

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

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**11.00am**



**Worship led by Rev. Angus Mathieson**

**Organist: Stuart Montgomery**

**Reader: Robert Donald**

### **Music before worship:**

D. Buxtehude: Prelude & Fugue in D Major, R. Prizeman:  
Songs of Praise, R. Vaughan Williams: Land of our Birth

### **Call to worship:**

Leader: From seed to shoot

God's kingdom is coming.

**ALL: God's kingdom is coming near.**

Leader: From shoot to branch

God's kingdom is coming.

**ALL: God's kingdom is coming near.**

Leader: Rooted and growing

God's kingdom is coming.

**ALL: God's kingdom is coming near.**

Leader: Flourishing, blossoming

God's kingdom is coming.

**ALL: God's kingdom is coming near.**

Leader: With wisdom and might

God's kingdom is coming.

**ALL: God's kingdom is coming near.**

Leader: With justice and mercy

God's kingdom is coming.

**ALL: God's kingdom is coming near.**

Leader: With righteousness and faithfulness

God's kingdom is coming.

**ALL: God's kingdom is coming near.**

**Hymn 458 At the name of Jesus**

Tune – Camberwell

**Welcome and notices**

**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.**

**Children's Talk**

## **Hymn God who made the earth** Tune - Beechwood

God, who made the earth,  
The air, the sky, the sea,  
Who gave the light its birth.  
Careth for me.

God, who made the grass,  
The flower, the fruit, the tree,  
The day and night to pass,  
Careth for me.

God, who made the sun,  
The moon, the stars, is he  
Who, when life's clouds come on,  
Careth for me.

God, who made all things,  
On earth, in air, in sea,  
Who changing seasons brings,  
Careth for me.

God, who sent His Son,  
To die on Calvary,  
He, if I lean on Him,  
Will care for me.

### **Readings:**

**Deuteronomy 31:1-8**

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**Luke 19:1-10**

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## **Hymn 605 Thanks to God whose word was spoken**

Tune- *Cwm Rhonda*

### **Sermon: Preparing for Change**

**Music for reflection:** R. Binge: Sailing by  
**Offering**

**Music for the offering:** R. Binge: Elizabethan Serenade

**Prayer of Dedication of offering**

**Hymn CH4 470 Jesus shall reign**                      Tune- Warrington

**Prayers of thanksgiving, intercession**  
**Including a sung response, Hymn 776, Kyrie eleison – Lord**  
**Have Mercy**

**Hymn 182 Now thank we all our God**              Tune Nun Danket

**Benediction (sung Amen)**

**Postlude:** H. Chappell: Songs of Praise

## 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 **Rev. Angus Mathieson** to lead our worship.

If you have an urgent pastoral matter 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.

**The Induction of Andrea Price** will take place on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the Church for volunteers to help with a Welcome Team and Teas. We are also looking for donations of Fruit Loaf, Gingerbread, traybakes and shortbread.

Enclosed in the Order of Service is a leaflet outlining **16 days of Prayer** for victims of domestic abuse, people who are HIV positive and campaigns for justice and peace. This is produced by the Church of Scotland Guild in conjunction with the Scottish Interfaith group on domestic abuse. You are asked to set aside a few moments each day for the next 16 days to reflect and pray for such victims. This time of prayer may help us to make it a daily habit far beyond 16 days.

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

**Siannie Moodie, and her Clarsach,** provides the entertainment at the Friendship Club tomorrow, Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. All are welcome.

Copies of the December issue of **Life & Work** are at the back of the church for collection.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Guild's Afternoon Fundraising Social on Wednesday; a net £131.00 was raised for the Guild project which is working in partnership with the Boys' Brigade.

St Martin's are having a **Family Fun Day** next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30 -8.45pm at the rectory, 15 Ardmillan Terrace, and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Remembering Others at Christmas at St Michael's

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we begin to celebrate our "Giving" during the Christmas Season.

- **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Amnesty Sign In – send a greeting of hope to prisoners throughout the world.
- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Cookers for Christmas. Give a donation of love to help those who were homeless set up a home this Christmas time.
- **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.