

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

Sunday, 4th March 2018

11.00am



The Good Samaritan, by Walter Rane, courtesy Church History Museum

Locum: Martin Pearce

Organist: Stuart Montgomery

Reader: Jamie Baxter

Music before worship:

G.F. Handel: Organ Concerto no 3 in G minor (opus 4 no. 3 'Esther)

C. v Gluck: Dance of the Blessed Spirits

Call to worship:

Leader: Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

All: For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Leader: For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?

All: Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? (Matthew 16:24-26 English Standard Version)

Hymn CH4 184: Sing to the Lord a joyful song

(Tune: Godfallon Royal)

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: Jesus and miracles

Hymn CH4 194: This is the day this is the day that the Lord has made (Tune: This is the day)

Reading:

John 11: 1-46 (Lazarus is raised from the dead)

Hymn CH4 396 And can it be that I should gain
(Tune Sagina)

Sermon: Jesus and Miracles

Music for Reflection: J. Ireland: The Darkened Valley

Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication of offering

Hymn CH4 457: All hail the power of Jesus' name!
(Tune: Miles Lane)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn CH4 465 Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
(Tune: Slane)

Benediction (sung Amen)

Recessional: K. Leighton: Fanfare

Notices

Good morning and **welcome** to everyone who has come to St. Michael's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our fellowship as we worship God together today.

The theme of the service is **Jesus and miracles**.

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.

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) 10.30 to 10.45. We will be praying for the nominating committee and our church family. Praying silently is very apposite. Please come.

At Tuesday night's **Guild** meeting the speaker will be Maureen Kelly talking on the Amish and Shakers. The meeting begins at 7pm to which all are invited.

Kirk Session meets next Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm

Join us for **Second Sunday Soup** after the service next Sunday, 11th March.

Stuart Montgomery will give a recital at **the Friendship Club** meeting on Monday, 12th March at 2pm. All are welcome.

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.

The Congregation Stated Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 18th March.

This year's **Lent Appeal is Medical Aid for Palestine** - which is a British charity that offers medical services in the West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon, and advocates for Palestinians' rights to health and dignity. It was founded in 1984. Please try to save some money each week for this charity that works for those who have few essential medical facilities and we will collect the donations on Easter Sunday through a retiring offering.

The World Health Organisation has reported last month that 40% of all essential Medicines were entirely depleted in Gaza, including medications like antibiotics used in Emergency Departments. There are almost no anti-cancer drugs left to treat patients with cancer. There is less than one month's supply of wound dressings and syringes left. The money raised will be used to buy essential medicines as described.

As if this was not bad enough there is also a severe shortage of fuel to power the generators for Gaza's three Hospitals and 16 Clinics so that electricity may only be available for 4 - 6 hours a day due to the Israeli blockade of fuel supplies. This makes treatments like dialysis and running scanning equipment extremely difficult.

Bible Studies and Prayer for Lent

Meet in the Church Hall. All welcome

Date	Time	Theme	Season of Lent
7 March	12.30 to 1.30pm	Jesus the teacher	Third Week of Lent
14 March	12.30 to 1.30pm	Jesus the miracle worker	Fourth Week of Lent
21 March	12.30 to 1.30pm	Jesus lives with perfect purity	Fifth Week of Lent
28 March	12.30 to 1.30pm	Jesus claims to be the Son of God	Holy Week

