

Intimations 19th March 2023

- 9.30am Early Service in the Cluny Hall; 10.30am Morning Worship**, including the Sacrament of Baptism, where Finlay William Charles Page will be baptised. The theme will be: This is the one. Teas and Coffees will be served in the St Matthew Hall after both services.
- We give thanks for the life of Isobel Allan.** A funeral service has been arranged for Thursday 30th March, 2.30pm, in the small chapel at Mortonhall Crematorium. Please remember her family in your prayers.
- Morningside Hope:**
Music and Memory in the Cluny Hall, 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshops will be on 20th and 24th March, 3rd and 21st April.
Heart for Art workshops for those with dementia and their partners. Held every Tuesday in the St Matthew Hall, 11am – 1pm
Gentle Exercise Class in the St Matthew Hall, 2 – 4pm, with the exercise class lasting 40 – 45mins. The next workshops will be on 27th March, and 17th and 24th April.
Games Afternoon 2-4pm 19th April. Board games, coffee and chat!
- Morningside Hope Afternoon Concert with Morley Whitehead, Organ and soloist:** Saturday 25th March at 2pm. Dementia Friendly with teas and coffee afterwards. Entry is free and donations are welcome. For further information contact Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364628 or email pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk
- Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** The next stall is on 26th after the 10.30 service when we'll be grateful for contributions to support our own church's funds
- Believing and Belonging:** Would you like to explore, or re-explore, some of the questions of faith and doubt, what it means to be a Christians, or ask questions that have always been on your mind about what Christians believe but never quite got round to it? The Believing and Belonging series might be for you! A thoughtful and reflective four evening gathering in March, on Wednesday 22, 29 at 7.30pm in the St Andrew Room.
The broad topics for study:
But what about...?
Belonging to the Church
Open to anyone and everyone, come along if you're interested, or if you know someone who might want to take their questions about faith further, let them know. Contact the Minister for further details. T 0131 447 1617, email derek.browning@churchofscotland.org.uk

7. **Pastoral Skills, An Introduction: running over two evenings, Tuesdays 21 and 28 March 2023**
Caring for one another is the responsibility of each and every one of us and so we are offering a brief introduction to Pastoral Skills running from 6–9.30pm each evening, hopefully starting with a light supper. The training will be hands on/experiential in nature and the aim, to make it an enjoyable experience for those attending. There is no charge for the training and CPD certificates will be provided. To book your place or chat more about the course, please contact Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364 628 or email: pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk
There is a maximum of 16 places on the course and it is open to anyone interested in finding out a bit more about pastoral care, without the necessity of making any commitment, beyond the course itself. The course will look at topics such as:
- Communication & listening skills.
 - Self-awareness & self-care
 - Boundaries and why they matter.
 - Dementia
8. **Lent 2023: Time for a change? Transfiguration today. Tuesdays 21st and 28th March. 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm)** Before the Church leaps into Lent and its darker faith colours and thinking, there is a Sunday that is called Transfiguration Sunday. It sets Jesus with two of His disciples on a mountaintop and affords us a view of what Jesus might look like in glory. He is *transfigured* or *changed*. The Church of Scotland is currently going through a time of change as every level of our Church, local, regional, and national.
The Minister will be leading two studies at the manse (20 Braidburn Crescent, EH10 6EN) which will reflect on the ideas of change and transfiguration in the Church and in our lives today. More details about the content of the studies are in the March Church Magazine and will be included in a future church email.
9. **Nursing Home services:** services have resumed after lockdown. It is helpful to have ‘singers’ boosting the hymn singing. If you can help you will be most welcome. The next Ashley Court service is on 29th March. The next Cluny Lodge service is on 5th April at 2.30pm.
10. **Clocks go Forward!** Please remember to move your clocks forward by one hour next Saturday.
11. **Next Sunday 26th March, Passion Sunday.** 9.30am Early Service in the Cluny Hall; 10.30am. The theme will be: Washing your hands. Tea will be served in the St Matthew Hall after both services.

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In the Event of the Fire Alarm sounding: Please take a few moments to make yourself aware of the fire exits in the Church. Should the fire alarm sound during the service please evacuate the building using the nearest safe fire exit to you. If you are able, please assist those around you to evacuate. Elders will be on hand to direct you once outside the building.

Sunday Service live-stream: the cameras for the live-stream of the church service go live at around 10.15am. One of the camera shots is of the front half of the Church. If you do not wish to appear in the camera shot, please find a seat in the back half of the Church.

Sunday Contact: if you become aware that there is a problem with the Sunday service broadcast, please phone – 07712 118033 or email a.bleck55@outlook.com.

A Time for Change - Charity begins at home! The loose change offering supports our chosen charities, the Edinburgh Clothing Store, The Pad Project, and our own Church. Please consider giving silver coins as well as coppers. Simply drop the bag of change in the collection on Sunday or the Church post-box at the door by the office through the week.

Intimations: if you wish to have intimations included in the weekly sheet, please email these to the Church Office by Thursday 1pm at the latest.

Baby and Toddler Group: our regular group meets on Mondays, 10am – 11.30am, in the St Matthew Hall. It's a great space for the youngsters, and well equipped with toys. Coffee and tea for the adults too. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

Be a good neighbour: many Church members, elders and visitors, along with the Minister, Pastoral Assistant, are keeping in touch with people by telephone or email. Face-to-face visiting is now available by arrangement with the Ministerial team. Everyone is encouraged, where possible, to keep in touch with neighbours, friends, and family, whether they are Church members or not. If there is anything you wish to pass on to the Ministerial team, please contact them as soon as possible.

Financial Giving to the Church: Please keep up to date with your financial giving via standing order or direct debit or save your envelopes and other financial gifts and bring them to church. **Increase regular donations: please** consider instructing your bank to increase your existing standing order if you are able. Cheques can be posted to the Church Office for processing.

If you would like to make a one-off donation, please use the new 'Donate' button on the Church website.

Your continuing, or increased, generosity is very important. It enables so much to happen in and around our Church. **Thank you.**

Wednesday Coffee Morning: in the Braid Hall on, 10am – 11.30am. We look forward to seeing you and your friends. If you need any further information or wish to volunteer to join the Rota to help then please contact either Lesley Murphy (mobile: 07981 265308) or David Calder (mobile: 07702 835961).

Weekly Church Email: The email is available weekly for members and non-members alike. This will be one of the regular means by which you can keep informed about what is happening at the Church. If you would like to receive the email, please let the church office know and we can add you to the mailing list: office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

Morningside Parish Church Website and Facebook: the website www.morningsideparishchurch.org.uk has details of services and sermons and information about the Church. You can also 'like' the Morningside Parish Church page on Facebook. This will be one of the regular means by which you can keep informed about what is happening at the Church.