

Intimations
Ascension Sunday 17th May 2026

1. **Today:** 9.30am Early Service (*Cluny Hall*) and 10.30am Morning Worship. Theme, 'Ascension'. The services today will be conducted by the Very Revd David Arnott. Tea and coffee will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the services. Please make an appropriate donation.

2. **Morningside Hope:**
Music and Memories - 2-4pm, workshops for those with dementia and their partners/carers. The next workshop, Mondays 18th May, and 1st and 15th June, Cluny Hall.
Heart for Art workshop for those with dementia and their partners/carers, every Tuesday 11am - 1pm, St Matthew Hall.
Gentle Exercise Class – dementia-friendly and also open to all 60+.
Next class, Monday 25th May, the Church, 2- 4pm
Games Afternoon – 2-4pm, dementia-friendly and open to everyone.
Wednesdays 20th May, and 17th June. St Matthew Hall.
Care Conversation - Power of Attorney Tuesday 26 May, 11-1pm, St Andrew's Room. 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. Join us to listen, ask questions and share experiences. Tea and coffee will be served at 11am with a prompt start at 11.15am. This event will be co-hosted by Morningside Hope and Home Instead.

3. **Christian Aid Week** is 10th - 17th May 2026 and donation envelopes will be available at the Church door on 17th May and 24th May. Your donation to this annual appeal makes a difference around the world.

4. **Dementia Friendly Concert, Saturday 30th May, 2pm in the Church:** Morningside Hope offers four dementia-friendly concerts a year. Open to all, this is a varied programme. Each concert lasts 40 – 45mins and is followed by tea and coffee. The May concert will be led by our Choral scholars and our organist, Morley Whitehead. Entrance is by donation and proceeds go towards the Morningside Hope project.

5. **Jam, Baking and Making Stall:** The next stall will be on **Sunday 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 the sun will shine that day and it may go off. Please remember to label your donations with a list of ingredients. All profits on this day will go towards the Umbrella Festival fundraising.

6. **Playlist for Life Training Day Friday 19th June, 10 – 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. There are 16 places available on this course. The day will be fully catered. Places are free but donations are welcome. All donations will go to our Morningside Hope Project. For more information contact our Pastoral Assistant, Jacqui Lindsay, on 07834 364 628 or email: pastoralassistant@morningsideparishchurch.org.uk

7. **Morningside Umbrella Festival:** The current total raised is over £39,000. Thank you!

The Festival isn't just the concerts; it's open through the week and at weekends. If you can spare a few hours between Wednesday 27th May and Monday 15th June please discuss your availability with Kerry. Some volunteering roles are suitable for children over 12 years old so why not involve your children and grandchildren. There's a launch on the 30 and 31st May with refreshments and music and face painting and crafts and baking and photo opportunities. Bring your friends and grandchildren. Spread the word. To run the events we need volunteers. For set up, those good at practical jobs....assembling, fixing, DIY. For the events - stewards, people on the door, on the craft stall, people to welcome visitors and tell them about our church. If you need a seated task, you can still help welcome or run the merchandise stall. As we run for 2 weeks, please sign up for more than one stint.

Festival Volunteers

Thank you to all have volunteered so far. Kerry will be holding 2 volunteer briefing sessions on Thursday 28th May at 11am and 6pm. You will get a sneak preview of what the festival is all about and an opportunity to ask questions and get excited about what the 2 weeks will hold.

Umbrella Festival Concerts in the Church -

Schools United in Music and Talent, Thursday 4th June, 6.45pm. Entry by Donation.

Buckstone Community Choir, Tuesday 9th June at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Kerry Watt or Eventbrite – Adults £5 and Children £2

An Evening with Keith Jack, Friday 12th June at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Kerry Watt or Eventbrite – from £28

Family Ceilidh held in the Church Sunday 14th June 5pm - 8pm. Join us as our wonderful Festival comes to an end. Tickets are now on sale and are priced at £12 for adults and £8 for children.

Umbrella Festival Railing Rainbow - Our rainbow will be created using the colourful miniature umbrellas. These are now on sale with a recommended donation price of £10. Buy now and then bring them along to get fixed when the festival opens.

For further information about any of the above please contact Kerry Watt on 07530 971367 or email kerryelgey@hotmail.co.uk



Our Festival is now less than two weeks away and If you haven't already done so we would ask you to consider making a donation. We now have a Morningside Umbrella Just Giving Page, and you can donate by using the QR code

8. **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.**
9. **General Assembly:** the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the national governing body of the Church, is meeting from 15th to 18th May. The Minister is attending.
10. The Church Office and Halls will be closed on Monday 18th May.
11. **Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, 24th May, 2026:** 9.30am Early Service (*Cluny Hall*) and 10.30am Morning Worship. Theme, Spirit. Pentecost is the day when we mark the Church's birthday and celebrate the part of God we know as the Holy Spirit. Red is a colour often associated with the Holy Spirit, so you might like to wear something red to Church on this day. Tea and coffee will be served in the St Matthew Hall after the services. Please make an appropriate donation.

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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.

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.

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

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 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.*