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Dear Friends

The early part of May will be dominated by the elections for the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood. Hopeful candidates have been trekking around constituencies, knocking on doors, delivering leaflets, attending hustings and other public meetings, and making substantial promises about what they are going to do to make our country better. It is always interesting that political parties seeking power 'build in' a period officially or unofficially to 'sort out' the 'mess' they say they have inherited, and then try to work out how long that period could last into their period in power. They all do it!

I have often felt it would be wonderful if whoever is elected from whatever party was called in for review annually to be appraised of what they had done: where they had succeeded, where they had failed.

Would we bother to attend or submit or questions and views? Would we really care? It is often easier to criticise than it is to engage, but then again so many feel distanced from the process and feel that nothing said or done makes any difference. That apathy or cynicism leads to election results that can sometimes harm more than heal. If we want to

see change in our society, we have to be part of it, which is the privilege of having a vote. If we don't get what we want, we continue to work together in community until we, they, and society, reflect the change we aspire towards.

Many are uneasy about making faith-statements in the political arena. I suppose it depends on who and what we agree with, as well as what we believe in. It is clear to me that the Bible doesn't simply talk about spiritual matters (which it does) but also talks about matters that affect society, community and what we think is right, decent, proper and fair. How we spend our money, what priorities are set, what we believe to be healthy and wholesome for community and country and world matter, which is why, with due humility, we can and must make our cross on ballot papers.

An interesting concept in itself - putting a cross on a piece of paper. Where do the

implications of the cross - service, sacrifice and sustainability - feature in the political manifestos of today, whatever your stance on faith might be?

*Very Revd Dr Derek
Browning*



KIRK SESSION NEWS

The Kirk Session met in April. and discussed the following:

Morningside Youth Choir - The Moderator advised that the Choir would meet on Fridays from 5-6 pm, starting in September. Although it is not planned to be a church organisation, it was hoped it that it might contribute to church life such as the Christmas Tree Festival, Sunday Club Christmas Presentation and Morningside Hope events. In response to questions, it was confirmed that the Choir's purpose was to encourage young people to enjoy singing and that there would be no auditioning to take part. [See page 13 for more details.]

Property - Moira Clark, Convener, reported on the proposed South Aisle roof repair, and that discussions were ongoing with the architect and other professionals. The question was raised as to whether the timing of the repair would impact on the Umbrella Festival but it could not be guaranteed as there still was uncertainty as to timing although the length of work would be significantly reduced. A question was also raised as to whether the existing planning consent would suffice but advice was that the nature of the work would now be classed as a repair and no planning consent needed. Session thanked the committee for its work.

Pastoral - Doreen Reekie, Convener, reported that there are now 11 visitors visiting 13 members of the congregation. Two new visitors have joined the Group and each have been allocated visitees. Both have made contact with their visitees and look forward to successful visits in future. Doreen has delivered 11 Welcome Packs since the last report. The Remembering Service was held in the afternoon of Sunday 12 April. 9 people attended, and all came for tea and coffee. This service is much appreciated by those attending. The Moderator expressed Session's appreciation for the work of Doreen and the group.

Health & Safety - Moira Clark advised that on a visit in connection with the roof repair the Presbytery Building Officer had commented that it was not good practice to have cardboard boxes in the South Corridor under the pigeon-holes and they should be replaced by something less flammable. Those responsible should make alternative arrangements. The Moderator also suggested that it was not wise to have glass jars on top of the pigeon holes in case they fell off and caused injury.

Autumn Lectures -

The Moderator reported that Greenbank, where this year's lectures were to be held, has suggested that instead of the usual series of three or four lectures that there should be just one. Session agreed to the proposal.



MORNINGSIDE UMBRELLA FESTIVAL UPDATE –

SATURDAY 30th MAY - SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2026

October seems a long time ago when the proposal was first put to the Kirk Session to run an event called the Morningside Umbrella Festival and now here we are with less than a month to go. Word is spreading amongst the community, momentum is growing and we have sparked an interest in our Church that we could only have hoped for.

Saturday 28th March saw many of you respond to our call for help when we packed bags for customers at Waitrose. Not your usual Saturday afternoon activity but the customers loved you and you raised almost £600. At the same time, others were enjoying fizz and cake at the Morningside Club and this event raised almost £700. Whether you packed bags, baked cakes or just paid to enjoy a glass of fizz your support was very much appreciated.

A special mention must go to three wonderful ladies who organised their own fundraising events. Marjory Watson and Irene Hall arranged a brilliant bridge afternoon and together they raised £680. Well done to all who attended. Eleanor Watt put her love of flower arranging to good use and made some beautiful flower posies in antique vases, which sold extremely quickly. Her time and hard work was appreciated and she raised a fantastic £145.

These amounts together with your wonderful donations mean that as we go to print our fundraising total now stands at over **£33,000**.

Thank you to each and every one of you who is talking about the festival – keep telling family and friends and be sure to suggest they get tickets for Keith Jack on Friday 12th June and our Family Ceilidh on Sunday 14th June.

Our main event is now just around the corner, so please consider if you can spare a few hours during the festival fortnight and volunteer to help. There are many roles, standing, sitting, indoors and out so please contact Kerry Watt on 07530 971367 to discuss your availability.



The Umbrella Festival is now less a month away. If you haven't already done so, we would invite you to consider making a donation. We now have a Morningside Umbrella Just Giving Page and you can donate by using the QR code (left).

VARIOUS FUNDRAISING EVENTS

BRIDGE AFTERNOON - 28TH MARCH

A bridge and afternoon tea event was held recently at Braid Bowling Club to raise funds for the Umbrella Festival.

It was an extremely pleasant occasion very well organised by Marjory Watson and Irene Hall. Marjory and Irene provided a lovely afternoon tea served by Fiona Gossip and Irene's daughters.



A selection of cakes at the bridge afternoon

Quotes from those attending included:

"—an afternoon creating fun, good company and brain stimulation...much appreciated"

"—count me in for next year!"

"---best afternoon tea I have ever had!"

A total of £806 was raised (including gift aid) for our church roof appeal.

Well done ladies!



Eleanor Watt and her flower posies



Some of the helpers for the Tombola at Tesco

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WORSHIP NOTES

On **Sunday 3rd May**, Olivia Rennie will be admitted to membership by profession of faith at the 10.30am service.

The Minister will be attending the General Assembly this year, 15th - 18th May. The Very Revd David Arnott will conduct both services on **Sunday 17th May**. The proceedings of the General Assembly will be available to watch online via the Church of Scotland website, www.churchofscotland.org.uk

Sunday 24th May is Pentecost, the day when the Church celebrates God's gift of the Holy Spirit. It marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the followers of Jesus in Jerusalem, some 50 days after the resurrection, and generally marks the 'birthday' of the Christian Church.

Images for the Holy Spirit are varied. A dove descending symbolises peace and comfort; water symbolises baptism and a 'washing clean'; a mighty wind recalls the Spirit of God in the creation stories moving over the unformed world and conveys movement and dynamism; fire, and the colour red, symbolizes joy and warmth and the purging power of God's love.

If you would like, wear something red to Church on that Sunday!

Sunday 31st May is Trinity Sunday, the day the Church reflects on how we understand God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be shared at 9.30am and 10.30am in the Church on **Sunday 7th June**. This will be during the Umbrella Festival so the Church will look a little different on the inside to usual! We gather, as always, under the protective umbrella of God's love for us.

BEREAVEMENT AND ARRANGING A FUNERAL

The Minister and Chris Harkess from our local undertakers William Purves gave us a very interesting and informative presentation on Bereavement and Arranging a Funeral on 8th April.

We covered areas such as:

- What do you need to do when a family member, friend or loved one dies?
- What are the practical steps that need to be taken?
- Who do you need to contact?
- How is a funeral arranged and who is responsible for what?
- How do I begin to cope with bereavement?



We have a video recording of the talk that we can lend to anyone who wasn't able to make it on the day and might wish to view it. If you would like to view a copy of the recording, please let me know.

Jacqui Lindsay 07834 364 628 or email: pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

ROLL CHANGES



Please give a warm welcome to our newest members:

Dilwyn and Millicent Thomas, admitted by Certificate of Transference;

Gary and Victoria Sleator, admitted by Resolution of the Kirk Session.

FLOWER LIST

The flowers in May have been donated and will be arranged as follows:-

		Donated by	Arranged by
May	3	WEDDING	WEDDING
	10	Trudy Ferrier	Marjory Watson
	17	Eleanor Watt	Eleanor Watt
	24	Marie Ogilvie	Kerry Watt
	31	Evelyn Henderson	Karen Keil



After many years of faithful service to the Flower Committee, Joan Burnet has decided that it is time to hang up her secateurs. She will be sorely missed but we wish her well in her "retirement".

As usual, we are always on the lookout for new members to join the Flower Committee. No previous experience is required as training can be given - I promise it is not as difficult as it looks. Even if you could do a couple of weeks a year it would help out enormously. Feel free to come and speak to any of us on a Sunday when we are taking down the flowers after the service.

Irene Wilson, Convener - Flower Committee

UMBRELLA FESTIVAL - WEDNESDAY COFFEES



We have been asked if we could extend the Coffee Morning until 3pm on the two Wednesdays during the Umbrella Festival. The dates are 3rd and 10th June. I have put a rota for each day in my pigeon hole. The morning would be as normal with duty running from 9:30am to 12noon. After that we will have 1 hour slots. No idea how many will turn up so I have slots for 3 extra helpers. Laura Shaw will be there the whole time on the 10th and I will be there on the 3rd. Please sign up or speak to me if you have an hour to spare on either date. Thank you.

Lesley Murphy



Morningside Hope



FORTHCOMING DATES

HEART FOR ART: workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers

Held every **Tuesday** 11am - 1pm in the St Matthew's Hall

Annual Art Exhibition: Saturday 26th September

MUSIC AND MEMORIES IN MORNINGSIDE: workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers

Held on 1st and 3rd **Mondays** in the month, 2- 4pm in the Cluny Hall

May: 4th & 18th

June: 1st & 15th

July: 6th & 20th

August: 3rd & 17th

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASSES: dementia friendly but **open to all 60+**

The class will last 40-45 minutes, followed by tea, coffee and the chance to chat.

Held on 2nd and 4th **Mondays** in the month, 2-4pm in the church itself

May: 11th & 25th

June: 8th & 22nd

No classes in July or August

GAMES AFTERNOON: open to **everyone**, these afternoons are a chance to meet up with friends old and new, play our favourite board games, jigsaws etc. and have a coffee and catch up.

Held once a month on a **Wednesday** afternoon, 2-4pm

May: 20th

June: 17th

No games July or August

TALK: Tuesday 5th May, 3.15pm. Speaker, Mr Eric Melvin, **A Walk down the Royal Mile**

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CONCERTS: We offer four dementia-friendly concerts a year. Open to all, this is a varied programme. Each concert lasts 40 – 45mins and is followed by teas and coffees

Saturday 30th May, 2pm

Choral scholars and Morley Whitehead

ANIMAL AFTERNOON: Tuesday 23rd June

Therapy ponies 2- 4pm

PLAYLIST FOR LIFE training – Friday 19th June 10am – 4pm

This interactive course explains the benefits of using personalised playlists to support people living with dementia and helps you to learn how to integrate these playlists into people's daily lives.

Interested in attending? Please come along to any of the above, you will be made most welcome.

Interested in volunteering? If you would like to help with any of these activities, please get in touch - we need a lot of willing hands to enable this project to happen.

Or simply interested in finding out a little bit more, just contact our Pastoral Assistant Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364 628 or e mail: pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

PASTORAL SKILLS LEVEL 1 – 17th & 24th March

Our level 1 pastoral training turned out to be an excellent couple of evenings covering topics such as communication skills, self-awareness, and dementia. We had **14** in all on the course from **8** different churches throughout the Presbytery, including our own. The photo below, taken on our second evening, shows Caroline O'Hara, Alzheimer Scotland's dementia advisor, leading a session on becoming a dementia friend. This session offered a good grounding and understanding into dementia itself and some of the challenges people living with the condition face.

We were, as always, very grateful to the social committee for providing a light supper on both evenings. The chance to share a meal together really helps to gel the group.

Some quotes from participants this year:

Very delicious meal and refreshments – thank you!

Thank you for such an inspiring course, really well prepared and helpful.

Thank you for the gentleness you foster in us and the conformation that I am enough!

Excellent – sorry it ended!



GENTS! IT'S YOUR TURN WITH THE MIXING BOWL

This month's Jam, Baking and Making Stall will be, as it always is, on the last Sunday of the month so **31st May**. This happens also to be the first day of the Umbrella Festival so it's a stall with a difference.

The usual bakers should bring their donations as normal for the stall but we'll keep it to sell in the afternoon to visitors to the festival.

What we'll sell in the morning are the wonderful cakes, biscuits, pies, tarts, scones and other delights that we know men in the congregation make regularly and are looking forward to sharing.

No cream, please, since I'm sure the sun will shine that day and it may go off. Please remember to label your donations with a list of ingredients.

Profits from the stall - both morning and afternoon - will go to the Umbrella Festival.

Issie Paterson

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CANAL BOAT TRIP

It may not have been balmy weather, but we all enjoyed our trip on the canal boat at the end of March. Spending about two and half hours on board, we enjoyed the relaxing scenery and good company, not to mention some delicious treats and warm cups of tea and coffee made for us by the wonderful crew.

Our next "sailing" will be on 24th August. 12 places will be available, open to all, so please do let me know if you would like to join us.

Jacqui L

MORNINGSIDE HOPE TALK

TUESDAY 5TH MAY AT 3.15PM

This year's Morningside Hope talk will be given by Mr. Eric Melvin, back by popular demand. Eric gave us a fascinating talk last year and is a most interesting and entertaining speaker. This year's illustrated talk is entitled:

A Walk down the Royal Mile

'Our Royal Mile talk will take us from the Castlehill to St Giles. Among the fascinating characters that we will meet will be Dr Guthrie, Deacon Brodie and Burke & Hare.'

The talk will take place in the Church Sanctuary itself, will last approximately 50 minutes and then there will be a chance to chat with the speaker and each other over tea and coffee.

Entry by Donation – all welcome!



MORNINGSIDE HOPE PIANO RECITAL 28th MARCH 2026

A large and enthusiastic audience enjoyed a 4-hands performance by the well-respected husband and wife duo of Margaret Wakeford and Simon Coverdale. They started with Grieg's First Piano Suite, with its lively opening, calmer mid-section and final recapitulation. Then we had three short pieces based on children's fantasy stories. Debussy's *Petite Suite en Bateau* - lyrical interspersed with more forceful interjections; Fauré's little *Dolly Suite Berceuse* – a lovely, sweeping melody with ornamentations – it's a cradle song written for Dolly's first birthday and well-known as the theme tune for Listen with Mother; and finally a fragment of Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*, alluding to the king disguised as a queen with its staccato 'nutshell' section on the bass keys.

Next came Schubert's famous *Marche Militaire*. Simon explained how in Vienna during Napoleon's occupation it was dangerous to collect in large gatherings, so music was largely confined to house parties and the 4-hands pieces were ideal – he told us that with imagination one could hear the rattle of the horsemen's spurs. It's a complex piece – rapid, tuneful and emphatic – after the central part it ends with a reprise of the march. Margaret then told us we were off to the Bohemian forests with Dvorak's *Silent Woods* – a beautiful sweeping melody, slow, with falling arpeggios and powerful chords, and a peaceful, quiet end. The concert ended with two modern compositions, a Ginger Rogers song and then one of Phillip Lane's 'restoration' pieces based on silent movies themes – *Promenade in a Hackney Cab* – fast and noisy like a Keystone Cops chase. But that wasn't quite the end – Margaret and Simon returned for a delightful little encore – John McQuaid's *Poolewe* – reminiscent of Scottish folk tunes and one could almost hear the waves lapping on the shore of the botanical garden. The concert raised over £1,000 to help support Morningside Hope's activities.

Barry Hughes

The next Morningside Hope Concert will be on Saturday 30th May at 2pm and will feature some of our very own Choral Scholars and Morley Whitehead.



CARE CONVERSATIONS

Hosted by Morningside Parish Church & Home Instead. Join us to listen, ask questions and share experiences. Teas and coffees will be served from 11am with a prompt start at 11.15am. There are 12 places available at each conversation.



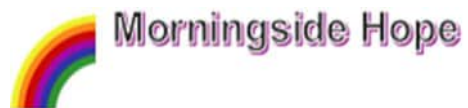
Our first Care Conversation explores the topic of Power of Attorney, on Tuesday 26th May, 11am - 1pm,

A Power of Attorney (POA) is a legal document allowing someone you trust to make decisions on your behalf if you cannot. Being proactive is crucial, as setting it up early ensures your wishes are respected. While DIY options exist, professional advice helps avoid errors and ensures all powers – financial, health, or both – are correctly granted. Choosing the right person, often a family member or trusted professional, is vital. Once executed, it must be registered to be valid. While you may worry about losing control, your attorney has legal responsibilities to act in your best interests at all times.

To book your place contact Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364 628 or email:

pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

We will meet in the St Andrew's Room in the church.



PLAYLIST FOR LIFE TRAINING DAY FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 10 – 4PM

Over two decades of scientific research has shown that listening to a personal playlist can improve the lives of people living with dementia. They can help reduce anxiety, improve mood, make difficult tasks more manageable and evoke memories that can help families and carers connect.

This interactive course explains the benefits of using personalised playlists to support people living with dementia and helps you to learn how to integrate these playlists into people's daily lives. There are 16 places available on this course. We will offer it first to our own church members and then open it up to the wider Presbytery. The day will be fully catered.

Places are free but donations are welcome. All donations will go to our Morningside Hope Project.

If you are interest in booking a place or simply **interested in finding out a little bit more**, just contact our Pastoral Assistant Jacqui Lindsay on 07834 364 628 or e mail:

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND - TABEETHA SCHOOL

On Wednesday 17th June, 3.30pm Cluny Hall, Kate Freedman, the Development Officer of the Tabeetha School, Jaffa, Israel-Palestine will give a talk on the important work this school does. The school has been in existence for over 160 years.

In 1863, Jane Walker–Arnott, the eldest daughter of a Glasgow University professor, founded the school to give the girls of Jaffa a measure of dignity and independence in an oppressive society.

Jane, accompanied by her sister Emilia, left Scotland for the Holy Land in 1858 for the benefit of her delicate health. She worked with the German Basel Mission in the Port of Jaffa, a run-down community of Christian and Muslim Arabs under Turkish rule. She returned to Scotland in 1860, but, having concern for the plight of the girls and women she had seen in the Holy Land, was drawn back to Jaffa.

Tabeetha admitted its first pupils, fourteen Christian, Jewish and Muslim girls on 16 March 1863 to a room in Jane Walker-Arnott's house. The girls were taught to read and write, to study the Bible and to become skilled at sewing and lace-making. The lace was sold in Scotland to raise money for the school.

The School believes that, by consistently serving pupils of all faiths and nationalities, we are creating a positive, challenging and supportive learning environment which values individual differences and learning styles.

The School aims to provide high quality education in English and encourage tolerance and understanding, ensuring children live, learn and work together in a spirit of peace and unity. We do so by empowering pupils to be respectful, responsible and productive citizens in a constantly changing global society.

The School is dedicated to preparing our pupils to reach their full potential as independent and confident thinkers who are compassionate problem solvers and leaders in tomorrow's complex world.

Through the work of the Tabeetha School in Jaffa, the Church of Scotland, in the tradition of Christian witness, provides support and involves families in the realisation of a shared community vision.





We are delighted to announce a new youth choir for P6-S3 in Morningside starting in September.

My name is Emily MacFarlane and I have been a Choral Scholar at Morningside Parish Church for the last three years. I have absolutely loved singing with the choir, have sung lots of amazing music and met some lovely people. I am currently studying Law at the University of Edinburgh and am about to sit my second year exams. Whilst I enjoy studying Law, my passion has always been music. During my time at school and beyond I have been lucky to be part of many music groups. I am currently a member of the National Youth Choir of Scotland Chamber Choir and Edinburgh University Singers as well as playing violin with the University Symphony and Chamber Orchestras. I have been lucky enough to have these wonderful opportunities but realise this is not the case for everyone, especially with the cutting of funding for music in schools across the country. With this in mind and having taken a conducting course, I had the idea to create a new choir for young people in Morningside to sing together and have fun! Being part of a choir is a lovely way to meet new people and gain confidence whilst learning new skills. Aaron Fife, who will be starting 1st Year Engineering at Edinburgh University in September will be helping run the choir. Aaron is also from Edinburgh, currently sings with the George Heriot's School Chamber Choir and plays cello with the Symphony Orchestra.

Whilst running as a non-church affiliated choir, we are really glad to be able to add to MPC by providing music for various events throughout the year such as the Christmas Tree Festival and the all-age service in December.

The choir will be running on Friday afternoons 5-6pm, starting Friday 4th September. It is completely unauditioned and no previous experience is required. We will sing a range of music from popular music to choral pieces.

If you have any queries, please contact morningsideyouthchoir@gmail.com or visit our Instagram page.

Please scan this QR to sign up and share with anyone who you think may be interested!

A massive thank you to everyone who has helped us with the set up process, particularly the Minister, Morley Whitehead and Kirk Session, we are very grateful for the ongoing support.





Quiz

Let's get quizzing for Christian Aid Week 2026! Have fun and fund hope for people living in poverty around the world.

Round 1: Seven days to make a difference

1. Christian Aid Week is seven days to make a difference. In which year was it first held?
2. According to the "Monday's Child" rhyme, what is the child born on a Wednesday full of?
3. 'Seven Days In May' was an Oscar nominated 1964 cold-war thriller. Which of these leading actors **did not** star in it?
A) Ava Gardner b) Kirk Douglas c) Burt Lancaster d) Anne Bancroft
4. In which month of the golfing calendar does The Masters week take place in Augusta?
5. In the Great British Bake Off, which is the dreaded week where contests are judged on their kneading skills in the hope of a coveted 'Hollywood Handshake'?



Round 2: Popular Boardgames

1. In Monopoly, how much do you collect when you pass "Go"?
2. In Trivial Pursuit, how many wedges does a player need to fill their playing piece?
3. In The Game of Life, what is the first big milestone many players choose between?
4. In the game Guess Who? How many different characters are there to choose from?
5. What is the highest value property in UK Monopoly?

Round 3: Kenya

1. How many countries boarder Kenya.
2. What is Kenya's full name?
3. What is the estimated population of Kenya?
35 million b) 47 million or c) 53 million?
4. Can you name Kenya's big five the safari-goers hope to spot?
5. Can you name the longest river in Kenya?

Quiz

Round 4: Name that hymn

Unscramble each line. These popular hymn lyrics have been rearranged in alphabetical order. Can you unscramble them and identify which popular hymn these lyrics are from?

Example: am are but I mighty weak you = I am weak, but you are mighty from Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer

1. Clouded forth hills our shine upon
2. God Saviour sing soul then my my to thee
3. All God Lord made the them
4. Beauty of peace the thy
5. Green he leadeth me on pastures

Round 5: Kings & Queens



1. Queen Elizabeth II was England's the longest serving monarch, but which English monarch had the shortest reign?
2. Which English monarch changed the royal house name to Windsor in 1917?
3. Which king issued the Magna Carta in 1215?
4. Who succeeded William The Conqueror on the throne, after he fell from his horse in 1087?
5. Which King was born in Westminster Abbey?

Round 6: General

Knowledge

1. What is the painting 'La Gioconda' more famously known as?
2. When and where was the first modern Olympic games held?
3. How many eyes does a bee have?
4. Which country has the longest coastline in the world?
5. Which actor plays the titular soldier in Saving Private Ryan?

Thanks for supporting Christian Aid using our fundraising quiz, we hope you had fun. You can pay any donations collected online, or set up an online giving page for you event at caweek.org, Alternatively, you can send a cheque to Christian Aid, 35-45 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL

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(Answers next month)

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JUNE MAGAZINE

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LOVELIEST OF TREES, THE CHERRY NOW *A E Housman*

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a
score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Church Office hours are 9.15am – 1.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Could office-bearers and members of the congregation please ensure that any work you would like to be carried out by the Church Administrator is given with as much notice as possible. There is always a large amount of work going on in and around the Church, over and above routine work, so your understanding and co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

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