

St Michael's Parish Church

Slateford Road, Edinburgh

Order of Service

Sunday, 23rd December 2018

11.00am

Fourth Sunday in Advent



Worship led by Andrea Prince

Organist: Stuart Montgomery

Reader: Derek Wislon

Music before worship: G.F. Handel: Organ Concerto no. 14 in A Major, Brunswick' (HWV 296), G. Faure: Pie Jesu

Call to worship:

Opening Responses: from Zechariah 2:10

Minister: *The prophet Zechariah said:*

All: Rejoice, daughter of Zion!

Minister: I am coming,

All: I shall make my dwelling among you,

Minister: says the Lord.

Hymn 281 People look east the time is near

Tune Besancon

Welcome and Intimations

Candle Lighting Responses:

Minister: The first candle for hope, the second for the prophets, the third for John the Baptist, and the fourth is for Mary,

Congregation: A young woman, who brings the promise of God to birth

Minister: *"Here I am, said Mary. I am the Lord's servant. As you have spoken, so be it." (Luke 1,38)*

Congregation: Mary trusted God, gladly and simply responded to God's call.

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.

Hymn 282 Christmas is coming – verses 1- 4
Tune Advent Ring

The Christmas Story – *told in words, with action and carols
by all of us*

Mary meets an angel

Hymn 285 The angel Gabriel from heaven came
Tune Gabriel's Message

Mary visits Elizabeth

Hymn 295 Who would think that what was needed
Tune White Rosettes

Shepherds guard their sheep

Hymn 304 O Little Town of Bethlehem
Tune Forest Green

Jesus is born

Hymn 300 The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
Tune The Virgin Mary

Shepherds visit Jesus

Hymn 301 Hark the herald angels sing
Tune Mendelssohn

Wise men visit Jesus

Hymn 324 Angels from the realm of glory Tune Iris

Reading: Luke 1: 39 – 45

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Sermon

Music for reflection: A. L. Weber: Pie Jesu

Offering

Music for the offering: A. Adam: O Holy Night

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 and prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercessions

Hymn 306 O come all ye faithful -verses 1-3

Blessing

Recessional: W. Walton: Crown Imperial (arr. H. Murrill)

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 January edition of "**Life & Work**" are at the back of the church for collection.

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

**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