

**St Michael's Parish Church
St Michael's Parish Church
Slateford Road
Edinburgh
Order of Service
Sunday 26th August 2018
10.30am**



Locum: Martin Pearce

Organist: Una Croll

Reader: Robert Donald

Music before worship

Call to worship: (Psalm 25)

Leader: Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

All: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

Leader: Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

All: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

Hymn 212: Morning has broken like the first morning

(Tune: Bunessan)

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: Helping people

Hymn 544: When I needed a neighbour were you there were you there?

(Tune: Neighbour)

Readings:

1 Samuel 16: 1-4a & 11-13

Samuel anoints David

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Acts 14: 21-28

Paul completes the first journey

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Hymn 543 Longing for light we wait in darkness

(Tune: Christ be our light)

Sermon: Samuel and Paul – people of prayer and action

Music for reflection

Offering

Music for the offering

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 198: Let us build a house where love can dwell

(Tune: Two Oaks)

Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession

Hymn 411: Christ the Lord is risen today

(Tune: St George's Windsor)

Benediction (sung Amen)

Recessional

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 pleased to welcome back **Una Croll** as our organist and pianist today whilst Stuart is away.

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. Prayers for the church family are every Sunday, prior to the service, from 10.30 to 10.45am in the Annex Room.

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. 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 in numbers of our church family.

The Kirk Session will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 5th September.

The Congregational Board will meet on Wednesday, 19th September.

Sunday 2nd 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 / 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 2nd September. If you have an item which you would like to share, please send it to Fiona in the office by **Monday 27th 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 next **Coffee Morning** will take place on **Saturday 15th September 10.30am till 12noon**.

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)

30th August, 6th, 13th 20th & 27th 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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September Services at St Michael's:

2nd September: Family Service at 11am

9th September: morning worship at 11am

16 th September:	morning worship at 11am
23 rd September:	morning worship at 11am
30 th September:	Harvest Festival at 11am
30 th September:	evening worship with St Martin's at 6.30pm

Martin Pearce will be leading worship at the above services

St Michaels Harvest Thanksgiving service will take place on Sunday 30th September and once again we will support the charity Fresh Start and the starter packs they provide for homeless people who are moving into a new tenancy. A list of items collected by Fresh Start will be printed in next week's order of service and in the Tower.

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