

Intimations 2nd March 2025 Transfiguration Sunday

- Today: 2nd March 2025: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, All-Age Communion:** 9.30am and 10.30am Communion in the Church. The theme – Transfiguration. Children and young people are invited to share in this service.
For those wishing to share the Common Cup, please join the Minister at the small table near the vestibule door. Those remaining seated in the main church will receive the individual glasses. Tea and coffee after the service in the St Matthew Hall after the 10.30am service. Please remember to give an appropriate donation.
- Music for Transfiguration Sunday:** A fairly loud and lively closing voluntary has been selected for the Sunday next before Lent - after which, things musical become more restrained and reflective. This year, our organist has chosen what is probably the most famous piece of organ music in the world after the Widor Toccata, the Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565, attributed to J S Bach. Scholars remain divided as to whether the piece is in fact by Bach or not - and whether it was first written for the organ and indeed if it was originally even in D minor. Nonetheless it is a grand and occasional piece. It is not too hard to imagine a "programme" (i.e., a story) attached to it. Here is what French musicologist André Pirro has to say about it: "The dazzling lightning, the clap of thunder, rumbling formidably in the repercussions of a long broken chord, above the crash of a profound pedal; the wind, then the hail: we are in a classical storm."
- Organ Favourites CD:** Our organist and choirmaster, Morley Whitehead, has recorded a CD with a number of favourite organ compositions. The CD is priced at £10. All monies raised will go towards choral scholarships for the future. On sale on Sundays from the organist or from the Church Office on weekdays, 9am to 1pm.
- March Church Magazine and Life&Work** are available from the pigeon holes today. The deadline for articles for the April edition is Friday 14th March. Items to editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk or handed in to the Church Office.
- Church flowers:** Each Sunday Church flowers are kindly donated and arranged in Church for our weekly display, then delivered to a variety of people in the community. It is hugely helpful if members of the congregation, or someone on the door duty team, can help with delivery.
- 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.
In Church every Sunday there is opportunity to make your donation through the open plate which is passed around at the time of the offering,

and for those who are 'cashless' there is a card machine located in the vestibule.

QR code in order of service: To use the QR code, please open the camera app on your smart phone, point it at the QR code, and follow instructions on your screen.

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.**

7. **Lent Studies 2025:** These studies will take place on Wednesdays 19th and 26th March, and 2nd April. There will be studies in the late morning and evening. The morning meetings will be in the St Andrew Room at 11am. Time for refreshments at the Wednesday Coffee in the Braid Hall beforehand! The evening meetings will be in the Manse (20 Braidburn Crescent), refreshments from 7.15pm, the studies will start at 7pm. Three themes in total, looking at different aspects of Holy Week and Easter.

Study 1 (19th March). Palm Sunday. Luke 19:28-44: Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and Weeping over Jerusalem

1. What do you notice in the Palm Sunday story?
2. What do you make of the role of the disciples, the crowd, the Pharisees?
3. What might the Lord 'have need of' today – from the Church, from you?
4. What would Jesus weep over in the Middle East today?

Study 2 (26th March). On the way to the cross. Luke 23:26-56: The Crucifixion of Jesus, Death and Burial of Jesus

1. Simon of Cyrene carried the cross behind Jesus. What does 'carrying the cross' mean for you today?
2. At the Crucifixion scene, what and who do you notice; what do they say?
3. Death is always difficult as a subject. What do you notice in the death of Jesus? What does it make you think and feel?
4. In the burial of Jesus what details do you notice? If you are willing to share, what have been your experiences of death?

Study 3 (2nd April). Easter and beyond. Luke 24:1-35: The Resurrection of Jesus and The Walk to Emmaus

1. What details in the Resurrection story stand out for you?
2. Why might the Resurrection story have been considered, 'an idle tale' then, and now?
3. When Jesus appeared, disguised, on the Road to Emmaus, what do the two disciples and then Jesus say and do? What do you make of this walking conversation?
4. Arriving at Emmaus, Jesus appears to want to go further. Why? What do you make of the meal shared, and the reaction in Emmaus, and then back in Jerusalem?

8. **Jam, Baking and Making stall:** The stall last Sunday realised the impressive total of £300 - a wonderful result. Thanks to all who, we hope, will be as generous on March 30th when our next stall is held.
9. **Glass jars:** there is now a box for cleaned jam jars, located by the pigeon holes. If you are making jam or marmalade for the monthly stall, please take as many jars as you need. We often have more jars than necessary in the box.
10. **Morningside Hope:**
Music and Memories - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshops will be on Mondays 3rd and 17th March.
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, Monday 10th March in the Church.
Games Afternoon – 2-4pm, Wednesday 19th March in Braid Hall.
11. **Website:** The church website will be updated during the evening of Monday 3rd March and will be unavailable for a short period of time while this is happening.
12. **The World Day of Prayer is on Friday 7th March.** The local service will be held in St Peter's RC Church, Falcon Avenue at 10.30 am followed by refreshments. The theme for 2025 is "*I Made You Wonderful*" from Psalm 139 : 14 . The service has been prepared by a group of Christian women of The Cook Islands. An offering will be taken to help the work of this prayer movement. 10 days of prayer begin on 25th February with short reflections available on the wdpscotland.org.uk website and on its Facebook page.
13. **Edinburgh Repair Cafe - Sunday 9th March, 2-5pm:** Got something that is broken? Want to try fixing it but not sure how? Repair Cafes are free community events where you can bring your item and volunteer fixers will guide you through your repair. On Sunday 9th a Repair Cafe Edinburgh will come to Greenbank Parish Church for the first time. Their volunteers will be on hand to help you to repair your broken electrical, electronic and mechanical devices such as toys, small/low voltage electricals and laptops, as well as fabrics, clothes and bicycles. Not everything is fixable at the events - they're limited by time, spare parts, safety and capacity, so to avoid disappointment they encourage you to contact them beforehand. So if you've got something that you want to fix, **email repaircafeedinburgh@gmail.com to confirm suitability and to reserve your place.** Or just turn up on the day and they will try to take a look. Please note: At busy times you might need to wait for a volunteer to become available. Priority will be given to local residents and those with reserved places. And to add to your afternoon, Greenbank Church will be providing the "cafe" part of

the Repair Cafe, so come along for coffee and a cake, and see what is going on.

14. **Scottish Love in Action Charity cinema night, Thursday 13th March:** We will be screening "9 to 5" (1980) at the Dominion Cinema. Every ticket you buy goes to charity, giving every child in India an opportunity to thrive. You can buy your tickets here <https://www.sla-india.org/news/cinema-night-2025/>
15. **Forest Church - Saturday 15th March, 2-4pm:** Greenbank has been holding Forest Churches for the last couple of years. It is an all ages event where we spend as much time outdoors as possible with activities which appreciate nature and our local environment, whatever the weather. We meet in Greenbank Church to start and finish, and this time we will be going to the Hermitage with the theme of "The Forest Comes Alive". It's free and there's no need to book.
16. **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 will be held on Wednesday 5th March at 2.30pm.
The next **Morningside Manor** service is on Wednesday 12th March at 2.30pm.
The next **Ashley Court** service is on Wednesday, 26th March at 2.30pm.
17. **Next Sunday: 9th March 2025, Lent:** Early Morning service 9.30am (Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Temptation. 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)

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.