

Intimations 27th October 2024

1. **Today: 20th October, 9.30am Early Service** (in Cluny Hall) **and 10.30am Morning Worship.** The theme: The Sidelined.
Tea and coffee after the service in the St Matthew Hall after the services.
Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **Jam, baking and making stall:** The stall takes place in the St Matthew Hall today. We look forward to your support.
3. **A note from our Organist:** Many churches in the "Reformed" tradition, particularly in the United States, mark the last Sunday in October as "Reformation" Sunday. Accordingly, much of today's music reflects this: a voluntary and an introit based on the great Reformation hymn, "Nun danket alle Gott; the hymn "Ein' feste Burg", with the Offertory and Postlude commenting in their different ways upon it; and even the anthem, including the words "The Lord hath delivered His people", might be seen as particularly fitting.
4. **Morningside Hope:**
Music and Memories in the Cluny Hall, 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshop will be on Mondays 4th, 11th and 25th November.
Heart for Art workshops for those with dementia and their partners. Held every Tuesday in the St Matthew Hall, 11am – 1pm.
Gentle Exercise Class – 2-4pm, Mondays (Church), and 4th (Church) & 18th November (Cluny Hall)
Games Afternoon – 2-4pm, Wednesday 13th November in St Matthew Hall
5. **Baby and Toddler Group:** our weekly Baby and Toddler Group meets on Mondays from 10am – 11.30am in the St Matthew Hall. All are welcome.
6. **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 Lesley Murphy (mobile: 07981 265308)
7. **Edinburgh Clothing Store Weekend: Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th November 2024**
Saturday 16th November – Coffee Morning
The Edinburgh Clothing Store (Charity Number SC039409) is holding its 12th annual Coffee Morning – with a variety of stalls – on Saturday 16th November from 10.00am-12noon. It has once again been decided to hold the event in the Sanctuary of Morningside Parish Church. Coffee and cream scones will be served, as before, at tables in the centre of the Sanctuary with Stalls at the front and at the sides. Everyone agrees that

it is lovely to appreciate the beauty of the interior of the Sanctuary and it is much easier to move around.

Tickets priced £5 for adults and £2 for children can be bought from ECS helpers or at the door.

All the volunteers who run the Clothing Store want this to be another huge success as the numbers of clients referred for help have increased yet again. At the same time inflation has increased our running costs with items of clothing which require to be bought costing significantly more. We, therefore, have to make this event a huge success.

Please come to meet up with friends from across the city, and help us to make this event both very enjoyable and very successful

Sunday 17th November – Gift Service

By popular demand the Gift Service at 10.30am is once again to be for the Edinburgh Clothing Store. Every year the congregation has been amazingly generous in its donations to the Clothing Store. We have been extremely grateful for the generosity which has been shown both by the donations of new clothes for children and donations of money which have allowed us to buy items which are in short supply.

Due to the increase in the cost of living many more people are wearing their clothes for longer and many are selling their good quality clothes online. This has had a detrimental effect on the amount of second-hand clothes which have been donated over the past year. We are therefore having to buy more to meet the continuing need of children who are living in abject poverty in our city. Again, the number of children has increased and there is a desperate need for warm winter clothing.

On the two Sundays prior to the 17th 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 17th November to the tables below the pulpit before the 10.30am service

PLEASE DO **NOT** WRAP YOUR GIFTS

Option 2 - If you cannot come to church on 17th November but can on the 10th November please bring your gift(s) 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 e mail her at fiona.gossip@outlook.com

Your generosity has made a huge difference in the past and the children are always so excited to receive new clothes they really need. This year, as ever, there is a huge need. Thank you so much in anticipation.

8. **Christmas Tree Festival Craft Stall:** Calling all our talented Crafters. We are running our successful and popular Christmas Craft Stall once again at the Christmas Tree Festival. Rona McLaren hopes you are all busy crafting again now we are well into Autumn. Please make anything you like and think what people would like to buy from the stall. You can either give your items to Rona McLaren on Sundays - if you don't see her in the Church she's in the Braid Hall at Sunday Club. If more convenient a box will be left beside the Welcome Desk or leave your items at the Church Office on weekdays.
9. **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 30th October at 2.30pm. The next Cluny Lodge service is on 6th November at 2.30pm. The next Morningside Manor service is on 13th November at 2.30pm.
10. **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 Christian, 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 three evening gathering in October and November, on Wednesdays 30th October and 6th November at 7.30pm in the Cluny Hall.
The topics for study:
2. Learning to love.
3. But what about...?
Believing and Belonging is open to people of all ages, to those who might be thinking about becoming part of the Church, to those who want to top up their faith, and to those who simply have questions they want to explore. Come along if you're interested, or if you know someone who might want to take their questions about faith further, do let them know. Contact the Minister for further details.
T 0131 447 1617, email derek.browning@churchofscotland.org.uk
11. **Scottish Loving In Action annual fireworks fundraising event:** Sunday 3rd November, George Watson's Rugby Ground. Our sell-out event returns, our annual Fireworks Extravaganza! Enjoy live entertainment, fireworks ... and new for 2024, a light show! Every ticket you buy goes to charity, helping children thrive in India. Click [here](#) to buy your tickets, before it's too late! One ticket type has already sold out!
12. **Breaking the Silence on Domestic Abuse, Awareness Raising Saturday 9th November, 9:30am – 12:30pm, Greenbank Parish Church:** Domestic abuse affects at least 1 in 5 women in Scotland at some point in their lives. Join us, and our expert speakers for a morning of information, discussion and sharing of ideas while we explore the issue of domestic abuse within our communities.

The event is free to attend and all are welcome. To register, or if you would like further information, please get in touch by contacting: office@greenbankchurch.org Refreshments will be provided. This event is for all interested people, we hope you can join us.

13. **Next Sunday: 3rd November, All Saints Sunday, 9.30am Early Service** (in Cluny Hall) **and 10.30am Morning Worship.** The theme: Heaven.
Tea and coffee after the service in the St Matthew Hall after the services.
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.

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.**

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.