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Dear Friends

At the end of October/beginning of November is the season of All Saints or All Hallows. Many cultures across the world have seasons where they remember and honour their dead. It mixes so many things: holding in mind people who were dear but who have died; coming to terms (or not) with the loss that bereavement brings; acknowledging mortality; placating 'spirits' who may not be at rest. I suspect it is not coincidence that the events of this season fall at the time when the days shorten and the nights lengthen and the world feels colder.

In the Christian Church feasts and services can be traced back to 4th AD. But there has been a need to commemorate the dead from the beginning of history: Pyramids in Egypt, burial mounds in virtually every ancient human society.

Remembering lockdown times, it was a struggle for all of us who lost loved ones to find ways to mark a death when restrictions made it so difficult. I will never forget the moving and upsetting funerals I took at crematoria where the only people present were the crematorium attendant, the undertaker, and me, no matter how many were watching online.



As faith eddies and flows in society, people struggle more with what to do about death. It's not always appropriate to have a 'celebration' of someone's life. It is not always inappropriate to cry. Each death comes in different ways and with its own particular circumstances.

The season of All Saints, and the Remembering Service we hold in our Church on the Sunday after Easter, beyond funeral services, gives an opportunity to look back and remember the people we have loved and lost. All that was good, and all that was less than good, and we may see where they fit happily or unhappily into our lives, and the difference their living may have made.

A hymn I always like to include during this Christian season is, "For all the saints". We sing it to the tune, *Sine Nomine*, which means, 'without name', perhaps a reference to the fact that at this time of year we can remember

saints both named and unnamed who have affected life, and made a difference. For the good they have done, and the lives they lived, we give thanks.

Very Revd Dr Derek Browning

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WORSHIP NOTES

Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday is on 13 November. As usual there will be no 9.30am service that day. Our main service will be in the Church at 10.45am.

Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be shared on Sunday 4 December at 9.30am and 10.30am.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The church has decided to imitate what other churches have done in previous years and have a Christmas tree festival. It is intended as an open day when the community can come and see our buildings and also as a fundraiser for the charities our church supports: The Pad Project, The Edinburgh Clothing Store and ourselves.

We hope to have fourteen trees which different church and community organisations will decorate to publicise what they do and maybe collect a few new members.

The trees will be on display between 10 am - 4 pm on 10th, 12th, 13th and 14th December. There will be no entry fee but people will be invited to make a donation.

Rona McLaren is in charge of a craft stall we hope to have to increase the proceeds.

The Communication Group had the idea, the Outreach Committee clearly has a central role and others have joined us.



HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS?

We need to ensure the Gift Aid Declarations we hold reflect, where at all possible, your current address. If you have changed address during the past, say 10 years, would you kindly contact the Free Will Offering & Gift Aid Convenor, Euan Murray, to make sure that the Gift Aid Declaration he holds for you is up to date? That would be most helpful, thank you.

Euan can be contacted either by phone on 07702 092174 or by email to euanmurray@me.com.

From **SILENT HEROES – ORDINARY PEOPLE IN TIMES OF WAR**

In 2004 the Very Revd Dr John Miller, minister of Castlemilk, and a former Moderator of the General Assembly, collected a number of interviews he had with the ordinary women and men of his parish who recollected their war-time experiences, and those of their families. As those generations began to die out, John knew it was important to record these memories. Most reflections on the manner in which war affects human affairs are written by those who have held command. Here, however, are the front-line experiences of the rank and file, and the wartime lives of working-class men and women on the home front.

In 2003 Agnes Wilson lived in Castlemilk in the house to which she and her husband and her father and her brothers moved in 1955. She was the centre of the life of her family and grandchildren. She recalled the outbreak of war.

I'll never forget the morning war broke out. I was just getting ready to go to Church. My mother had gone to the dairy to get something. I could hear her from three stairs up. I knew she'd gone out to the dairy, and the next thing I heard was sobs and greets from my mother, 'That's my sons, that's my sons!' She had five sons. My Da had been in the First World War, and she had lost her twin brother Andrew – he'd been drowned in it...My Da had been wounded in the left leg, just as my brother John was to be wounded in the next war. My Da always had a sort of limp. It was the calf of his leg. He was always a carter, and in the army he was with the Scottish Horse. He loved horses, my Dad. There wasn't a lazy bone in his body: he was a hard-working man. 'Where there's a will there's a way,' he'd say. Then he worked in the tyre company over at Inshinnan, up at all hours of the morning. I'm awful proud of my family I must say.

He'd sometimes speak of the war as we grew up. My mother would always tell him to stop. But if he got a drink on a Saturday night he'd sing. And he'd take me...and he'd tell us about the war. The hard biscuits they got, and how they'd say to each other, 'We'd be as well eating them for we don't know if we'll be here tomorrow. Then he'd sing wee songs...

All my brothers were volunteers, every one of them. I'm so sorry for women that's got all sons. It's no' easy if you've a family of sons, where war is concerned. I used to cry myself to sleep each night. I'd shed tears for my mother's sorrow. My nights were spent writing letters to them: my mother would get me to write to them all. Oh, war's a terrible, terrible thing...

There's an awful lot of memories that were bad. You put them away to the back of your mind. It's as if you were putting it in a drawer or a cupboard and shutting the door on it.

But I can always mind the joyous feeling when peace was declared...

All my life there's been war. I don't know if there'll ever be a time without war. Man seems so greedy for power. It's about greed and power...It's not Jesus who's wanted this war, not His fault. I think Jesus is up there breaking His heart over what men do to each other. All through those times you always prayed to God to keep your brothers save, and to give your mother strength to bear it all. For where else would we get the strength to bear all these things?



OCTOBER KIRK SESSION

From its meeting in October

Presbytery Reform: A 40% reduction in ministries is being sought across the whole Church of Scotland. Presbytery's interim report had suggested a union of MPC with Reid Memorial. As reported at the last Session meeting, the latest iteration of the Presbytery plan suggests that Fairmilehead, Greenbank and St John's Colinton Mains enter into a union served by two full time Ministers with MPC joining this group initially in a "Parish Grouping and in due course a Team Ministry or Union".

Since then, there has been a meeting between representatives of Presbytery and the Moderator, the Clerk and Robert Armour where we indicated that this proposal was more acceptable as we had for many years shared activities with Greenbank (GB) and to a lesser extent Fairmilehead (FMH).

We did however consider that it would be beneficial if all four congregations started work on establishing the future shape of ministry in the grouping and it was agreed to hold a meeting of the Ministers and Session Clerks of the four congregations. This had taken place the previous evening, when it was agreed that the four congregations would establish some form of grouping or union sharing the resources of the three full time ministers, the four sets of buildings, and building on the respective strengths of each congregation.

It was thought that, together, these resources could develop the work of the church in the area. It is suggested that this approach recognises "the existing dynamic between the congregations and also their willingness to work out a solution together. A specific framework will be agreed by the first annual review of the Mission Plan (likely to be December 2023) and will include a greater integration including the number of Kirk Sessions".

At the September meeting of Presbytery an opportunity had been given to raise questions

and express concerns but no decisions were taken on the content as presented which then had still to identify the buildings to be retained or disposed of. At the October meeting of Presbytery, building designations had been added. MPC, Greenbank, Fairmilehead and St John's Colinton Mains have all been given 'A' (retain) status.

The Draft Presbytery Plan with any amendments including proposals relating to buildings will be discussed at the November Presbytery meeting with the hope that it is approved at that meeting, and fully signed off by the deadline of December 2022. There is an extra meeting of Presbytery scheduled for any further discussion and decision if necessary. There remains the possibility that a congregation could appeal Presbytery's decision but only on procedural irregularities. Full *implementation* of any approved plan is not required until December 2025. It was pointed out that although agreement might be reached as to the proposals, the real test will come later and whether the proposals can be successfully implemented

Outreach Committee: Kimberley Milne, Convener, gave a report on the work done by the committee and the funds raised over the year. It had been difficult as we continued to emerge from lockdown, but we looked forward to a number of events in the coming months which might include this year the Edinburgh Clothing Store coffee morning and annual clothing drive at the end of November and the Christmas Tree Festival in December. In 2023 events hoped for included a quiz night in February, a Daffodil tea in April, a Beetle Drive, and a return of the Speaker Suppers.

Property Committee: Moira Clark, Convener, reported on works being planned for the manse, and the ongoing and complex problem of resolving water ingress in the south aisle.

Review of the Roll and Elders' Districts: Fiona Stewart, Roll Keeper, reported on the ongoing work about the review of the shape,

size and number of elders' districts. This was reviewed by the Kirk Session every ten years or so to take into account the movement of members of the congregation, and the numbers living in each district.

Stewardship and Finance: Euan Murray, Free-Will Offering and Gift Aid convener, reported that he would be cycling around the parish and members of the congregation to deliver the new blue free-will offering

envelopes by the end of October. He was thanked for this considerable effort.

Post Lockdown changes - the Moderator advised that the Scottish Government and Church of Scotland have removed *all* lockdown restrictions. As a Kirk Session we have responsibility in deciding what arrangements we wish to have in place locally. These would be reported separately in the Sunday intimation sheet and in the Weekly Email.



HARVEST APPEAL

Once again, the Congregation of Morningside Parish Church has excelled itself, and managed to beat their record of donations (produce, toiletries and household cleaning items etc. included) to the South East Edinburgh Foodbank, by a staggering 26%, to a magnificent total of 305.5kg – a truly wonderful achievement, of which all involved should be justifiably proud.

Many also contributed by making financial donations direct to the Foodbank, and these were equally recognised by the Co-ordinator as a massive help to their hard work in keeping people in need fed and supplied with the basics of sustenance.

Sincere thanks to all those who donated, helped take in the produce, display it, stack it, store it, and to those who transported it. In real terms our efforts will go a long way to ensuring the continued support to those most in need.

Thank you.



EDINBURGH CLOTHING STORE UPDATE

2022 has proved to be another busy year for the Edinburgh Clothing Store.

At the end of January, we were told that 88 more Afghan refugees were coming to Edinburgh and we were asked to provide them with essential warm clothing. The volunteers were wonderful and the Clothing Store was opened specially on several extra days to make up bags filled with appropriate clothing for these individuals and families. The Church's retiral offering at the end of February was very much appreciated and went towards the cost of the new clothes which had to be bought for the refugees.

Until the beginning of September, we continued to operate as we had done since the re-opening after the first national lockdown i.e. on receiving a referral from a caring agency, we phoned the clients at a pre-arranged time to find out what they needed, their style, and colour preferences and most importantly their correct sizes! A time was arranged for them to collect the bags which had been made up for them. This worked but it was much more difficult and took longer to do than when we saw clients face to face and they were able to choose for themselves what they liked.

Happily, on 1 September we started to offer face to face appointments once again. We still offer the option of an online appointment if the client would prefer that and some who are housebound or live a distance from the Clothing Store still choose that option. However, the majority are very pleased to come to choose their own clothing, bedding, curtains and towels.

The Store was quieter, as usual, in July and August but referrals increased again in September and since the beginning of October the phone has not stopped ringing!

We have had clients saying that what they have been given is "better than their wildest dreams" and "it feels like Christmas". Comments like these make the volunteers feel good but we know that we could not offer as much support as we do if it was not for the wonderful support given by members of the Church. Therefore, as always, we say an enormous thank you to all of you who, by giving clothes and/or money, help those in our community who are in the most desperate need in these particularly hard times.

EDINBURGH CLOTHING STORE WEEKEND

Saturday 26 November – Coffee Morning

The Edinburgh Clothing Store (Charity Number SC039409) is holding its 10th annual Coffee Morning – with a variety of stalls – on Saturday 26 November from 10.00 am-12.00. For the first time it will not be held in the Braid Hall but in the Sanctuary.

Coffee and cream scones will be served at tables in the centre of the Sanctuary with stalls around the perimeter. This will provide more space and height.

Tickets priced £5 for adults and £2 for children can be bought from ECS helpers or at the door. Please come and enjoy the first such event in the Church and meet up with friends from across the city while supporting the Clothing Store.

We have not been able to have a Coffee Morning since 2019. We have therefore not been able to raise vital funds. With the cost of living rising, at the same time as our income has fallen, we must make this event a huge success.

Please help us make this both very enjoyable and very successful.

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Sunday 27 November – Gift Service

By popular demand the Gift Service at 10.30 am is again to be for the Edinburgh Clothing Store. The congregation has been extremely generous in its donations to the Clothing Store at the last four Gift Services. The volunteers who run the Clothing Store have been extremely grateful for the generosity which has been shown both by the donations of new clothes for children and donations of money.

We anticipate that the need for warm winter clothing for the most needy and vulnerable in our community will be even greater than usual this year.

We will return to the method we used before Covid. On the two Sundays prior to the 27 November labels will be laid out on two tables at the back of the church. Each label will have an item of clothing and the age of the boy or girl to whom this item will go. If you would like to give a gift, we are offering 4 options.

Option 1 – Please take one or more labels

Buy an appropriate item or items

Attach the label or labels

Bring on Sunday 27 November before the 10.30 am service to the table below the pulpit

PLEASE DO **NOT** WRAP YOUR GIFTS

Option 2 - If you cannot come to church on 27 November but can on the 20 November, bring your gift to the box below the elders' pigeon holes.

Option 3 - If you cannot come to church on either Sunday, contact Fiona Gossip who is once again very kindly willing to collect items from your home. She can be contacted on 07850 338 908 in November from Monday – Friday between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm or email her at fiona.gossip@outlook.com.

Option 4 - If you prefer not to go shopping, cash or cheque donations are also most welcome. Please make cheques payable to The Edinburgh Clothing Store and send to 7 Greenbank Crescent. If you wish to Gift Aid your donations, include a note with your name and address and post code. State that you are a UK taxpayer and sign the note.

I cannot tell you how much difference your generosity has made in the past and how excited the children are to receive new clothes which they really need. This year, more than ever, there is a great need.

Thank you very much in anticipation.

Fiona Stimpson



WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS



As many of you will know, the Coffee Mornings run on a Wednesday morning are now an essential part of our Church's Outreach into the community. Many of you will also have experienced the warmth of welcome, and the friendliness of those who attend. Indeed, it is safe to say that all round it is a joy to be part of, whether you are from our Church or have just popped in on passing to enjoy a bit of conviviality.

What you may not know is that these joyful occasions have been going for almost twelve years, having been started on 3 November 2010 by Doreen Reekie and Norma Ronald. This means that Doreen has been managing The Rota of volunteers, arranging to make the teas and coffees, dealing with all the volunteers and generally ensuring that the enterprise runs smoothly, efficiently and effectively, for all that time (Covid restrictions excepted). Poor Norma passed away several years back and Doreen has been doing everything herself since - a huge undertaking and a huge commitment.

The time has come, however, for her to hand the reins over to new blood. Lesley Murphy and David Calder have agreed to take on the management role to ensure that the sociable Wednesday Coffee mornings can continue as a part of our Church's weekly calendar. We are certain that Lesley and David will be able to make a good job of it, despite the bar being set so high by Doreen. Their style may be different, their recruitment campaigns more vigorous but, hopefully, their management will allow things to proceed seamlessly.

David and Lesley will start very shortly after Doreen officially "retires" so look out for their appeals and support their efforts to maintain the level of joy that has been so evident for the past twelve years.

We had a couple of surprise visitors at a recent Wednesday Coffee Morning. (No, not Jacqui...)

Two of our local community police officers joined us to introduce themselves and to offer us some literature on home security.

PCs Wong, McKendrick and Neilson will be making further appearances at the Wednesday coffee mornings and will be on hand to provide crime prevention literature and advice to attendees.

After the visit PC Wong sent through the following helpful advice:

As we are approaching the busy festive period and experiencing darker nights, it is a good time to review security of your home. Things to consider:

- Do you keep your keys in sight of a window?
- If you have an alarm, do you use it every time you go out or is it zoned?
- Have you recorded the serial numbers for all of your electrical equipment?
- Are your valuables easily accessible?



Have you uploaded your photos to the cloud or on to a hard drive?

The following tips could help prevent you and your house from being targeted by opportunistic criminals:

- Ensure your locks are tested to British Standard or meet the needs of your insurance company.
- Keep doors and windows locked, especially if out of view and/or on the ground level.
- Keep car keys secure and hidden at all times.
- If you are out whilst it is dark, consider fitting light timers or leaving a light on.
- Fit and use outside security lights, either motion-sensor or dusk to dawn – this type comes on automatically when it is dark.
- Window locks should be fitted where appropriate and used all the time. Do not leave the key in the lock.
- Mark all electrical equipment with an ultraviolet marker pen.
- Hedges or trees at the front of the house should be trimmed or cropped so as not to provide cover for thieves.
- Laptop computers and mobile phones are favourite housebreaking targets and should be locked away or removed from view. Add tracking software to smart phones, laptops and iPads to aid in the recovery of these items.
- Consider investing in a safe or strong box for storage of cash and valuables. A safe should be securely fixed to the fabric of the building. Any cash held in a safe should be kept there only for a short time.
- Consider installing an intruder alarm system. More information can be found on alarm systems and monitoring at www.nsi.org.uk or www.ssaib.org. The alarm should always be activated when going out, even if only for an hour.
- Secure your shed and outbuildings. We recommend Secure by Design products.
- Don't leave tools or objects in the garden as these can be used by the thieves to force entry into your home.
- Consider using a shed alarm, for sale at a number of police stations or online.
- Consider joining Neighbourhood Watch Scotland.
- If you have a bicycle, use a good quality gold secure padlock when left unattended. If you store your bike in the shed, we recommend using a ground anchor.
- We do not recommend you buy goods or services from any doorstep callers. Politely say no and close the door.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously near your premises, please contact the police immediately with as detailed a description as possible of any person or vehicle involved. **Please call 999 if an emergency and urgent police assistance is required or 101 to report the matter to the police.** You can also report anonymously to registered charity Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

For further advice contact your local police station or visit <http://www.scotland.police.uk/> or <http://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/>.

ROLL CHANGES



Our very best wishes to Marion McRae and William Scott on their marriage on 8 October 2022.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of

Mrs Helen Saunders who died in May 2021

Mrs Norma Sutherland who died in March 2022

Miss Christine Rutter who died in September 2022

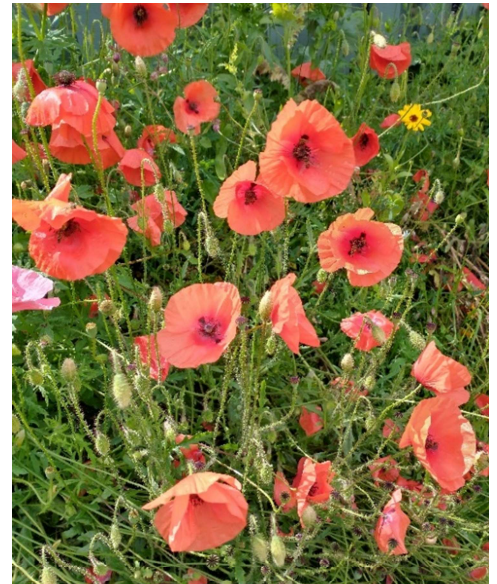
Mrs Janette Moore who died on 22 September 2022;

Mrs Val Dunn who died on 28 September 2022

FLOWER COMMITTEE

The flowers in November have been donated and will be arranged as follows:-

		Donated by	Arranged by
Nov	6	Ian Hastie	Irene Wilson
	13	REMEMBRANCE	Eleanor Watt
	20	Penny Graham	Liz Munro & Penny Graham
	27	Karen & Alastair Keil	Karen Keil
Dec	4	Liz Clapham	Anne Armour & Issie Paterson



The new flower list for 2023 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. The cost remains at £45. Cheques should be made payable to 'Morningside Parish Church Flower Fund' or payment can be made by bank transfer if preferred. 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 clearly marked for the Flower Fund. Please contact me direct on 0131 449 2866; e-mail: irene_a_wilson@btinternet.com if you require details to make a bank transfer.

Do you have a talent for, or would like to try your hand at, flower arranging? You will have noticed over the past year that the majority of our displays are now in vases as opposed to the pedestals we used previously. We are always delighted to welcome new members to join our team - men are also welcome if they have an artistic flair. If you would like to join us, or want to come along and see what it entails, please come and speak to myself or any other members of the Flower Committee on a Sunday morning. Training and guidance can be given if required.

Irene Wilson, Convener - Flower Committee



Morningside Hope



Upcoming dates for our dementia friendly project.

Music and Memories in Morningside

2- 4pm in the Cluny Hall

November: Monday 7 & Friday 25

December: Monday 5 & Friday 16

Exercise Classes for those with dementia and their carers/partners.

The class itself will last 40-45 mins and will be followed by tea, coffee and the chance to chat.

Monday Afternoons in the Cluny Hall, 2-4pm

November: 14 & 28

December: 12

Games Afternoon: open to **everyone**, these afternoons are a chance to meet up with friends old and new, play our favourite board games, jigsaws etc. and have a coffee and a catch up. They will run once a month on a **Wednesday Afternoon.** 2-4pm

November 23

December 14

Wednesday Coffee Mornings are back!

It has been lovely to welcome back old friends and new to our Wednesday coffee mornings. Every Wednesday, 10 – 11.30am in the Braid Hall, please do join us, you will be made most welcome.

Dementia Friendly Concerts

Chamber Choir

The fourth concert in our series will be on Saturday 26 November at the later time of 3.30pm and will feature the Chamber Choir from George Heriot's School.



This Dementia Friendly Concert will last around 45 minutes followed by refreshments in the hall and a chance to meet the players. Entry by donation, all welcome!

Interested in attending? Please come along to any of the above, you will be made most welcome.

Interested in volunteering? If you would like to help with any of these activities please get in touch, we're going to need a lot of willing hands to enable this exciting project to happen.

Or simply **interested in finding out a little bit more**, just contact our Pastoral Assistant, Jacqui Lindsay on: 07834 364 628 or e mail: pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

MORNINGSIDE HOPE CONCERTS



At the end of September, we had a good audience for our latest Dementia Friendly concert featuring a string quartet with former string players from the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland. The friendly and excellent musicians introduced themselves to the audience and highlighted all their music with insightful and often humorous observations.

The musical combination of 2 violins (Sarah Rimer and Lindsay Pell), viola (Rachael Smart) and cello (Jane Rimer) filled the church with a beautiful and richly mellow string sound well suited to the church acoustic and surroundings. The audience was delighted to witness and enjoy such a fine performance.

The wide ranging and inclusive programme ranged from Baroque classics to Jazz, with a lovely traditional Scottish encore. The concert started with a lively JS Bach Brandenburg Concerto and gently contrasting Air on a G String and concluded with Elgar's romantic Salut d'Amour with some popular Pachelbel, Mozart and Cole Porter included. Atmospheric Loch Lomond was a fitting encore and some gentle background singing and foot tapping could be heard.

The musical chat continued over popular refreshments where the quartet was in attendance. Many thanks to the excellent catering staff, the staff and volunteers from Morningside Parish Church including Phil, the Tor Foundation, Douglas Paterson (photographer), Derek Browning for his welcome and, of course, the talented String Quartet and Michael, their sound engineer.

Our final dementia friendly concert this year will be choral based and is on Saturday 26 November at 3.30pm (note the change of time). It will have a Christmas theme and feature the illustrious Chamber Choir from George Heriot's School, followed by seasonal refreshments. Please join us if you can - we are so grateful for audience support.

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HEART FOR ART TRAINING DAY

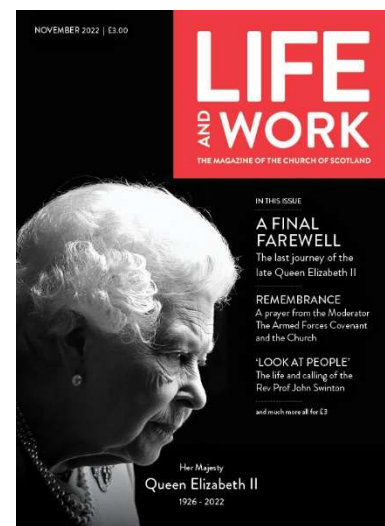
Ten of us attended the Heart for Art training day on 6 September. The day was led by two people from CrossReach; Paula Pinda, an art therapist who heads up CrossReach's Heart for Art initiative, and Lynda Wilson, one of their dementia specialists. The morning was given over to dementia training and awareness and the afternoon saw us both looking at and participating in how we can get creative with dementia. We all really enjoyed the day and learned a lot and we are looking forward to this part of our Morningside Hope project starting soon.

If you would be interested in volunteering with Heart for Art or would just like to find out a bit more, please contact Jacqui Lindsay on: 07834 364 628 or e mail at: pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk



LIFE + WORK

Subscription forms for next year's Life & Work have been forwarded to all current subscribers. For those who wish to take out a subscription for the first time, forms are available from the Church Office. The annual cost is £42 and further details are given on the form. Please note the forms must be returned no later than 10 November.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL KNITTING PATTERNS

Stocking

Abbreviations: kfb - Increases: knit into the front and back of the next stitch.

The top of the stocking is moss stitch. It is started at the bottom and is in 2 colours.

Cast on 18sts on straight 3.75mm needles.

Work 1 to 23 rows in either one colour or 2 rows of alternate colours for a striped effect.

Row 1: p (18sts, WS)

Row 2: [kfb] x 18 (36sts)

Row 3: p (36sts)

Row 4: k (36sts)

Rows 5 to 8: rep rows 3 and 4 twice (36sts)

Row 9: p (36sts)

Row 10: k10, [k2tog] x 8, k10 (28sts)

Row 11: p (28sts)

Work rows 24 to 34 in different colour for top of stocking

Rows 24 to 25: k (22sts)

Rows 26 to 28: p (22sts)

Row 29: [k1, p1] x 11 (22sts)

Row 12: k10, [k2tog] x 4, k10 (24sts)

Row 13: p (24sts)

Row 14: k10[k2tog] x 2, k10 (22sts)

Row 15: p (22sts)

Row 16: k (22sts)

Rows 17 to 22: rep rows 15 and 16 three times (22sts)

Row 23: p (22sts)

Row 30 [p1, k1] x 11 (22sts)

Rows 31 to 34: rep rows 29 and 30 twice (22sts)

Cast off all sts.

Making up: to make the stocking, fold the knitted piece in half lengthwise and sew the side edges together. Sew the cast on edge together along the bottom. Fold over the top edge to finish the stocking.

Make stocking loop - using a crochet hook, crochet a single chain 9cm long, then bind off. Sew the ends of the chain to the top of the stocking to make the loop or using a strand of yarn if you cannot crochet.



Large stars

Abbreviations: qd = quadruple decrease - slip the next 3 stitches as if to knit 3 together, knit together the next 2 stitches on the left needle, one at a time pass the 3 slipped stitches over the knit 2 together.

(knit 2 to make one star) Using 3.5mm needles and double knitting yarn cast on 75 stitches loosely using long-tail thumb method

Row 1: k5 (qd,k10) to last ten sts, qd k5,
(55sts)

Row 2: purl

Rows 3: k3, (qd, K6) to last 8 sts, qd k3
(35sts)

Row 4: purl

Row 5: k1, (qd,K2) to last 6 sts, qd k1,
(15sts)

Row 6: purl

Row 7 (s1 two tog k1, pssso) to end Five
stitches.

Cut yarn leaving a 20cm tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle, pass through remaining sts, fasten off securely.

To make up: Sew along small end seams to form star shape. Place 2 Stars WS tog and sew around outside leaving a small gap for stuffing. Ease stuffing into star, pinching points into shape. Sew up gap.

DICKON FELL introduces himself:

I'm Dickon, one of the choral scholars singing bass in the choir this year. I'm living and working in Edinburgh for the foreseeable future, having just finished my master's in applied maths at the University of Edinburgh in August. I've been a musician all my life - from a young age I was given lessons in piano and singing, and later on the double bass.



I was awarded Grade 8 Singing in my last year of school, where I was also active member of the chapel and chamber choirs. Since going to university I have played double bass in numerous symphony and chamber orchestras, most recently as principal for the University of Edinburgh. In this time I have also been teaching myself jazz. This motivated me to learn the electric bass, which I currently play in a big band. I am excited to add being in the choir at Morningside to my current roster of musical projects and looking forward to see what the rest of the year holds!

We hope to have introductions from other choir scholars in next month's magazine.

DECEMBER MAGAZINE

Material for the December issue of the magazine should be with the editor, Alison Riddell, by **Friday 18 November 2022** and it will be available by Sunday 4 December. Please email your contributions to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk. Please note that there is no magazine in January.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS *William Walsham How (1823–1897)*

For all the saints, who from their labours rest;
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought
fight;
thou, in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are
strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array
the King of Glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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