

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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**10.30am**



**Visiting Preacher: Fiona Devoy**

**Organist: Stuart Montgomery**

**Reader: Allan Gordon**

**Music before worship:** G.F Handel: Concerto no 15 in D minor 'Mayfair' (HWV 304)

**Call to worship:** From Psalm 136

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**All: His steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: He alone does great wonders,

**All: His steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

**All: His steadfast love endures forever.**

**Hymn 160 Praise my soul, the King of heaven**

Tune: Praise my soul

**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:** Walking with others

**Hymn 792 Our God is a God who makes friends**

**Readings:**

**Galatians 3 v 23 - 4 v 7**

**page 966**

**Matthew 12 v 46 - 50**

**page 800**

**Hymn 739 The Church's One foundation**

Tune Aurelia

## **Sermon: Children of God**

**Music for reflection:** G. Bizet: The Holy Temple  
(Duet from the Pearl Fishers)

## **Offering**

**Music for the offering:** C. Debussy: Claire de Lune

**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 566 When I receive the peace of Christ**

Tune: Seven joys of Mary

## **Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession**

**Hymn 622 We sing a love that sets all people free**

Tune: Woodlands

## **Benediction (sung Amen)**

**Recessional:** A. Hollins: Trumpet Minuet

## **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.

We are delighted to welcome **Fiona Devoy** to our pulpit today. Fiona is a Church of Scotland Reader. She works as a secondary school librarian in Falkirk, and her home church is Liberton Kirk.

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 needs.

Please continue to 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 are continuing to hear several ministers preach and will conduct interviews.

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 Kirk Session will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September NOT 29<sup>th</sup> August as previously scheduled. The Congregational Board will meet on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

The next **Coffee Morning** will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am till 12noon.

**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 some 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.

And there will be another opportunity to visit the Tower for those who can climb 132 steps within the Tower and wish to see the beauty of the West Edinburgh.

The service will tell the story of Jesus in music and readings:

Who is Jesus? What did Jesus achieve? What difference does Jesus make to us today?

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 next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August.

**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 27th August to Friday 31st August inclusive. Musicians from Dalry Primary School and Tynecastle High School will give a Concert at 3.30pm on Monday 27th August. The Exhibition is also open on the morning of Saturday 1st September, when there will be a Coffee Morning with music from 10am-12.30pm. Admission is free.

**The Christian Faith: What do Christians believe?**

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

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

What are the 5 vows that people make when becoming Christians in the Church of Scotland? Do you remember them? What questions do you have about the Christian Faith?

Discussions on Thursdays at 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Church Annex (entrance through Church Office door)

**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 are welcome**, of all faiths and none.

**Invitation cards** are at the back of the Church – yellow cards. Please invite a neighbour or family member, and bring them along. Everyone wants to be loved, everyone wants to belong, everyone needs help through the journey of life.....the Christian faith helps you through the storms of life and gives you love, joy, peace and hope.

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