe their health as bad or very bad

7 would be providing unpaid care

23 would say they belonged to the Church of Scotland

11 would say they were Roman Catholic

10 would say they were a Christian of a different denomination

3 would say they were of a different faith

53 would say they had no religion or did not state their religion.

**If Morningside were a village of 100 households:**

40 households would consist of one person, 14 of whom are aged 65 and over

21 would have dependent children (aged under 16, or under 18 in full-time education)

29 would be in rented accommodation

68 would have access to at least one car or van

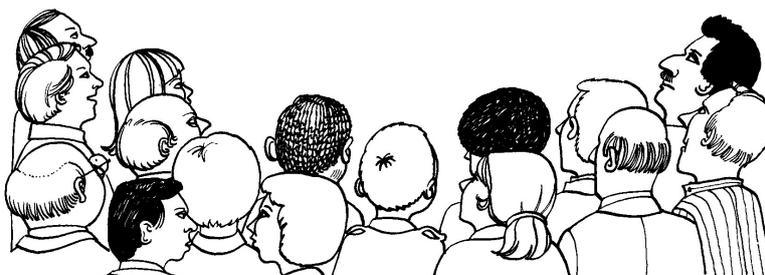
10 would speak a language other than English in the home

3 would be income deprived and receive certain benefits or tax credits

12 would have been prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis in the last year

There would have been 2.7 recorded crimes of violence, sexual offences, domestic housebreaking, vandalism, drugs offences, and common assault.

3 would be living in a household with no central heating.



## OUTREACH CHARITIES

Following careful consideration by the Outreach Committee and debate at Kirk Session, it has been decided that we will no longer have a 'floating' third charity which changes every two years. It was felt that Morningside Parish Church should be our third charity. It is hoped this will help, in some small way, to reverse our deficit position.

We have also come to the difficult decision to move on from supporting Scottish Love In Action (SLA). SLA has played an integral role in our Church fundraising efforts for the last eighteen years and the charity has changed vastly from the initial cause we chose to support. Although their current efforts are very much necessary, it was felt that we should look to 'get back' to the original ethos behind our overseas fundraising - a grass-roots project trying to protect educational needs, provide life skills and help with future employability.

It was with this in mind the Outreach Committee presented 'The Pad Project' (TPP) to the Kirk Session for approval and I am pleased to say it was met with overwhelming enthusiasm.

Due to insufficient sanitary products, young women and girls across Malawi and Zambia miss up to a week of schooling every month. TPP has been set-up to provide women's groups across these countries with the tools and materials to make reusable sanitary towels and container bags in an attempt to keep these girls in school all year round. Unemployment amongst the young is high in these countries so it is imperative that their education is complete.

We are hoping the Charities founder, Marion Tasker, will be able to join us in Church soon to provide us with more details as to their work and progress.

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## MONDAY CIRCLE

The Monday Circle meets on Mondays at 7.45 in the Braid Hall, Morningside Parish Church. Everyone is most welcome.

Nov 4	Mills on the Water of Leith	Sandy Boyle
Nov 18	Historical Journey	Charles Burnett
Dec 2	Chocolate	

Anna Cunningham, Magazine secretary

**GAMES AFTERNOON -  
EVERYBODY WELCOME!**

We plan to run a games afternoon on: **Monday 11th November, 2 - 4pm in the Cluny Hall.**

All the old favourites will be there (including Doreen and Jacqui 😊); scrabble, dominoes, backgammon, draughts, chess with maybe a few surprises thrown in for good measure.



If you are free that afternoon, why not join us, you will be made most welcome. We'll have some light refreshments to go with the good company and hopefully some good fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

**If you have any games gathering dust at home that you would be happy to donate, please leave them with Stevie, Jacqui or in the church office.**

**FLOWER LIST**

	Donated by	Arranged by
Nov 3	Ian Hastie	Irene Wilson
10	REMEMBRANCE	Marjory Watson
17	Penny Graham	Anne Armour/ Issie Paterson
24	June Cowan	Joan Burnet
Dec 1	Catriona Reid	Eleanor Watt



The new flower list for 2020 is now available on the vestibule noticeboard. If you would like to supply flowers one Sunday, please put your name and phone number against your chosen date. Unfortunately, because of rising prices at the flower market, the cost has had to be increased to £45. Cheques should be made payable to 'Morningside Parish Church Flower Fund'. If you are a UK taxpayer and can give by Gift Aid, please fill in one of the Gift Aid envelopes or advise me if you have registered with the Gift Aid Convener. Monies can be given to a member of the Committee, put in the Flower Committee pigeon hole or sent to the church office.

Irene Wilson

## DECEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the December issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by Friday **15<sup>th</sup> November** 2019 and it will be available for distribution on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)).

### Coat

Sometimes I have wanted  
to throw you off  
like a heavy coat.

Sometimes I have said  
you would not let me  
breathe or move.

But now that I am free  
to choose light clothes  
or none at all

I feel the cold  
and all the time I think  
how warm it used to be.

*by Vicki Feaver*

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Join us for worship on Sundays at 9.30am (normally September to June)  
and 10.30am (throughout the year). Other services as announced.