

## Intimations 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

1. **Today: 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 9.30am Early Service** (Cluny Hall), the theme – Magnifying God; **10.30 Service of Lessons and Carols**  
Tea and coffee will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the services.  
Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
2. **We give thanks** for the life of Christine Peterson. Please remember her family in your prayers. A funeral service has yet to be arranged.
3. **Christmas services:**  
**24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve 6.30pm All age service.** The theme – Wrapped.  
**Carols by Candlelight from 11.00pm**  
**Watchnight Service from 11.30pm.** The theme – Light in the Darkness.  
**25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day service 10am.** The theme, Beginning.
4. **Remembering Tree:** Christmas and New Year can be a difficult time for some people for a variety of reasons. Each year, after the Blue Christmas service, we leave the Remembering Tree up at the communion table. If you would like to remember someone, or a situation, please write on one of the stars and hang this on the tree.
5. **Tree Festival:** Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to the success of this. The craft stall was wonderful, the refreshments tasty, the musical offerings tuneful and the trees and atmosphere cheering.
6. **Copies of January's Life & Work** are available for collection from the pigeonholes.
7. **Morningside Hope:**  
**Music and Memories**, 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshop will be on Mondays 6<sup>th</sup> (in Church) and 20<sup>th</sup> January (in Cluny Hall).  
**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 13<sup>th</sup> (Cluny Hall) and 27<sup>th</sup> January (Church).  
**Games Afternoon** – 2-4pm, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in the St Matthew Hall
8. **Flower List 2025:** We are delighted to be able to report that the flower list for 2025 is now complete and all dates have been filled. We take this opportunity to thank all those who have put their names down. The flowers are an important part of our church's ministry by beautifying the church on a Sunday morning and then being distributed to members of

the congregation after the service. We know from the letters we receive that they are always much appreciated.

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 **Cluny Lodge** A Christmas service will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm.  
The next **Morningside Manor** service is on 15<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm.  
The next **Ashley Court** service is on 29<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm.
10. **Date for your diaries: Monday, 6th January 2025**, the internal and external Christmas trees will be taken down and the decorations put into store. As usual, we are looking for volunteers to help with this and if you can spare a couple of hours that day your help will be much appreciated. Please meet at the Church at 10:00am. Thank you in anticipation of your help.
11. **The Minister** wishes you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
12. **The Church Administrator and Caretakers** are now on holiday, returning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.
13. **Next Sunday: 29<sup>th</sup> December:** No 9.30am service; 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Clothing. No tea and coffee after the service.
14. **5<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Epiphany:** Regular 9.30am (Cluny Hall) & 10.30am Morning Worship services resume. The theme – Gifts.  
Tea and coffee after the service in the St Matthew Hall after both 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.

**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](http://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.