

Intimations 26th March 2023

1. **9.30am Early Service in the Cluny Hall; 10.30am Morning Worship.** The theme will be: Washing your hands. Teas and Coffees will be served in the St Matthew Hall after both services. Please remember to make a donation.
2. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** It's the last Sunday of the month so there's another opportunity to support our stall in the St Matthews Hall during coffee after the 10.30 service
3. **The April edition of the Church magazine and Life and Work are available today from the pigeonholes.**
4. **Believing and Belonging:** The last discussion is on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm in the St Andrew Room. The topic will be: *Belonging to the Church*
5. **Lent 2023: Time for a change? Transfiguration today. Tuesday 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 is leading the next study 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 are included in the church email.
6. **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.
7. **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 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, 17th and 24th April.
Games Afternoon 2-4pm 19th April. Board games, coffee and chat!

8. **Holy Week and Easter: 3rd – 9th April 2023:** The joint Holy Week services with Greenbank Parish Church will be held, this year, in Morningside Parish Church. We will be following the story of Jesus' last days in the Gospel of John. Services will be held at 7.30pm. Monday to Wednesday the congregation will be seated in the chancel area. On Thursday to Saturday the congregation will be seated in the nave. On Maundy Thursday there will be communion as part of the service. On Good Friday there will be choral input from the choirs of Morningside and Greenbank who will sing an introit and anthem during the service. On Holy Saturday there will be a service of readings and music. A time of quiet reflection and anticipation.
Easter Sunday is 9th April. On Easter day there is no 9.30am service in the Cluny Hall. We traditionally have one gathered congregational service at 10.30am in the Church, where the theme will be, An Everlasting Love. Children and young people meet in Church as usual before going through to the Braid Hall.
Easter refreshments will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the service.
9. **Easter Dawn Service invitation:** Last year the folks at Liberton Kirk were encouraged to hold a Dawn Service at the trig point/viewpoint at the top of the Braid Hills. The service was very short - no more than 15 minutes, but it attracted a couple of dozen people, and was very well received. This year they hope to do this again, meeting up at the Braids Driving Range car park at 5.45am, and walking up the track that runs behind the gold course for a dawn service at 6.15am at the top.
10. **Remembering Service Sunday 16th April 2023:** On Sunday 16th April at 3pm in the Church we will hold our annual Remembering Service. Our Remembering Service is open to everyone in the Church and in the wider community who would like to come and sit quietly at this simple, reflective service, which will last for around half an hour. During the service there will be an opportunity to write names on stars and attach them to our Remembering tree which will be placed beside the communion table. Please let friends, neighbours and family know that the service is taking place and invite them to attend if they would like. We will serve tea and coffee after the service.
11. **Afternoon Spring Service at Greenbank Sunday 16th April 2023:** On Sunday 16th April at 3pm, Greenbank Church will hold a short, dementia-friendly spring service. Tea and home bakes will be served afterwards. All are welcome.
12. **Next Sunday 2nd April, Palm Sunday.** 9.30am Early Service in the Cluny Hall; 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme will be: The Lord has need. 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.