

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

Edinburgh

Order of Service

Sunday, 30th September 2018

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

11.00am



Minister: Reverend Angus Mathieson

Locum: Martin Pearce

Organist: Stuart Montgomery

Reader: Ceri Bareford

Music before worship:

G.F. Handel: Concerto no 7 in B flat Major (opus 7 no. 1
'Kew Palace')

J.S. Bach: Chorale prelude - Bist du bei mir

Please bring your donations for the Fresh Start Appeal to the table in front of the communion table before the service or during the first hymn

Call to Worship:

Leader: Praise God in his sanctuary;

All: praise him in his mighty heavens.

Leader: Praise him for his acts of power;

All: Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Leader: praise him with resounding cymbals.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Hymn 229 We plough the fields and scatter

(Tune: Wir Pflugen)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession 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.

Celebration of the Harvest:

Donations for Fresh Start – thank you by Babs Webster

Hymn 36 God Is our Refuge and our Strength

(Tune: The Dambusters March)

verses 1 & 2 sung by the Springwell Golden Voices

Verse 3 sung by all (please stand)

Come, see the works of our Maker,

**learn of His deeds all powerful;
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
up-lift Him in the nations
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore.**

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-9

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Invitations of Wisdom and Folly

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:15-24

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The Great Banquet

Sermon: The Harvest, The Great Banquet, New Members

Music for reflection: J. Kosma - Autumn Leaves

Admission of New Members:

Kirsty Webster and Gary Anderson

The 5 Vows for Church of Scotland membership:

First Vow: I believe in one God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and I confess Jesus Christ as my saviour and Lord.

Second Vow: I promise to join regularly with my fellow Christians on the Lord's Day.

Third Vow: I promise to be faithful in reading the Bible, and in prayer

Fourth Vow: I promise to give a fitting proportion of my time, talents, and money for the Church's work in the world.

Fifth Vow: I promise, depending upon the grace of God, to confess Christ before men, to serve him in my daily work, and to walk His ways all the days of my life.

Hymn 559: There is a redeemer

(Tune: There is a redeemer)

Music during Offering: K. Weill - September Song

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn 180: Give thanks with a grateful heart

(Tune: Give thanks)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Prayers for Others

Hymn 416: Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

(Tune: Truro)

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

And be gracious unto you:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you

and give you peace.

Postlude: H. Mulet Carillon Sortie

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 that you will join us for refreshments after the service in the Hall.

We welcome our interim moderator Reverend Angus Mathieson to our service to admit new members to the Church of Scotland: Kirsty Webster and Gary Anderson.

We are delighted that Kirsty and Gary, who have been associated with St Michael's for many years, have decided to become members of the Church of Scotland by profession of faith.

Gary and Kirsty recently completed the Christian Faith Discussion series on the Church of Scotland vows.

We are also delighted that the **Reverend Andrea Price** has been chosen by the St Michael's Nominating Committee to be the "sole nominee."

Andrea will therefore preach next **Sunday 7th October** and, subject to the approval of the church members who are the roll at St Michael's, will be inducted in November.

Please make every effort to attend this service and welcome Andrea to St Michael's.

Transport is available; please phone the office on 0131 478 9675 to make arrangements.

St Michael's and St Martin's Joint Evening Service at 6.30pm today (30th September).

Reverend Yousouf – the new Rector at St Martin's – will be preaching.

All welcome.

Stuart Montgomery will be playing G.F. Handel: Concerto no 7 in B flat Major from 6.10pm.

If you have an urgent **pastoral matter** please contact Douglas Bannatyne on 0131 444 2935 or the office 0131 478 9675.

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.

The Friendship Club will be entertained by members of Springwell Golden Voice Choir when they meet in the church hall tomorrow, Monday, 1st October at 2pm.

Family Fun Day! Sunday 7th October 2.30pm-2.30pm at St Martin's Community Resource Centre Hall. Children and families are welcome to join the members of St Martin's for a free sandwich lunch followed by: Arts and crafts, Inflatable And Games, In the hall. Contact revgooljary@aol.com for more information or visit: www.facebook.com/RevGooljaryStMartinofTours

Martin writes:

Thank you to everyone who has helped me during the last 9 months, whilst I have served at St Michael's as the locum. My last service as locum is this evening at 6.30pm when we will be joined by our friends from St Martin's.

I have had the privilege and joy of leading over 60 services at St Michael's, joint services with St Martin's, North Merchison Care Home, and thanksgiving services for the departed.

I have also got to know many of you through the Bible Studies, the Christian Faith discussions, the Look at Life meetings, and the social occasions, as well as through visits to your homes and to hospitals.

I thank God for you for staying faithful during this vacancy and I pray that with the induction of a full time minister soon that you will grow in faith and in numbers. Remember in serving God to encourage new members.

Every blessing to you all and may you always know God's love and comforting presence.

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