

St Michael's Parish Church

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Order of Service

Sunday 2nd September, 2018

11.00am



Good morning and welcome to our Family Service.
We hope you will enjoy singing, finding out more about
Jesus as we worship God together and celebrate all that
is good about St Michael's.

We pray you feel at home in our beautiful sanctuary
where worship has taken place since Sunday 2nd
December 1883 - over 134 years ago!
All are welcome including to lunch after the service.

Family Service and

Sandwich, fruit, cake, and ice cream lunch:

and a chance to **climb to the top of the tower** – 132 steps and get a certificate from 12 noon or chat to someone new.

11.00 Family Service

11.40 Lunch and refreshments in the Church Hall

12.00 Group 1 to the Tower

12.30 Group 2 to the Tower

12.45 Volunteers for washing up please!

Music before worship:

J.S. Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D minor (BWV 565)

A. Hollins: Trumpet Minuet

Welcome and Notices

Song CH4 189 Be still for the presence of the Lord

(Tune: Be Still)

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.

Activity: Happy Faces

Reading: Numbers 6:23–27: Aaron's Blessing

22 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

27 "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

Blessing of Cleo - daughter to Ropo and Caron Baukole

Song CH4 564 Jesus loves me this I know

(Tune: Jesus loves me)

Who is Jesus Christ?

Teacher, Prophet or Son of God?

Was he a liar, magician, or who he said he was?

Reading: Matthew 16:13-17 (NIV)

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

Question: What do we know about Jesus?

Fact: Jesus had unusual power – he performed miracles, 40 of which are detailed in the Bible

Fact: Jesus rose from the dead and he was seen by many people e.g. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary (mother of James and Joses/Joseph), Mary (wife of Clopas), Salome (mother of James and John), 11 disciples, Cleopas, Matthias and Barsabbas, James the brother of Jesus, and 500 of his followers at the same time.

Sayings of Jesus:

John 14: 6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Matthew 22: 37–39: Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Message: What difference does Jesus make to us today?

Answer: None, he is a comforter, he give new attitudes &

new life?

Reflection and offering:

F. Schubert: To Music

Prayers for the Church Family

Song CH4 739: The Church's one foundation

(Tune: Aurelia)

Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord; we sing together:

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show that you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching all around.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love"
Amen

Recessional: J. Williams: Raiders March

St Michael's Lunch Menu – 2nd September 2018

**Sandwiches: Ham, Cheese, Egg Mayonnaise
Salads / Coleslaw / Tomatoes**

Strawberries and Cream

Ice Cream

Cheese & Biscuits & Grapes

Tea, Coffee, Juice and Chocolates

All welcome

Thank you to everyone who has helped prepare and participated in today's service, lunch, and supervised safety in the Tower.

Thank you also to all the visitors who have joined our celebration. If you would like to enquire more about the risen Jesus, please speak to Martin - locum minister

Notices

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 are conducting interviews. Pray that God gives them discernment and likewise the "called" minister will feel that our church family is right for them.

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

Tickets are available for the next **Coffee Morning at St Michael's** which will take place on **Saturday 15th September 10.30am till 12noon.**

Copies of **the Tower** are at the back of the church ready for uplift.

St Clom's@St Michael's Guild meets for the first meeting of the session at **2pm on Wednesday, 12th September.** Please note the change of day and time.

Friendship Club resumes on Monday, 17th September at 2pm when Martin Pearce will be the guest speaker.

Copies of the new T rotas are in kitchen for volunteers to collect.

St Michaels **Harvest Thanksgiving service** will take place on **Sunday 30th September at 11am** 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.

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)

6th, 13th 20th & 27th September – each week is a stand-alone discussion with bible readings.

All are welcome, of all faiths and none.

Come to any or all the meetings.

Martin Pearce, Locum St Michael's Parish Church

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The Look at Life Series of 3 presentations and discussions led by members of our church family and guest presenters is a chance to consider the Christian perspective on some of the everyday challenges that many of us or our loved ones face at some time. The details are below. **All are welcome.**

Saturday 15th September 12 noon to 1pm: Look at Life 1:

Meeting the challenges of our retirement years: aging and health issues, financial matters, loneliness, and faith – coffee morning from 10.30am

Saturday 22nd September 6pm to 7pm – Look at Life 2:

Handling relationships: the impact of alcohol, smoking, drugs, debt, jobs, and health on relationships – refreshments from 5.30pm.

Saturday 29th September 6pm to 7pm – Look at Life 3:

Jesus the Evidence -

afternoon tea from 5.30pm