

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**10.30am**



**Locum: Martin Pearce**

**Organist: Stuart Montgomery**

**Reader: Alasdair Webster**

### **Music before worship:**

J. Haydn: Eight Musical Clocks for Organ

A. Hollins: Trumpet Minuet

### **Call to worship:** (Psalm 66)

Leader: Let all the earth acclaim God

**All: Sing to the glory of his name**

Leader: Come and see what God has done

**All: let the sound of his praise be heard**

Leader: Blessed is God

**All: who has not withdrawn from us his love and care.**

### **Hymn 210: Awake my soul and with the sun**

Tune: Morning Hymn

### **Opening prayer 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:** Thank you

### **Hymn 530: One more step along the world I go**

Tune: Southcote

**Readings:**

**1 Samuel 15:19-23**

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**Acts 14: 8-20**

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**Hymn 535: Who would true valour see**

Tune: Monks Gate

**Sermon: Paul and Barnabas in Lystra**

**Music for reflection:** Serenade, from The Student Prince  
(Mario Lanza)

**Offering**

**Music for the offering:** F. Schubert: The little rose

**As the offering is brought forward, we remain seated and sing Hymn 807 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Prayer of Dedication of offering**

**Hymn 517: Fight the good fight with all your might**

(Tune Duke Street)

**Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession**

**Hymn 512: To God be the glory, great things he has done**

Tune: To God be the Glory

**Benediction (sung Amen)**

**Recessional:** G.F. Handel: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

**Notices**

Good morning and welcome to everyone to St. Michael's this morning. If you are visiting us today we hope you will enjoy our fellowship as we worship God together and join us for refreshments after the service in the hall.

If you have an urgent **pastoral matter** please contact Martin Pearce on 07913 625 394 or Douglas Bannatyne on 0131 444 2935.

Please note any prayer concerns you have in the **Prayer Book** at the back of the church. If possible, leave a sensitive note about the person's specific prayer need.

**Prayers before Sunday Services** are held in the Annex (adjacent to the main hall) 10.10 to 10.25 every Sunday. Please join us in silent prayer as we pray for the **nominating committee** as they continue their search for a full-time minister to lead the church family in the coming years. This month they will hear several ministers preach and to interview.

Pray that God gives them discernment and likewise the "called" minister will feel that our church family is right for them. Pray too for the growth of our church family.

**The worship leader for 19<sup>th</sup> August is Fiona Devoy** who is a Church of Scotland Reader. She works as a secondary school librarian in Falkirk, and her home church is Liberton Kirk.

**The Kirk Session** will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August.

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

A mixture of the Bible readings from the Alpha Course, Christianity Xplored and Coming Alive and the questions arising.

What are the 5 vows that people make when becoming Christians in the Church of Scotland?

What questions do you have about the Christian Faith?

Discussion meeting on Thursdays at 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Church Annex room (entrance through the side of the Church Office)

**30<sup>th</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September** – each week is a stand-alone discussion with bible readings:

**All welcome**, whether you come to one or all the evenings, and whether you are refreshing your memory about what you believe or are considering Church of Scotland membership.

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Volunteers are needed to give the folk who serve **refreshments after the service** a break during August. If you can help, please add your name against the date

you are available to help to the sheet at the back of the church.

If you would like to join a team serving refreshments during the rest of the year let Douglas or Martin know.

The next edition of **the Tower** is due out on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. If you have an item which you would like to share, please send it to Fiona in the office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you.

**St Martin's 14th Community Art Exhibition**, which displays art and craft work by people who live, work or worship in the local community, will be open from 12 noon to 6pm, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August inclusive. Musicians from Dalry Primary School and Tynecastle High School will give a Concert at 3.30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August. There will be a cafe serving drinks and home baking. The Exhibition is also open on the morning of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September, when there will be a Coffee Morning with music from 10am-12.30pm. Admission is free.

**On 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm Polwarth Parish Church** is hosting an event where you can watch, listen and discuss the historic and present situation between Israel and Palestine. Rev. Dr. John McCulloch will give a talk, "**First Impressions living in Palestine and working in Israel**" and a film by Rev. Dr. Grant Barclay, "**Between the Lines: Life for Israel and Palestine 100 years after the Balfour Declaration**" will be screened.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Family Service 11am to 11.40am** followed by lunch for everyone comprising sandwiches, cakes, fruit and ice cream lunch for all in the Church Halls.

Please pray that many of our hall users and neighbours will come and share in this celebration of **September's New Beginnings** as many people start a new school year / academic year / new social programme.

Please bring your family and friends.  
All are very welcome, of all faiths and none.

More details to follow.

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