

## Intimations 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

1. **Today:** Early Morning service 9.30am (Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – Passion.
2. **Church Magazine and Life & Work** are available for distribution today from the pigeon holes. The deadline for the May edition of the magazine is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Articles to [editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk) or to the Church Office.
3. **Easter Tree Decorators:** Our Easter Tree will be being decorated on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 10am onwards** (takes around an hour to hang the decorations on the tree) - as you know the Sunday Club Leaders carry out this task each year on behalf of our Young People as they are at school and it is much appreciated by the whole Morningside Community, however we are depleted in numbers at the moment. If you are able please join Rona McLaren beside the tree at 10am. The invitation is open to tall and not so tall (there are some low branches) friends to come and help.
4. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** The stall last Sunday raised the impressive sum of £362. Thanks to all involved. See you next on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>
5. **Morningside Hope:**  
**Music and Memories** - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshops will be on Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> (Cluny Hall) and 28<sup>th</sup> April (in the Church).  
**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 14<sup>th</sup> April in the St Matthew Hall.  
**Games Afternoon** – 2-4pm, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April in the Braid Hall.
6. **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 **Morningside Manor** service is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.  
The next **Ashley Court** service is on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm.  
The next **Cluny Lodge** service is on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm.
7. **Holy Week and Easter 2025:** Palm Sunday is next week with the usual services at 9.30am and 10.30am. Palm crosses will be distributed on this Sunday.  
Our annual joint **Holy Week services** with Greenbank Parish Church will be held in April this year and will be hosted in **our** Church. Services will be held on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday all at **7.30pm**.  
**Maundy Thursday** is on 17<sup>th</sup> April, and we will remember Jesus’ Last Supper when we share communion.

**Good Friday** is on 18<sup>th</sup> April, and there will be a joint choir from Morningside and Greenbank singing during the service.

The **Holy Saturday** service is on 19<sup>th</sup> April and will be made up of selection of readings and music to mark the quietest day in the Christian year as we hover on the edge of the shock of Good Friday and the joy of Easter.

**Easter Sunday** is on 20<sup>th</sup> April. There will be one service that day at 10.30am. After the service Easter treats will be served in the St Matthew Hall.

8. **Easter Play, 2pm, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** This year's Easter Play in West Princes St Gardens, called *Behold the Man*, has been developed in partnership with the School of Divinity at New College. This is the twentieth year the play has been performed. It is a free and un-ticketed event – more information can be found at [www.easterplay.org](http://www.easterplay.org)
9. **Remembering Service, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm in the Church:** Our Remembering Service is open to everyone in the Church and in the wider community who would like to come and sit quietly at this simple, reflective service, which will last for around half an hour. It is an opportunity to remember those we have loved and lost, recently or a long time ago. During the service there will be an opportunity to write names on stars and attach them to our Remembering tree which will be placed beside the communion table. Please let friends, neighbours and family know that the service is taking place and invite them to attend if they would like. We will serve tea and coffee after the service.
10. **Home Communion:** Throughout the year the Minister is happy to bring Home Communion to members of the congregation who are not able to attend the communion services in the Church. The short service concentrates on the communion part of the normal communion service, and many people have found it a real comfort and encouragement, particularly being 'involved' in the spiritual side of our congregation's life. If you, or anyone you know, would like Home Communion, please contact the Minister and he will arrange a visit.
11. **Next Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> April, Palm Sunday:** Early Morning service 9.30am (Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship. The theme – The Lord has need. Palm crosses will be distributed on this Sunday. Tea and coffee 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](mailto: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.

**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.**

**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. Please note that the group will not meet on Mondays 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April as the halls will be closed for the public holidays.

**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](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.