

**St Michael's Parish Church
Slateford Road
Edinburgh
Order of Service**

Sunday, 11th March 2018

11.00am



Locum: Martin Pearce

Organist: Stuart Montgomery

Reader: Sheila Bremner

Music before worship:

J.S. Bach: Alla Breve in D Major & Canzona in D minor

J.S. Bach: Air in D Major

Call to worship: (Isaiah 53: 1-3)

Leader: Who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

All: He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

Leader: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

All: He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Hymn CH4 160: Praise my soul the King of Heaven

(Tune: Praise my soul)

Prayers of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and notices

All age talk: Mother's Day

Hymn CH4 137: All things bright and beautiful
(Tune: Royal Oak)

Readings:

Matthew 16: 13-17 - Who do you say I am? Page 804

John 10: 22-42 - Conflict over Jesus' claims Page 883

Hymn CH4 159: Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided (Tune: Lord of the years)

Sermon: The Claims of Jesus

Music for Reflection: E. Satie: Meditation no. 3 in A minor
Offering

Music for the offering music: E. Grieg: Solitary Wanderer

Seated, we sing Hymn 807 as the offering is dedicated.

Prayer of Dedication of offering

Hymn CH4 459 Crown him with many crowns
(Tune: Diademata)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn CH4 419: Thine be the Glory, risen, conquering Son
(Tune: Maccabaeus)

Benediction (sung by all)

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show that you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching all around.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love"**

Recessional: R.V. Williams: Land of Our Birth

Notices

Good morning and **welcome** to everyone who has come to St. Michael's this morning. If you are visiting us today we hope you will enjoy our fellowship as we worship God together. Please sign the Visitor's Book on the table behind the last pew at the back of the church and do join us for tea and coffee in the hall before you leave.

Today's theme is "**Jesus and his claims.**"

If you have, or are aware of, any **pastoral need**, contact Locum Martin Pearce Mob 07913 625 394, email martin.j.pearce@blueyonder.co.uk or Douglas Bannatyne on 0131 444 2935.

Please note any prayer concerns you have in the **Prayer Book** at the back of the church. Currently, there are a number of people in our church family who are poorly. Please pray for them.

Soup lunch, tea and coffee is served after today's service in the hall – all are welcome.

Prayers before Sunday Services are held in the Annex (adjacent to the main hall) from 10.30 to 10.45. We will be praying for the nominating committee and our church family. Silent prayer is just as good as praying aloud. Please come.

This year's **Lent Appeal is Medical Aid for Palestine.**

The Stated Annual General Meeting will be held during the service next Sunday, 18th March at 11am and will be led by Reverend Angus Mathieson, Interim Moderator.

The Guild is holding their **Social Evening, “Golden America Part V”** with Fred and Rita Daniels at 7pm on Tuesday, 13th March. Speak to any of the Guild members for more information.

Lent Bible Study and Prayers in the ANNEX ROOM.

Each week is a stand-alone Bible Study. **All welcome**

14th March	12.30 to 1.30pm	Jesus the miracle worker	Fourth Week of Lent
21 st March	12.30 to 1.30pm	Jesus lives with perfect purity	Fifth Week of Lent
21st March	7pm To 8pm	Jesus Road to Jerusalem	Fifth week of Lent
28 th March	12.30 to 1.30pm	Jesus claims to be the Son of God	Holy Week

Services for Lent and Easter

18 th March	11am	Jesus and the road to Jerusalem	Fifth Sunday in Lent
25 th March	11am	Jesus and the triumphant entry	Palm Sunday
29 th March	7.30pm	The Passion of Christ at St Martin's	Maundy Thursday
30 th March	7.30pm	The seven sayings of Jesus on the cross	Good Friday
1 st April	7am	Jesus is Alive	Service in the Church Garden
1 st April	11am	The Risen Jesus	Easter Day

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

MONDAY 12th MARCH 2018

at 2pm

In tune with

STUART MONTGOMERY

Piano and Organ

A. Hollins: Trumpet Minuet

W.A. Mozart: Andante, from piano concerto in C Major
(K467 'Elvira Madigan')

Hymns we love no. 3 (arranged by Stuart Montgomery)

C. Debussy: Clair de lune

from 'Suite Bergamasque' (1890)

G.F. Handel: Organ Concerto in F Major (opus 4 no. 4 'Alcina')
Allegro – Andante – Adagio - Allegro

D. Shostakovich: Romance 'Gadfly'

S. Rachmaninoff: Variation no 18

from Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini

E. Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance March no. 4 in G Major (opus 39)

ALL ARE WELCOME

The spring edition of **the Tower** is ready for collection.

A huge “Thank you” to everyone who helps with this important ministry, your support is greatly appreciated.

On the table at the back of the church you will see there are a few districts where help with distribution is currently needed – there is no requirement that you must knock on doors when delivering. If you are able to help please do so and let Fiona (in the office on 0131 478 9675 or email: office@stmichaels-kirk.co.uk) or Douglas know.

Recently we have become aware that perhaps not everyone who said they would pick up their copy of the magazine after the service has been doing this. So that we can better identify members who now require their magazine delivered to them may we ask that, as you collect your copy, you put a tick against your name on the sheet which is lying beside the magazines. Thank you.