

St Michael's Parish Church

Slateford Road, Edinburgh

Order of Service

Sunday, 16th December 2018

11.00am

**Third Sunday in Advent and
Confirmation of Gary Anderson**



Worship led by: Rev. Andrea Price

Organist: Stuart Montgomery

Reader: Douglas Bannatyne

**Music before worship: P. Fletcher: Festival Toccata
G. F. Handel: Organ Concerto no 8 in A Major 'Samson'
(opus 7. No 2)**

Opening Responses: from Habakkuk 2:1

Minister: The prophet Habakkuk said:

All: "I shall stand at my post,

Minister: *I shall take up my position on the watchtower,*

All: keeping a lookout

Minister: *to learn what the Lord says to me."*

Hymn 474 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Tune Cruger

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.

Intimations

Talk with the Children

Candle Lighting Liturgy:

Minister: One for hope, one for the prophets; the third for John the Baptist:

All: He came to prepare the way for the light of the world,

Minister: calling all to turn to God and bear fruit worthy of repentance

All: Lord, help us to prepare for the coming Christ.

Amen

Hymn 282 Christmas is coming – verses 1-3 and refrains
Tune Advent Ring

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20 page 771

New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 page 976

Music for Reflection: E. Morricone: Cinema Paradiso

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 7-18 page 843

Hymn 334 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Tune Winchester New

Sermon

Offering

Music for the offering: Dance of the Reeds 'Nutcracker'
(courtesy of Cadbury)

As the offering is brought forward, remaining seated, we sing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

Dedication of Offering

**Confirmation and Admission of a new member:
Gary Anderson**

I am Gary Anderson, Community Champion at Asda, Chesser. I was baptised in St Michael's 33 years ago and attended Sunday School and SMOG. I recently attended membership classes and am ready to publicly affirm my faith.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Hymn 279 Make way, make way for Christ the king

Tune Make Way

Prayer of thanksgiving and Intercession

**- using response: *WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, let us bring
light***

Hymn 449 Rejoice! the Lord is King

Tune Darwall's 148th

Blessing

Postlude: J. West: Allegro Pomposo

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**, leads 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.

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

This morning there is the opportunity to 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.

A Burns Supper is being held in the church hall on Saturday, 26th January 2019 at 6.30pm. Tickets priced £6 are available from Judith Merten, Douglas Bannatyne and Alison Fleming.

The church office will be closed over Christmas and the New Year; Fiona will be back to work on Friday, 4th January 2019.

St Colm's @ St Michael's Guild resumes at 2pm on Wednesday, 9th January 2019 when Andrea Price will be the guest speaker.

Musicians from Live Music Now will entertain members of **the Friendship Club** at their meeting on Monday, 14th January. Meetings begin at 2pm and all are welcome.



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:
Lessons and Carols**

ALL WELCOME

