

St Michael's Parish Church

Slateford Road, Edinburgh

Order of Service

Sunday, 9th December 2018

Second Sunday in Advent

11.00am



Worship led by: Rev. Andrea Price

Organist: Stuart Montgomery

Reader: Sheila Bremner

Music before worship:

G.F. Handel: Organ Concerto no. 16 in F Major 'The Hunt'
(HWV 305),

J.S. Bach: Chorale Prelude on 'God's time is Best'

Opening Responses: from Luke 1:76-77(NRSV)

Minister: John the Baptist's father Zechariah said of his
son:

**All: ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the
Most High;**

Minister: for you will go before the Lord to prepare his
ways,

All: ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people

Minister: by the forgiveness of their sins."

Let us worship God, who did not stay away but sent his
messengers, the prophets

Hymn 283 The voice of God goes out to all the world

Tune Woodlands

Call to Prayer

Prayers 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

Children's Address

Two Advent candles are lit

Candle Lighting Responses:

Minister: One candle in the darkness brings hope

All: The second candle reminds us of the prophets

Minister: *Isaiah said: "See your God comes. Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf be unstopped. Then shall the lame leap for joy and the tongue of the dumb shall shout aloud!" (Isaiah 35,5)*

All: The prophets believed in God during dark days and looked forward to the coming of God's messenger.

Minister: God of promise, help us like the prophets to trust you

All: and follow you through darkness into your light.

Lord hear our prayer. Amen

Hymn 282 Christmas is coming – verses 1 - 2 and refrains
Tune Advent Ring

Readings

Malachi 3:1-4 page 783

Philippians 1: 3-11 page 976

Music for Reflection: J. Hairston: Mary's Little Boy Child

Reading: Luke 3:1-6 page 842

Hymn 22 The Lord's my light and saving health

Tune Bishopthorpe

Sermon

Offering

Music for the offering: B. Britten: The Birds

Dedication of the Offering

Hymn 278 Wake, awake for night is flying

Tune Wachuset Auf

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Hymn 277 Hark the glad sound the saviour comes

Tune Crediton

Blessing

Recessional: J. Rutter: Toccata in Seven

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 **our Minister, Andrea Price**, will 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.

There is "**Second Sunday Soup**" after the service, with donations going to Fresh Start's "**Cookers for Christmas**" Appeal. Give a donation of love to help those who were homeless set up a home this Christmas time.

Copies of the **Christmas Newsletter** are at the back of the church for distribution.

Next Sunday, 16th December, bring a gift of peace for children who have a parent in prison over Christmas to place under the "Angel Tree". Please bring **new, unwrapped presents or Gift Vouchers**. The gifts will be collected from the church early in the week beginning 17th December.

Members of the **Friendship Club** meet for their Christmas Lunch tomorrow.

The Guild Christmas Party takes place in the hall on Wednesday, 12th December at 2pm.

Congratulations to Michael and Ceri Bareford on the birth of their daughter, Rose.

A Thanksgiving Service for Mrs Marjory Pennycook will take place at Mortonhall Pentland Chapel on Thursday 13th December at 4.30pm

There will be a **Coffee Morning** in the hall next Saturday, 15th December from 10.30am - 12noon. Join us for **Carol singing round the Christmas tree from 11.30am -12noon.**

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

Christmas Services in St Michael's

**Wednesday 19th December at 7pm:
Christmas Carols and Songs**

**Sunday 23rd December at 11am:
Family Service**

**Christmas Eve, at 11.30pm:
Candlelit Watchnight Service**

**Tuesday 25th December at 11am:
Christmas Day Service**

**Sunday, 30th December:
9 Lessons and Carols**

ALL WELCOME

