

Intimations 3rd November 2024

1. **Today: 3rd November, All Saints, 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.
2. **Funeral announcement:** We give thanks for the life of Mary Matheson. Please remember her family in your prayers. A funeral service will be held in the Church on Tuesday 12th November at 11am.
3. **Funeral announcement:** We give thanks for the life of Sandra Walker. Please remember her family in your prayers. A funeral service will be held in the Church on Thursday 14th November at 11.15am.
4. **Funeral announcement:** We give thanks for the life of Colin Rowdon. Please remember his family in your prayers. A funeral service will be held at the Pentland Chapel, Mortonhall, on Tuesday 19th November at 2.30pm.
5. **The November Church Magazine and Life & Work are available for collection today.** The deadline for the December magazine is Friday 15th November. Items to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk or to the Church office.
6. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall**
The stall last week made the magnificent total of £320 though it has to be said that this includes a donation of £80 which buys a table from a generous member of the congregation. This means that - in this new project of funding a further fifteen tables - we have reached six. Well done and thanks. The next stall and the last for 2024 is on November 24th.
7. **Edinburgh Clothing Store Weekend:**
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. **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 (in the Church for the last date).

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 4th (Church) & 18th November (Cluny Hall)

Games Afternoon – 2-4pm, Wednesday 13th November in St Matthew Hall

9. **Flower List 2025** - The new flower list for 2025 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 advise me if you have registered with the Gift Aid Convener or complete one of the Gift Aid envelopes. 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

10. **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.

11. **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 Cluny Lodge service is on 6th November at 2.30pm.
The next Morningside Manor service is on 13th November at 2.30pm.
The next Ashley Court service is on 27th November at 2.30pm.

12. **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? A thoughtful and reflective evening gathering on 6th November at 7.30pm in the St Andrew Room.
The topic for study: But what about...?

13. **Dementia Friendly Concert, Saturday 30th November, 2pm:** featuring FORGET ME NOTES who lead our music and memories group. It will be a chance to sing along to some very well-known tunes. As usual this will be followed by teas and coffees in the St Matthews Hall. At the same time our **Annual Art Exhibition** from our Heart for Art group will be on display in the church. Entry is by donation and all proceeds go towards our Morningside Hope Project. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** For more information, please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Jacqui Lindsay, on: 07834 364 628 or email: Pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

14. **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.
15. **Next Sunday: 10th November, Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am, (No 9.30am Early Service (in Cluny Hall)).** The theme: Real Sacrifice.
Tea and coffee after the service in the St Matthew Hall after the service.
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.

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.

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)

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.