

Intimations 14th April 2024

1. **Today: 14th April. 9.30am Early Service; 10.30am Morning Worship.** Theme, Opening your minds. Tea and coffee after the service in the St Matthew Hall. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Remembering Tree:** beside the communion table you will find the remembering tree – with some stars – for you to write the names of loved ones you miss, or situations you would like to have remembered in prayer.
3. **Beetle Drive:** Please come along and have a fun night at our Beetle Drive on Saturday 20th of April at 7pm in the Braid Hall. All are welcome. Tickets will be on sale today from David Calder and Fiona Gossip. Adult tickets are £5 and children's tickets are £2.50. Tea, coffee, and juice will be on sale during the interval. We look forward to seeing you there and bring your friends. All monies raised will go to our three charities.
4. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** The stall on Easter Sunday raised the astonishing sum of £310 - though that includes £20 raised by the 'Count the eggs on our outdoor tree' competition. By two stalls we have raised enough for seven new tables so have no doubt that we'll reach our goal. However, should anyone want to speed the process, they are welcome simply to donate the cost of a table which is £80.
5. **Weekly Church Email and Church Magazine:** The email is available weekly for members and non-members alike.; the Church Magazine is available monthly. These are regular means by which you can keep informed about what is happening at the Church. If you would like to receive the Church Email or Church Magazine by email, please let the church office know and we can add you to the mailing list: office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk
6. **The April Church magazine and Life & Work** are available for collection and distribution today. The deadline for items for the May Church magazine is Friday 19th April.
7. **Life & Work:** In 2024 Life & Work magazine launched a series called Presbytery Focus. The forthcoming May issue will feature the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian. If you would like to order a print or digital copy of the magazine (£3.50 and £2.99 respectively) please visit the website www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe.
8. **Morningside Hope: Music and Memories** in the Cluny Hall, 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshops will be on Friday, 19th, Monday 29th April.

Heart for Art workshops for those with dementia and their partners. Held every Tuesday in the St Matthew Hall, 11am – 1pm.

Gentle Exercise Classes, followed by tea and coffee, at 2pm on Monday 15th April.

Games Afternoon, on Wednesday 17th April 2-4pm.

9. **The Ponies are Coming!** Tuesday 16th April, 2 - 4pm, St Matthew Hall. The therapeutic benefits of spending time with animals have long been understood; being with animals does us good. With that in mind, we have arranged a very special visit from some therapy ponies, giving us a chance to pet, feed and generally enjoy the company of these gentle, gorgeous animals. Tea and coffee will be served at 3pm. Entry is by donation; all donations will go towards our Morningside Hope Project.
10. **Nursing Home services:** It is helpful to have ‘singers’ boosting the hymn singing at these services. If you can help you will be most welcome. The next Ashley Court service is on 24th April at 2.30pm. The next Cluny Lodge service is on 1st May at 2.30pm
11. **Stewarding at the General Assembly:** Stewards have a vital role at the General Assembly to ensure the safety and comfort of those attending. Stewards provide a friendly welcome to the Assembly Halls, ensure the security of proceedings by checking passes, are alert to security threats and disturbances and have a responsibility to ensure the safe evacuation of the Assembly Hall if this is required. Individual shifts last for three hours and volunteers can select the day or days upon which they would seek to help. For more details, please contact Sandy Gemmill, Chief Steward, assemblystewards@churchofscotland.org.uk
12. **The Friends of St Mary’s Roman Catholic Cathedral:** Sir James MacMillan talk, “Chant, the music of Faith, and its influence on the history of music”, Tuesday 23rd April, 7:30pm, St Mary’s Catholic Cathedral, Broughton Street, Edinburgh. Sir James MacMillan’s concert music is broadcast and performed throughout the world, and he travels the globe working with some of classical music’s top ensembles as a conductor. Join music lovers across the city for a rare opportunity to hear insights from one of the world’s most acclaimed classical music composers. All are welcome, you can book free tickets here: <https://bit.ly/StMarysM>
13. **The Open Door** is looking for 8 to 10 older informal caregivers (aged 60 or over) who live with long term conditions to participate in four workshops with the University of Edinburgh. £25 voucher for attending (per session). Wednesday 17 April 10.30am to 12.30pm; Wednesday 1 May 10.30am to 12.30pm; Wednesday 22 May 10.30am to 12.30pm; Wednesday 29 May 10.30am to 12.30pm. Please contact hello@theopendoor.org.uk if you would like to take part

14. **Church Office & Halls:** The church office and halls will be closed for the bank holiday tomorrow, Monday, April 15th, reopening at 8am on Tuesday.
15. **Next Sunday: 21st April. 9.30am Early Service; 10.30am Morning Worship.** Theme, the Good Shepherd. Tea and coffee after the services in the St Matthew Hall. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.

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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 David Nott Foundation, 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.

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.**

Baby and Toddler Group: our regular group meets on Mondays, 10am – 11.30am, during term time, 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.

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).

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.