

**St Michael's Parish Church
Slateford Road
Edinburgh**

Order of Service

Sunday, 29th April 2018

11.00am



Service Lead by the Kirk Session

Organist: Stuart Montgomery

Music before worship:

D. Baxtehude: Prelude and Fugue in D Minor
Stuart Montgomery's Hymn Tune Medley no. 2

Call to worship:

Leader: Come to us even now, O Lord of Life,

All : and fill this place with your presence!

Leader: We praise your name and rejoice in your love,

All: we stand in amazement of who you are!

Leader: Everyone who calls upon you find fulfillment,

All: They will rejoice forever, because you are God!

Leader: Rejoice and give thanks!

All: Alleluia!

Hymn 52: How lovely is thy dwelling place
(Tune: Harington)

Prayers of Approach 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:**

Hymn: Bind us together (B. Gillman)

*Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together, O bind us together with love.*

- 1: There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one body;
that is why we sing.
- 2: Made for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious Son.
Born with the right to be clean,
for Jesus the victory has won.
- 3: You are the family of God.
You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire.
You are the glorious new wine.

Readings:

Luke 8 v 1-3

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John 20 v 10-18

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Hymn 461: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a
believer's ear (Tune: St. Peter)

Sermon: Mary Magdalene

Allan Gordon

Music for Reflection: R. Binge: The Watermill

Offering

Offering Music: S. Baynes: Destiny Waltz

Doxology:

*Praise, God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Prayer of Dedication of offering

Hymn 172: Sing for God's Glory that colours the Dawn of Creation.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 182: Now thank we all our God (Tune: Nun Danket)

Benediction:

Let us go forth into the world in peace and dedicated to Your service, O Lord. Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honour all people. Let us love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of His Spirit as we say together:

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.**

Amen

Recessional: R. Prizeman: Toccata "Songs of Praise".

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 for the Fourth Sunday of Easter: Mary Magdalene -the first person to see the risen Jesus - and we welcome Allan Gordon to our pulpit this morning. The service is led by members of St Michael's.

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 and please pray for them.

Tea and coffee are 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. Please come.

Pastoral Care Cards (the yellow postcards) are available at the back of the church for you to send / deliver to people who are in need of prayers and love.

There is still time to donate to the **Lent Appeal** which will remain open until the end of April. To date £585.00 has been received.

What do Christians believe?

Week 3 of our Christian Faith Series of 5 Meetings continues on Thursday **3rd May, 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Church Annex Room** – each week is a stand-alone discussion with Bible readings and it is never too late to join in.

Coffee, Cake and Chat: Bible Study into what exactly do Christians believe?

What are the vows that people make when becoming Christians in the Church of Scotland and how do we keep them?

And if you have missed Week 1 or Week 2 and you wish to catch up, our **catch-up evening is Wednesday 2nd May 7.30pm to 8.30pm.**

Subsequent meetings are Thursday 10th and 17th May 7.30pm to 8.30pm

All welcome, whether you come to one or all the evenings

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Dates for your diary – details to follow:

15th May: Summer Punch & Cheese Social 7pm to 8.30pm

Summer refreshments and an 'Ask any questions' Mystery panel.

20th May: Heart & Soul at Princess Street Gardens 1pm – 6pm

See what goes on across the Church of Scotland.

3rd June: Family Service 11am – 11.40am

followed by barbecue for all in the Church Gardens. A chance to climb the Tower or sit quietly and enjoy Wonderful organ music in the sanctuary.

Christian Aid Book Sale: donations can be taken to St Andrew's and St George's West on George Street from Monday 30th April to Wednesday 9th May between 9am and 9pm, 5pm on Saturday 5th May. The book sale runs from Saturday, 12th May to Friday 18th May.

Volunteers are needed to join the team serving teas after Morning Worship. If you feel you would like to help please, ring Fiona on 0131 478 9675 or e-mail

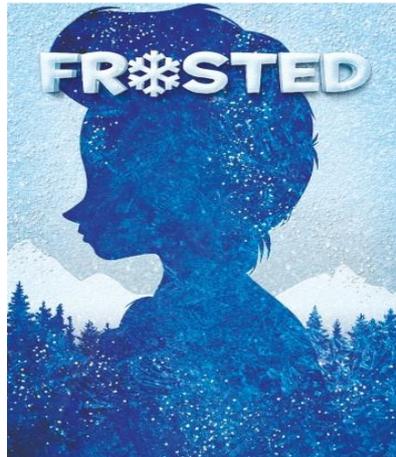
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Copies of the new rota for existing team members (covering May and June) can be found in the kitchen.

The Congregational Board meeting will be Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 7.30pm

Please note there will be no one in the office from Monday 16th April until 9am on Wednesday 2nd May.

The Young Ones Present their 2018 Show



The story tells the tale of two Princesses as one struggles to come to terms with the magical powers she has been given. Can they survive the snow storm? Will they ever find true love? Or will their kingdom be taken over by a wicked Prince? Watch the show to find out how strong the bond between sisters can be and that they'll stop at nothing to look after each other.

WHERE? St Michael's Church Hall

WHEN? Friday 4 May 2018 – 7.15pm

Saturday 5 May 2018 – 2.15pm and 7.15pm

Tickets available from Pat McArthur, Heather Fallon or any Young Ones Member

Please note that Staging for the show was erected yesterday and will remain in place until after the show on Saturday, 5th May