

St Michael's Parish Church

Slateford Road, Edinburgh

Order of Service

Sunday, 2nd December 2018

First Sunday in Advent

11.00am



Worship led by: Rev. Andrea Price

Organist: Stuart Montgomery

Reader: Babs Webster

Music before worship: L. Boellmann: Suite Gothique (1st, 2nd & 3rd movs., M.A. Charpentier: Prelude, from 'Te Deum', J.S. Bach: Chorale Prelude on 'Now awake we hear a voice cry'

Opening Responses: from Isaiah 52:8

Minister: *"The watchmen raise their own voices and shout together in joy;*

All: *for with their own eyes they see the Lord return to Zion."*

Minister: Let us worship God, longed for,

All: **looked for,**

Minister: expected

All: **and coming.**

Hymn 273 O come, o come Emmanuel

tune Veni Emmanuel

Entry of the Bible and minister

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach, Confession, Supplication 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

Talk with the Children

The first Advent candle is lit

Advent Candle Lighting Responses:

Minister: One candle is lit in the darkness

All: and the dark is filled with light.

Minister: *"The people who walked in darkness have seen
a great light.*

Light has dawned on them,

living in a dark land,

as dark as death." (Isaiah 9,2)

All: God is light and God is love.

God's will be done, his kingdom come.

Minister: God of all, in the darkness of our times
fill us with hope, joy and peace,

All: like light, which drives out darkness.

Lord hear our prayer. Amen

Hymn 282 Christmas is coming *verse 1 and refrain*

Tune Advent Ring

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 page 650

Music for reflection: R. Binge: Elizabethan Serenade

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36 page 866

Hymn 606 Lord you sometimes speak in wonders

Tune Stuttgart

Sermon

Offering

**Music for the offering: P. Tchaikovsky: Dance of the Reeds
'Nutcracker'**

Dedication of the Offering

Spotlight on Amnesty International by Derek Wilson

**Hymn 476 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of
the Lord** Tune Battle hymn of the Republic

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Hymn 477 Lo he comes with clouds descending
Tune Helmsley

Blessing (sung Amen)

Recessional: L. Boellmann: Toccata, from Suite Gothique

Notices

Good morning and **welcome** to everyone who has come to St. Michael's this morning. We hope you will enjoy our fellowship as we worship God together today. This morning we welcome **our Minister, Andrea Price**, to lead our worship.

If you have an urgent pastoral matter, contact the Minister on 0131 443 4355, e-mail:

APrice@churchofscotland.org.uk Alternatively, contact Douglas Bannatyne on 0131 444 2935, or the Church Office on 0131 478 9675.

Please note any prayer concerns you have in the **Prayer Book** at the back of the church.

Today we are signing cards and sending messages to a number of oppressed people in the world. If there is a blank Christmas card in your pew, please sign it with a religious greeting and a message of support such as "My thoughts are with you", "I wish you all the best", "We are with you". You can add your name and address if you wish.

A Thanksgiving Service for Mrs Margaret Nelson will take place at Mortonhall Pentland Chapel on Monday, 3rd December at 3.30pm, to which all from St Michael's are invited.

St Martin's are having a **Family Fun Day** today, from 12.30 – 2.30pm. A Bring and Share lunch will be followed by arts, crafts and games in the hall, to which all children and families are invited.

Members of St Martin's invite us to join them in **an advent course** which will start the first week of advent: Tuesday, 4th December from 7.30 -8.45pm at the rectory, 15 Ardmillan Terrace, and Thursday 6th December from 10.30-11.45am at St Martins. The study, "Walking backwards to Christmas", is based on a book by Bishop Stephen Cottrell. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at back of the church or speak to Douglas Bannatyne.

The next **Coffee Morning** takes place on Saturday, 15th December 10.30am - 12noon. There will be carol singing round the Christmas tree in the hall from 12noon till 12.30pm

Remembering Others at Christmas at St Michael's

Today, Sunday 2nd December, we begin to celebrate our "Giving" during the Christmas Season.

- **Sunday 2nd December:** Amnesty Sign In – send a greeting of hope to prisoners throughout the world.
- **Sunday 9th December:** Cookers for Christmas. Give a donation of love to help those who were homeless set up a home this Christmas time.
- **Sunday 16th December:** Angel Tree. Bring a gift of peace for children who have a parent in prison over Christmas. Please bring **unwrapped presents or Gift Vouchers** which the Prison Fellowship will make available to prisoners in Saughton Prison, for them to give to their children. The gifts will be collected from the church early in the week beginning 17th December.

A Burns Supper is being planned for Saturday, 26th January 2019. More detailed information will follow in the coming weeks, but mark the date in your diary now.

