

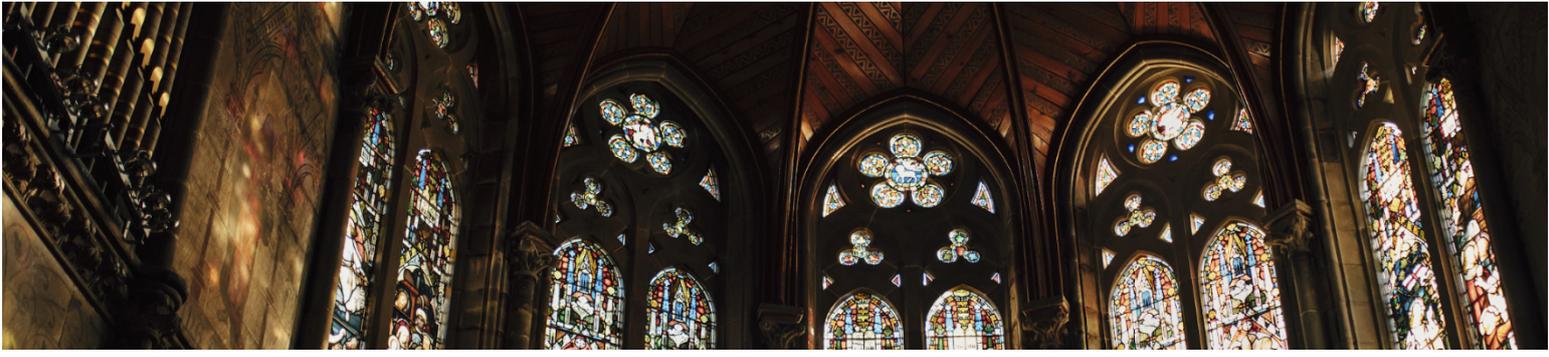


Christ Church, Morningside Church Profile



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Christ Church Morningside Scottish Episcopal Church Church Profile



Scottish Episcopal Church

The Diocese of Edinburgh

Growing together in following Christ and sharing God's love

The Diocese of Edinburgh

Rooted in a common heritage we belong to each other, celebrating our diversity, growing in unity and working for the transformation of individuals and society

We seek to sow seeds of new life under five priorities:

- ✘ **Serving our Communities**
- ✘ **Engaging all Generations**
- ✘ **Enabling Ministry**
- ✘ **Developing Disciples**
- ✘ **Sharing Faith**



Our Diocese is one of the seven dioceses of the Scottish Episcopal Church. It covers the south eastern corner of Scotland and stretches from the Firth of Forth to the border. It includes 52 churches with a total membership of 8,500 and communicant role of 6,000.

The Standing Committee of Diocesan Synod has two main sub-committees, Mission & Ministry and Finance & Management, who work with the Bishop's Enabler of Mission to help us to focus on our priorities set out above. Advice and support are available to charges in all aspects of their developing life. This includes work with young people and children, pastoral care and spiritual direction as well as more practical concerns for buildings and financial management.

Bishop's Introduction

This is a post with huge potential, an opportunity to accompany and guide a strong, diverse and faithful congregation into the next phase of its life.

Christ Church is a congregation that makes its presence felt in the community, with a pattern of worship and activities which are accessible and attractive. There is plenty of momentum and wise lay leadership here, as well as an eagerness to support and love their clergy. The congregation is largely drawn from and cares passionately about the surrounding community and it is eager to grow both in numbers and in faith.

The new Rector must wish to share this enthusiasm and be able to offer a collaborative and consultative style of leadership. They must be secure in their role and able to nurture and develop the leadership of others. There will be many opportunities to develop their own gifts but they must also be able to affirm and discover the gifts of others.

I believe there is much here to bring out the best in a thoughtful, energetic and warm-hearted priest. Someone who knows in his or her own experience how the Good News of God's Kingdom can transform the lives of individuals and communities. They must be able to demonstrate that they are at home in the broad range of traditions within the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Christ Church is a large congregation by Scottish Episcopal standards and a key appointment in the Diocese. I hold in my prayers all who are wondering whether God is calling them to this new work.

John

Bishop of Edinburgh

Vestry's Introduction

Christ Church is an inviting worshipping community that welcomes people of strong, little or no faith to join us as we seek to understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ and what it means for us today.

We have a range of styles of Christian worship across our many services. Our main Sunday service at 10am has a full choir and follows the liturgical calendar of the Scottish Episcopal Church. Our 'Young Church' spends part of the 10am service reflecting on the readings for the day in the church centre, before rejoining the rest of the congregation for Holy Communion. We also run a crèche each Sunday morning for our very young members.

"I love the community and its open-minded, loving welcome and on-going support."

We want Christ Church to be a sanctuary for reflection and learning where people are free to explore issues of life and faith without judgement. We have a regular Sunday programme of talks, Journeys in Faith, and courses running at various points of the Christian year such as Advent and Lent.



Christ Church seeks to address injustice and respond to human need through loving service. We support several international and local charities throughout the year, and work with Bethany Trust, Fresh Start and the Eric Liddell Centre

Christ Church is governed by our Vestry, with responsibilities divided between the Standing Committee, Finance and Management Committee, the Property Committee, and the UK and Overseas Support Committee (UKOSC).

We want to continue our emphasis on being a welcoming church to people of all ages. Christ Church has a strong foundation but we are keen to grow and develop as we search for new ways to embrace and demonstrate God's love.

Our Worship

Worship at Christ Church is firmly rooted in the Eucharist in the liberal catholic tradition: vestments are worn, the Sacrament is reserved, full Holy Week and Easter services are observed, and a service of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion is held every weekday throughout the year. We regularly use contemporary resources including Godly Play, Taizé and Iona in our Sunday evening and occasional services as well as traditional Sung Compline. (Evening Services have been suspended since January 2020 during the vacancy.)



Sunday worship includes 8am Holy Communion (Scottish Prayer Book 1929/English Rite) and 10am Eucharist (1982 Scottish Liturgy), with robed choir and an average attendance of 140. On four Sundays a year, our Young Church takes part in leading All Age worship. Booklets providing the full liturgy with seasonal variations are provided every Sunday.

Other weekday services include Morning Prayer and Holy Communion each weekday at 8.30am, Wednesday morning Holy Communion (SPB 1929), Evening Prayer in church Monday to Wednesday (suspended during the vacancy) and a monthly afternoon Communion service (SEC 1970 liturgy) followed by tea and cake.

(See Appendix 1 for a graphic illustration of the range of services at Christ Church.)

Music at Christ Church

Music is an integral part of our eucharistic worship at Christ Church. We are fortunate to have a well-established choir of around 25 members of all ages, led by our Director of Music and our Assistant Organist.

Each Sunday morning 10am service includes a congregational setting of the Eucharist, hymns (generally from Common Praise), a psalm to either Anglican chant or in a more modern version, and a Taize chant, plus a choir anthem during communion. The choir, made up of congregation members, sings a wide range of music ranging from Byrd to Rutter, both accompanied and unaccompanied.

We usually have a choral evensong when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, and additional evening services with choir in Advent and Lent. We also try to have a special musical event at least once a year. In past years we have sung the Faure Requiem, Stainer's Crucifixion, and a special Palm Sunday evening service including Lotti Crucifixus and Allegri's Miserere.

“Despite being a ‘modern’ church that is inclusive, outgoing and welcoming, it has kept a traditional, prayerful and sacramental ethos.”

Our Clergy Team

Our long tradition of being a seven day a week community, with services every day of the week, apart from Saturday, is facilitated by a Rector, Associate Priest and currently two non-stipendiary and one retired priest. Lay involvement is also long standing in terms of Sunday evenings and weekday morning and evening prayer. More information on our clergy team is included in Appendix 5.

About Christ Church

Who We Are

We have many active and involved members of our congregation, bringing a wealth of skills and talents to supporting the life of the church and the local community.

As of November 2019, 209 households containing 404 people were involved in the activities of our congregation. In recent years, the congregation size (as measured by the congregational roll) has remained fairly constant, with similar numbers of leavers and joiners. We have members of all ages, from 0 to 100. However, we have relatively fewer young adults, and are keen to explore what more we can do to engage this age group.

See Appendix 2 for more detail on the profile of our congregation.



Where We Are

We are located in the beautiful city of Edinburgh, Scotland's capital. Christ Church is 15 minutes' walk from Edinburgh city centre, around a mile South West of Edinburgh Castle. The church's address is 6a Morningside Road, EH10 4DD, and can be viewed on google maps to get an idea of the area.

Our Church sits on a junction well known in Edinburgh as 'Holy Corner', due to the presence of a church building on each of the four corners (including our own). The surrounding area is primarily residential, has a vibrant high street and is well served by local shops, cafes and restaurants.

Our Wider Local Community

The people living in the areas surrounding Christ Church are:

- **From a wide mix of age groups**, including significant numbers of young adults and students, whom we would like to attract more of
- **Highly educated** – around two-thirds of adults in Morningside are graduates

- **Less likely than average to identify with any religion** – the 2011 census indicated 44% of people in Morningside had no religion
- **Likely to be financially well off** – many of the areas around Christ Church fall into the least deprived areas of Scotland, as measured by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

However, while many of those living in the area immediately surrounding Christ Church may be relatively well off, there is very significant inequality in our city. Homelessness is a persistent and visible issue across the city, including in Bruntsfield and Morningside.

For more detailed information about our local area and community, see Appendix 3.

Our Buildings

Christ Church Morningside is designed in the 13th century French Gothic style and is a Grade B listed building. The architect was Hippolyte J Blanc, who was a member of the congregation until his death in 1917.



The church was built in 1875, during a period of rapid expansion of the population of South Edinburgh. The first service took place on 4th June 1876 (Whit Sunday), and the church was dedicated on 12 March 1878. The Church can accommodate about 400 people in the Nave and around 30 in the choir stalls.

We have a number of booklets providing information about the Church history, architecture, stained glass and other features, available from the Church Office on request.

“The building is a major part in the church’s tapestry. It is a quiet, beautiful building that underpins everything in the whole life of the church.”

The 21st century has seen a very extensive programme of repair and renovation to the church fabric involving the replacing of damaged or decaying stonework, work on the roof and stained glass, and renovations to the hall and kitchen (for more detail, see our website). Although this was largely funded by Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund, there was a very substantial financial contribution from the congregation.

In 2003 a **church centre** was built and dedicated. It is a multifunctional facility comprising the Church Office, a large multipurpose room that may be divided to form two smaller rooms, a ‘Quiet Room’, kitchen and toilets. It is heavily booked by both Church and community groups for daytime and evening activities.

Immediately adjacent to the Church are the late Victorian semi-detached **Church Houses**, numbers 4 and 6 Morningside Road. Over the years No 6 has generally been occupied by Associate Priests or Curates (it is currently the home of our Associate Priest and her family). No 4 is **the Rectory**. It is a spacious dwelling – detailed information and photographs are included in Appendix 4.

The Rectory is spacious and in good condition, but any necessary decorative work will be arranged by the Property Committee in consultation with the successful applicant.



Members enjoying the annual Christ Church Barbeque in the Rectory Garden

Our Wider Church Life

Our desire to be a church that serves God and our community ‘seven whole days not one in seven’ is reflected in the wide range of educational, volunteering and outreach activities at Christ Church.

Journeys in Faith

Education about different aspects of the Christian faith is a strong priority at Christ Church. This is achieved primarily through our ‘Journeys in Faith’ programme, which involves regular presentations and discussions after the Sunday morning service on the first and third Sundays of each month. Diverse speakers from within and outwith our congregation have presented at these sessions. We also arrange evening seminars on linked themes, particularly during Advent and Lent.



More recently, we set up two house groups, meeting every two weeks, in order to discuss the readings set for the following Sunday. While the evening group is still going strong, the daytime group has been discontinued due to low attendance. However, this is an area the congregation has expressed interest in developing, and we would welcome support and guidance from our new Rector in how to achieve this.

See Appendix 6 and our website for more information about recent Journeys in Faith topics and other related activities.

Children and Families

Children of all ages and their families receive a warm welcome and are full and valued members of our Christ Church community. This is supported by the work of our Families Networker (see Appendix 7 for further details of staff roles) and a team of helpers.

“I like the feel that we have all ages, from four weeks to 100 years olds, worshipping together.”

We want children to be supported to fully participate in meaningful worship at Christ Church. There is a crèche (0-4) and Young church (5-12) every Sunday of the year during the 10am Sunday Eucharist. Four Sundays a year, the Young Church members stay for the full service and lead the Liturgy of the Word. Older children (13+) are encouraged to attend and participate in services, and regularly meet separately to learn about our church community and explore our faith.

Our Families Networker also runs regular sessions at Christ Church outside services, aimed at children and families from Christ Church and the wider community, including:



- Friday Fun for children age 0-5 (weekly, average attendance 25 children plus adults)
- Saturday Zone, for primary aged children. This is seasonal, and meets three times a year for stories, crafts and games.
- Summer Holiday Club, also for primary aged children. An annual week-long club with biblically themed stories, crafts, songs and activities.
- CC@6 for young people in secondary school (S1-S4), including activities and questions. CC@6 has not met this year, but our Families Networker plans to restart it in the Autumn, when a number of our young people start secondary school.

During the week, a Community Playgroup rents our Church Hall. We have a good ongoing relationship with the playgroup, and have held 2-3 services a year for them in the church.

“I enjoy Young Church and downstairs after church, especially the cookies.”

Supporting our Church Community

We currently have 28 area visitors and 9 pastoral visitors who offer support and connection for any of our members who wish it. The pastoral visitors offer support, both short and longer term to the frailer, vulnerable, housebound, and elderly. We have a volunteer Pastoral Coordinator who liaises with pastoral visitors and clergy.

We have a wide range of other volunteers and groups who contribute to making Christ Church a thriving and welcoming place, including:

- Servers and Sacristans
- Members who read lessons, lead intercessions, and administer the chalice
- Lay involvement in leading morning and evening services
- The Hospitality team
- Sunday Coffee team
- The Sidespersons team
- Flower Group
- Holy Dusters
- Garden Group
- Fairtrade stall team
- The Prayer Shawl Group, which handknits prayer shawls for people in need of comfort, peace, healing and strength.



Hospitality and a warm welcome is an important part of our mission. Our 10am service on a Sunday is followed by café style coffee (with fresh Fairtrade coffee), and our hospitality team helps us host a wide range of other events during the year. These include our annual congregational lunch, summer barbeque, strawberry lunch, catering after Christmas services, lunches for different groups and many, many cakes!

“[At Christ Church] the friendship of all is especially valuable, with excellent pastoral care.”

Supporting our Wider Community

Christ Church seeks to bring about positive change in the world, starting from our local community. As discussed below (‘Giving’), we support 11 charities each year (selected on a rolling four-year basis), financially and in prayer.

We are also involved on an ongoing basis with a number of charities working with homeless people in Edinburgh. We support ongoing collections of food and goods, and cater for a night shelter several times a year. Our young people have organised ‘reverse advent calendar’ collections for local foodbanks and taken part in ‘the Wee Sleep Out’ to raise money for an Edinburgh homelessness charity. We provide a venue and hospitality for a ceilidh for Syrian Refugees on behalf of Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees.

Our Church Centre provides a hub for various additional voluntary groups and social activities. While these are organised by Christ Church members (who tend to be the main attendees), they are also open to the wider community. Active groups include:

- Book group
- Mothers’ Union
- Knitting Group
- Quilting Group
- Film Group
- Two walking groups, which meet once a month.

More information on these groups can be found on our website.

There are also many other ad hoc/annual social events for the congregation and others, such as our congregational day out, all age ceilidh, fashion show (with all clothes sourced from local charity shops), musical revue, Christian Aid quiz night, and annual wine tasting evening.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Links

Christ Church has longstanding links with Morningside United Church (across the Road on Holy Corner), with a joint service each year on the Sunday after Christmas and joint work during Christian Aid week.

We actively foster and support interfaith links. Christ Church is an Associate member of the Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association (EIFA). In 2019, we hosted a Community Interfaith Meal for EIFA, including a ‘Meet the Imam, the Priest, and the Rabbi’ panel event.

We host the Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Congregation for some of its festivals, including Purim and Sukkot/the Feast of Tabernacles.

Finance and Governance

Financial Position

Christ Church is blessed to have strong finances to support our outreach, spiritual development, support of the Young Church, and financial support of UK and overseas projects.

Members giving accounts for 75% of the Church’s total income. Other income derives from rental income from the hire of the Hall, Church Centre, Parking, and a flat bequeathed to the Church 15 years ago. The Church receives investment income from a unit trust pool, managed by the Province of the Scottish Episcopal Church.



Our combined income covers all our regular costs to run the Church including employment costs, worship, music and mission, heating and lighting, maintenance, office expenses, and the diocesan quota.

As discussed above, the Church has invested considerably in enhancing both the Church building and other properties. Over the last ten years, we have completed three major phases of building work, the most recent in 2017 – further details of this renovation project can be found on the website. While all our properties are in good condition, ongoing investment is required to maintain this, including a planned replacement of the Church heating system in the near

future. However, future investment of this type is always planned ahead in each annual budget.

The latest copies of the Church's full and abbreviated accounts for the year ended 30th September 2019 are available from our website.

Giving

Christ Church gives 5% of our general income to support overseas charities, while 10% of legacies and rental income from the flat owned by the Church is used to support local and UK charities. £3,000 a year is given to the Eric Liddell Centre - a registered charity co-founded by Christ Church, which offers a dementia day care service and provides a base for a number of community groups and charities – to support their running costs. Charitable contributions from these various streams amounted to just over £14,000 in last year's accounts.

In 2019, a further £9,400 was donated by Christ Church members to 18 charities, supported by the collections taken on Easter Sunday, Homeless Sunday, and various Christmas services, as well as sponsored events.

Our UK and Overseas Support Committee determine the main charities supported by Christ Church on a four-year cycle. We focus on organisations where small donations can make a big impact. International charities supported in the past year include:

- Fundatia Increderea (the Foundation for Trust) (Romania)
- Ikamva Youth (South Africa)
- Julia Thomson Memorial Trust (Brazil)
- Mission Possible (Rwanda)
- Life Begins (Zambia)
- Open Arms (Malawi)
- The Budongo Conservation Field Station (Uganda), and
- The Menara Centre for Special Needs Children (Egypt).

"We would like to give our heart felt thanks to Christ Church for supporting our school. Your effort, we believe, will improve the education standards in our school."

Headteacher, Karongo Primary School, Uganda

In addition to the Eric Liddell Centre, UK charities supported included:

- Leuchie House (East Lothian)
- Richmond's Hope (Edinburgh)
- The Edinburgh Interfaith Association
- Local foodbanks
- St. Catharine's Convent, and
- Fresh Start (Edinburgh).

"The money from Christ Church has enabled us to buy the wood for memory boxes. These boxes are a valuable resource to help the children to capture and store the memories of the person who died."

Richmond's Hope, supporting bereaved children

Church Governance

The general management of Christ Church is carried out by the Vestry, which consists of ex-officio members: the Rector, the Lay Representative and the Alternate Lay Representative, the Rector's Warden, the People's Warden, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the elected members. Currently, we have 6 elected members.

The Vestry meets approximately 5 times a year and delegates much of its business to various committees:

- **Standing Committee** (comprised of ex-officio members of the Vestry and chaired by the Rector) – to consider urgent items which may arise between Vestry meetings
- **Finance & Management Committee** – to consider all financial, management, investment and administrative matters. The Treasurer chairs this committee.
- **Property Committee** – to oversee the upkeep of the fabric of the church and associated properties. An appointed Factor chairs this committee.
- **UK and Overseas Support Committee** – to administer the funds, allocated by the Vestry, for the support of the work of the Church overseas and in the UK (see 'Giving', above).

The Rector is an ex-officio member of all the committees and has, in practice, regularly attended F&M and Property. We also have ad hoc Vestry committees, addressing specific issues, including for example recent work on Inclusion (see further detail under 'Our future hopes and challenges').

All the Church's policies and terms of reference are contained in the booklet '*Church Governance Constitution and Committee Terms of Reference, Church Policies*' which is updated every few years. This is available from our website.

Christ Church Staff Team

The Church's current staff team includes a Church Manager, part-time Office Assistant, part-time Families' Networker, Director of Music, Assistant Organist, Verger, and Cleaner. The staff team is line managed by the Rector, with the exception of the Office Assistant and Cleaner, who are managed by the Church Manager. See Appendix 7 for further details of our current staff team.

Our Future Hopes and Challenges

We Wish to Continue the Good Work that We Have Started

In looking to the future, we are aware that Christ Church already has many, many strengths, which have been highlighted in the other parts of our church profile. Keeping all of this good work going will in itself be a significant challenge. However, we wish to do more in the future.

The following three areas represent the main areas of development that have emerged from our recent discussions with the members of our congregation.

Becoming a More Inclusive Church

In 2018 Christ Church Vestry committed to working towards becoming a more inclusive church. We acknowledged that this would be an ongoing project and agreed to put 'Inclusion' as a standing item on the agenda of every Vestry meeting.



We want to celebrate different faith journeys and the diversity of human identities, and to address barriers that may prevent members feeling comfortable in our church or deter new members from joining us. We started this work in 2018/19 by looking at barriers preventing members with physical disabilities being fully included and have made several changes as a result, including making the ramped access door more welcoming and accessible.

We plan to continue to explore what else needs to be done – extending our work to consider barriers relating to economic power, gender, mental health, race and sexuality, as well as physical ability. We are involving those members of our congregation who might need greater help accessing all of the events and facilities that our church offers.

Developing our Work with Teenagers and Young Adults

We are aware that whilst our church seeks to provide a spiritual home for all people, those in their teenage and young adult years are significantly under-represented in our congregation.

We want to ensure that our work across all the other age groups remains strong. However, we wish to explore what practical and achievable steps can be taken to meaningfully engage with teenagers and young adults. Our Families Networker is keen to develop the 'Eat and Explore' programme for teenagers, and we would also like to explore building greater connections with nearby Edinburgh Napier University.

We do not expect this challenge to be met overnight and we appreciate that we may need to work with other churches and organisations to help us realise our vision of being a church that welcomes and supports people throughout all stages of their lives.

Caring More about the Environment



Christ Church is at the early stages of considering our response to the climate emergency that is now becoming a global issue of utmost importance. We hope to continue to develop our work in this area in the future, both through the actions we can take as a church and community, and the support we can offer to others in the UK and overseas to help support the environment.

We plan to be more proactive, taking both positive new actions whilst at the same time reducing any negative impacts we may inadvertently be causing. We are currently raising funds for a new system of heating that will be more energy efficient.

We wish to care for the environment by: using eco-friendly products; reducing, reusing and recycling; safely disposing of non-recyclable materials; and supporting charities in the UK and overseas who actively promote environmentally friendly work in their communities.

Person Specification

It is essential that you:

- believe in the inclusion of all God's people in the church, without regard for ethnicity, gender, age, sexuality or other characteristics
- are able to articulate your own spirituality and preach in ways that engage thoughtfully with the bible, theological traditions and the contemporary world
- are willing and active in sharing the Gospel
- value the integration of liturgy and music which characterises our style of worship
- have the strength and resilience to deal with challenging situations in a sensitive and discreet manner
- have the ability to work with and motivate teams, including the Vestry, ministry team, church staff and volunteers, whilst considering their pastoral care
- can communicate within and beyond the church
- can bring your own gifts to Christ Church including interests beyond the church and the ability to take care of yourself.

Our Rector must have experience of:

- strong pastoral leadership of a congregation and have at least five years' experience in pastoral charge
- collaboration, team working and delegation
- assisting with the development of a ministry to a specific group, for example young adults
- training, mentoring and developing others.

It is desirable that our Rector:

- can engage with other organisations that have close ties with Christ Church
- has mentored one or more curates and/or associates
- is optimistic and approachable, willing to offer hospitality to all.

We asked our children and young people what they thought would make our ideal rector. They said they should be:

- *Kind*
- *Respectful*
- *Hospitable*
- *Have ideas*
- *Be willing to visit Young Church*
- *Welcoming*
- *Caring*

Conditions of Engagement

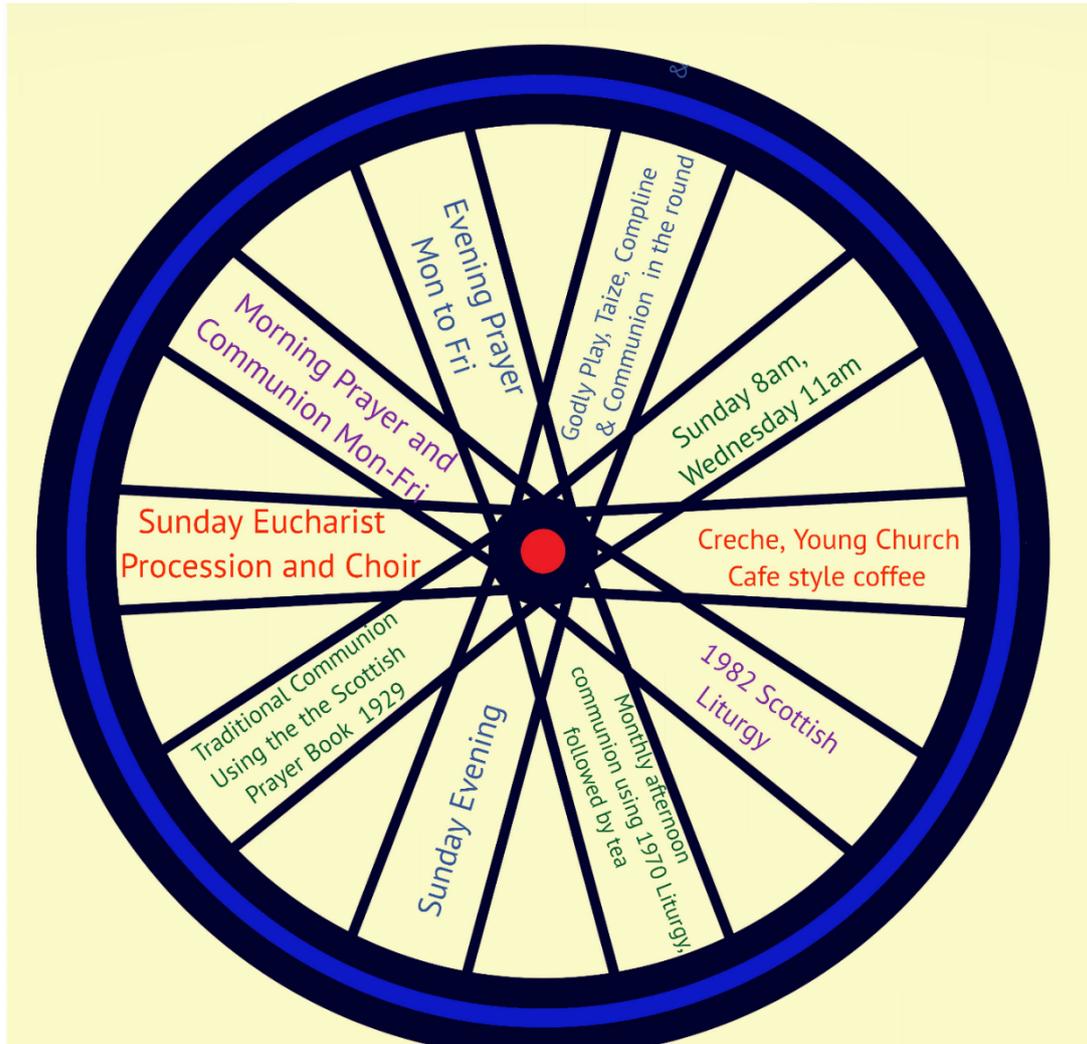
The Rector will be required to:

- subscribe to the Scottish Book of Common Prayer and other liturgical formularies of the Scottish Episcopal Church (Code of Canons, Appendix 11)
- sign a promise of obedience to the Code of Canons of the Scottish Episcopal Church and to the Bishop of the Diocese (Code of Canons, Appendix 12)
- complete a Disclosure Scotland background check (cf. also Important Notes at the end of the application form)
- reside in the Rectory provided by Christ Church at 4 Morningside Road, Edinburgh. A description of the Rectory is in Appendix 4.



Appendices

Appendix 1 – Further Information about our Worship

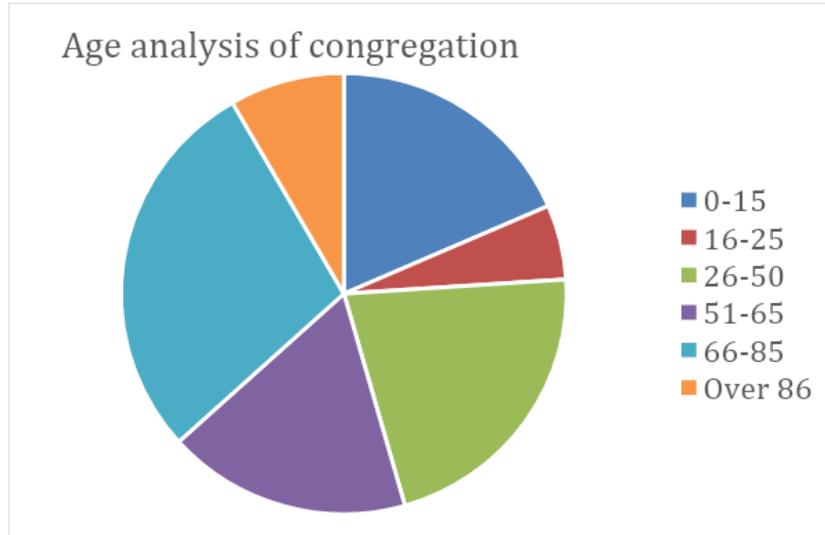


The wheel above represents the ongoing movement of church life and the wide range of services at Christ Church.

Appendix 2 – Further Information on the Profile of our Congregation

As of November 2019, 60% of our congregation were female and 40% male. The age profile of our congregation is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 – age profile of our congregation (November 2019)



With regard to the religious background of congregational members, some are life-long Scottish Episcopalians (including a number who have been members of Christ Church for many decades); some have moved from Presbyterian, Roman Catholic or other Christian backgrounds; some have moved from other Anglican churches in the UK (Church of England, Church of Ireland); and some have moved from the worldwide Anglican Communion, or other churches, particularly in North America.

Appendix 3 – Further Information about our Local Area

As noted in the ‘Where we are’ section of the profile, Christ Church sits on ‘Holy Corner’. The four churches that sit on this crossroads are: Morningside United (joint Church of Scotland and United Reformed Church), Elim Pentecostal, our own Christ Church, and the Eric Liddell centre (a registered charity co-founded and supported by Christ Church, which offers a dementia day care service, provides a base for a number of community groups and charities, and hosts Crossroads church). St Peter’s Roman Catholic Church is also situated nearby.

Within walking distance of Christ Church there are several primary and secondary schools (Bruntsfield Primary, Boroughmuir Secondary, James Gillespies Secondary, and George Watson’s College, an independent school taking pupils from nursery to sixth year). We are also close to a campus of Edinburgh Napier University. The Royal Edinburgh Hospital, which provides specialist psychiatric and mental health care, is nearby.

Our Westminster MP is Ian Murray (Labour); our Holyrood MSP is Daniel Johnson (Labour); and our City Councillors are Nick Cook (Conservative), Melanie Main (Green), Neil Ross (Liberal Democrat), and Mandy Watt (Labour). There is also an active Morningside Community Council, in which several members of the congregation are involved.

The area covered by Christ Church corresponds roughly to the area covered by two neighbouring Church of Scotland parishes, Morningside United Church, and Morningside Parish Church. Detailed analysis of the areas covered by each of these congregations, based on data from the 2011 Scottish Census, can be found at: https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/church_finder/data/parish_profiles/010072.pdf and https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/church_finder/data/parish_profiles/010069.pdf

This data, albeit now slightly out of date, provides a great deal of information about the people living in our area in terms of age profile, religious affiliation, ethnicity, educational qualifications, health, and socio-economic background.

Christ Church’s local area also corresponds roughly to the area of Ward 10 (Meadows/Morningside) of the City of Edinburgh, and the latest statistical information about the area from this source, updated to October 2018, can be found at <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/strategy-performance-research/locality-ward-data-profiles/1>

This site makes possible comparison with other individual wards, the wider southwest Edinburgh locality, or the city as a whole, with regard to employment, health, housing and education.

Appendix 4 – The Rectory

The entrance is via small porch leading into the hall (12 x 6.5ft) allowing access on the left to a large living room (18 x 13ft). This room is characterised by hardwood polished floor, and large windows with secondary glazing that overlook the front garden. A modern electric simulated log burning stove supplements the central heating.



Living room

To the right of the hall is a small cloakroom and toilet. The hall extends into a dining area (12.5 x 12ft) with fitted cupboards and French windows providing access to the back garden.

To the left of the dining area a short passage leads to a delightful room (14 x 10.5ft) used by the previous Rector as a private quiet room/study. Freshly decorated, it contains a wall mounted electric fire.



Dining area



Kitchen

To the right of the hall and the dining area is a modern well-appointed kitchen (15 x 11ft).

Upstairs there are four large bedrooms. The bedroom to the right (16.5 x 10 ft) has windows at both ends providing views to the front and back gardens.

A Master bedroom (14 x 11ft excluding the bay windows and bay window seats) has en-suite facilities. This bedroom overlooks the back garden.



Master bedroom

Adjacent to this room is the bathroom (9 x 6ft) with both bath and shower.

A second large back bedroom (14 x 17ft excluding the bay window) also overlooks the back garden. This room is reached via a long corridor (20 x 4ft) and was originally part of No 6.

The large front bedroom (15 x 13ft) has windows with secondary glazing overlooking the front garden.

A small room (8 x 8.5ft) that has been used as an office/study by the Rector overlooks the front garden.



The Rectory looks on to a large garden that may be accessed through French Windows in the dining area as well as via the back door in the kitchen. There is, in addition, a free-standing garage, a garden shed and parking space for 3 cars in the front driveway.



Back garden



Front of the Rectory

The Rectory is well maintained and meets all current health and safety regulations.

Further pictures are available on request.

Appendix 5 – Our Clergy Team

Jenny Wright moved to Christ Church as full-time Associate Priest in 2018, following a curacy at Old St Paul's Church, Edinburgh. Originally from South Africa, Jenny has a PhD in Systematic Theology (Public Theology and Christian Ethics). She is the convener of the provincial Church in Society Committee, the SEC representative on the Anglican Consultative Council and an associate tutor for the Scottish Episcopal Institute. She is passionate about growing disciples in the local church context, responding to the missional needs of the local community and joining in God's work in the world. Jenny will be on maternity leave until March 2021.

Non-Stipendiary Clergy

Jane Green studied music and German at Newcastle University where she met her husband Michael (Director of Music at Christ Church) in 1974. Jane is a Chartered Secretary (FCIS) with experience in retail, housing, charities and finally from 1996 to 2002 as Head of Liturgy and Music at Salisbury Cathedral. She has been a member of Christ Church since 2002 and was Vestry Secretary from 2007 to 2013 when she began training for ministry in the SEC. After curacy at St Ninian's and Christ Church, Jane was licensed as Assistant Priest at Christ Church in May 2019, with an interest in the connection between liturgy and pastoral work and Ignatian spirituality.

Gordon Graham taught philosophy at St Andrews, Aberdeen and Princeton before retiring to Edinburgh in 2018, where he is now Director of the Edinburgh Sacred Arts Foundation. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2006 and served as an associate priest in the Diocese of New Jersey for 12 years. He has published extensively on philosophical and theological topics.

Imre Katay-Fodor completed his BA in the theological college in Szeged, Hungary in 1981 and was priested the same year. He was a curate in Gyula and in Szeged. From 1988-1998, he worked in the Diocese's centre in Szeged-Csanad, as the Bishop's secretary, Chancellor and Dean. Imre began his studies in group psychotherapy in 1990 and became a fully qualified psychotherapist in 1999. He was the lead clinician at the Youth Drug Centre in Szeged from 1998-2005. After this, Imre moved to Edinburgh and became an Assistant Priest at Christ Church in 2014.

Appendix 6 – Journeys in Faith Topics

2019 Journeys in Faith topics have included:

- The History and Culture of Iran
- Food in the World's Religions
- Christianity and Poverty
- Witnessing Faithfulness in the course of Teaching Journeys in India and the Far East
- The Surprising History of the Scottish Funeral
- The Armenian Apostolic Church
- Anglican responses to the issue of fracking for shale gas
- From vet to vestments: a vocation story
- The Eucharist: behind the scenes at Christ Church
- The Anglican Communion: things you didn't know
- Religious Tourism Today
- The Work of the Julia Thomson Trust in Brazil, and
- Learning as part of Christ Church's faith journey.

Evening and daytime seminar series have focused around themes including:

- The Great Themes of Christian Theology (Sin, Judgement, Repentance, Redemption, and Salvation)
- Exploring Isaiah, and
- Theology in Song: The Hymns We Sing.

In Lent 2020, three seminar series are being run:

- 'The Great Theologians' (Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, and Schleiermacher), including guest speakers from Edinburgh University's New College and elsewhere
- 'Practicing Prayer,' utilising material from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow, and
- 'Contemporary Moral Problems: searching for a Christian perspective,' looking at Abortion, Euthanasia, Same sex marriage, War, and Climate change.

Other recent activities aimed at supporting people's journeys in faith have included reflective Lent retreats and quiet days.

Appendix 7 – Staff Roles at Christ Church

Church Manager

(30 hours a week: Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm):

Office Assistant

(12 hours a week: Mon, Thu, Fri, 9am-1pm):

Families' Networker

(22.5 hour per week paid post).

Director of Music

Assistant Organist

Verger

Cleaner