

**Intimations**  
**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
**1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

1. **Today, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:** 9.30am Early Service (Church) and 10.30am All-Age Communion. Theme, God so loved the world.

At the 10.30am service, those wishing to share communion with the Common Cup should join the Minister during the time of communion at the back of the Church where a table is set. All are welcome at the Lord's Table to share communion.

Tea and coffee will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the 10.30am service. Please make an appropriate donation.

2. **March Church Magazine** is now available for collection and distribution. Items for the April Magazine by 13<sup>th</sup> March to [editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:editor@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

3. **The World Day of Prayer, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. 10.30am.** The local service will be held in our Church, followed by refreshments. The theme for 2026 is **"I will give you rest: come"** from Matthew 11:28. The service has been prepared by a group of Christian women of Nigeria. An offering will be taken to help the work of this prayer movement. 10 days of prayer began on 25<sup>th</sup> February with short reflections available on the [wdpscotland.org.uk](http://wdpscotland.org.uk) website and on its Facebook page.

4. **Believing, Belonging and Becoming:** 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 go round to it? The Believing and Belonging series might be for you! A thoughtful and reflective four evening gathering in March, on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the St Andrew Room.

The four topics for study:

1. *Who is Jesus?*
2. *Learning to love.*
3. *But what about...?*
4. *Belonging to God's Church.*

Believing and Belonging is open to people of all ages, to those who might be thinking about becoming a member 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.

Contact the Minister for further details. T 0131 447 1617, or email [derek.browning@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:derek.browning@churchofscotland.org.uk)

5. **Lent Studies - Living Generously:** This year's Lent Studies are drawn from the recent Church of Scotland Stewardship Department

book, **Living Generously - a whole-life response to God's love.**  
(Saint Andrew Press 2024)

There will be a morning option and an evening option for these studies:  
**Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March - 11am in the Cluny Hall** (have a coffee at the Wednesday coffee morning in the Braid Hall first!)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at the Manse** (20 Braidburn Crescent, EH10 6EN) Refreshments served.

Week 3. Money - Your money where your heart is

Week 4. An attitude of gratitude - God's generosity is transformational, not transactional

6. **Church Property:** Radiators have been tampered with by unknown and unauthorised persons in the lavatories by the St Matthew Hall and in the Church. This tampering has caused malfunctions in the Plant Room and in the Church (where an unauthorised person had turned off half of the radiators manually). A heating engineer was called out to remedy the damage done, at not inconsiderable expense. **No unauthorised person must tamper with any heating and lighting in the Church premises.** Any concerns or issues with heating and lighting should be relayed to Moira Clark, Property Convener, or to the Church caretakers.
7. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** The stall last Sunday raised £207.75 for our own church funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed by baking, making and buying. The next stall will be on Sunday 29 March.
8. **Morningside Umbrella Festival:**  
**Craft, Coffee & Cake**, Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 7.00-9.00 pm, Cluny Hall. Please come along if you would like to get involved in making some umbrella themed items for the festival. There will be knitting, sewing and some interesting paper modelling! We will be serving coffee, tea and home-made cakes and providing lots of opportunities for chat! Everyone is welcome. Tickets are £5 and available from Rona McLaren, Catriona Reid, Morag Shankland, Fiona Stimpson  
**Charity Race Night - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm** at the Morningside Club. Join us for some fun and fundraising. Just £5 and includes a free race. All welcome so bring a friend. Tickets available from Kerry Watt  
**Volunteers Needed for Charity Bag Packing Event at Waitrose:** Can you spare an hour on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March between 1:30pm and 6:30pm. Children are welcome. Many hands make light work and help us raise lots of money. Get in touch with Kerry Watt with your availability.  
**A Coffee Morning with a Difference - Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Morningside Club, 3 Morningside Park. What's the difference? It's from 1pm until 5pm and we are serving Fizz and Gin. Just turn up on the day and bring a friend.  
**New Unwanted Gifts Tombola Event** at Tesco Colinton on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please help make this a success by donating your New Unwanted Items. Items should be placed in the plastic box by the pigeon

holes. Volunteers will also be needed so please speak to Kerry if you can spare an hour on this date.

**Edinburgh Telephone Choir Concert** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm in the Church. Entry by donation.

**Charity Wine Tasting Evening hosted by Drinkmonger (Bruntsfield)**, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm: Enjoy this very special event (approx. 90 mins). This is a standing event, and you will enjoy and learn about 5 different wines. Numbers are limited to just 25 people and tickets are £15 per person.

**An Evening With Keith Jack** - advance notice of tickets: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm in the Church. Tickets will go on sale from 10am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, and will be available to church members (and family and friends) for a four-week period before going on sale to the general public. Keith is from Edinburgh and has enjoyed London West End success over the last 15 years, playing to huge audiences across the world. Tickets priced from £30 - £40 available from Kerry Watt.

**For further information** about any of the above please contact Kerry Watt on 07530 971367 or email [kerryelgey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kerryelgey@hotmail.co.uk) For how to donate please contact Church Treasurer Euan Murray - [euannmurray@me.com](mailto:euannmurray@me.com) or use the church email 'Donate' button which allows you to make an electronic donation, but please stipulate in the 'note' that you want the donation to go to the Umbrella Fundraiser.

9. **Morningside Hope:**

**Music and Memories** - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshops, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March in the Cluny Hall.

**Heart for Art workshop** for those with dementia and their partners/carers, every Tuesday 11am - 1pm, in the St Matthew Hall.

**Gentle Exercise Class** – dementia-friendly and also open to all 60+. Next class, Mondays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March, in the Church, 2- 4pm

**Games Afternoon** – 2-4pm, dementia-friendly and open to everyone. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March in the Braid Hall.

10. **Church Office Hours:** Please note that the Church Office hours are: 9.15 – 1.30 pm, Monday to Friday. **The Church Office will be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

11. **Next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026:** 9.30am Early Service (Cluny Hall) and 10.30am Morning Worship. Theme, Living Water. This service will be the formal assessment and review service for our Reader-in-Training, Graeme Allan. Please be supportive and encouraging! **The St Andrew Room will be used for interview after the service from 11.45am**, so out of bounds. Tea and coffee will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the services. Please make 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 the building. 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).

**Baby and Toddler Group:** our weekly Baby and Toddler Group meet 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).

**Intimations:** If you wish to have intimations included in the Sunday order of service, please email these to the Church Office by **Thursday, 12 noon** at the latest

**Weekly Email:** A weekly email can be emailed to you so that you can keep up to date with events going on in the life of the Church, particularly if you miss the Sunday intimations. If you would like the Weekly email (and the Church Magazine), please email the Church Office to request. [office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk)

**Financial Giving to the Church:** Please keep your financial contributions to our Church up to date by setting up a standing order or saving your envelopes and other gifts, and bringing them to church. For information, inflation is currently running at around 3%

**If you'd like to increase your regular donations**, please ask your bank to adjust your existing standing order if possible.

**Each Sunday**, you have the chance to donate through the open plate, which is passed around during the offering. If you prefer not to use cash, there is a contactless card machine in the vestibule.

To use the **QR code in the Order of Service**, simply open your phone's camera and point it at the code. Then, follow the instructions on your screen.

**If you'd like to make a one-off donation, you can use the Donate button on the church website or the QR code.** You can also post cheques to the Church Office for processing.

Your continued or increased generosity is very much appreciated, as it helps make so much happen in and around our Church. If you need more information, please contact the Treasurer, Euan Murray 📞 07702 092174. **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.

**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.

**Becoming part of the Church family:** we've had a number of people asking to become members of our Church family at Morningside in recent weeks which is wonderful. There are a number of ways to do this:

- i. *By profession of faith - coming along to one of the Enquiry classes run by the Minister at different times in the year, then taking vows during a Sunday morning service.*
- ii. *By transferring your membership ('lines') from a congregation you were a member of to our congregation. You will need to ask the Roll Keeper of your former Church to send you the certificate. Then hand in the paperwork to our Roll Keeper, Minister, or to the Church Office.*
- iii. *Admission by Resolution of the Kirk Session. If you're not sure where your membership lies, or you come from another Christian tradition, the Kirk Session can formally admit you into membership.*