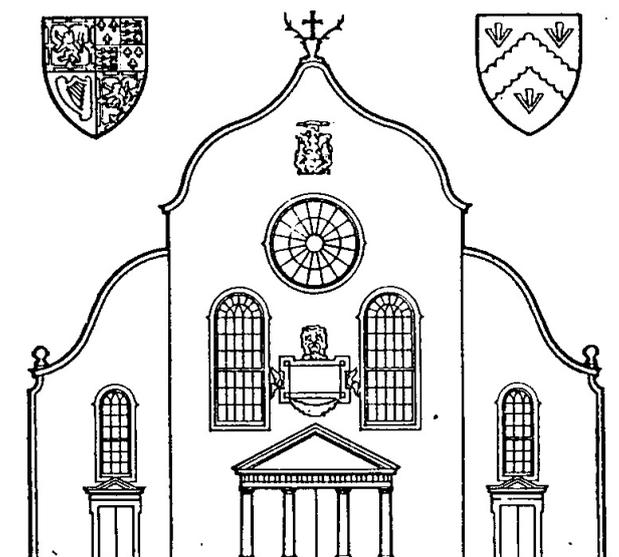


# CANONGATE KIRK THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE & EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter

April 2018



## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

1st April	10:	Family Service
Easter Day	11.15	Holy Communion
8th	10:	Family Service
Easter 1	11.15	Parish Worship
15th	10:	Family Service
Easter 2	11.15	Parish Worship
22nd	10:	Family Service
Easter 3	11.15	Parish Worship
29th	10:	Family Service
Easter 4	11.15	Holy Communion
6th May	10:	Family Service
Easter 5	11.15	Parish Worship



agreed and initial grant searches are now underway with a view to grant applications being submitted by June and responses received by October. Minimal but critical interim repair work will take place throughout the summer months of this year with the minimum of disruption to Kirk activities. It is hoped that no additional areas of deterioration will be found during this process. The tendering process for the more substantial essential work on the roofs, walls, downpipes and windows will take place over September and October this year with a view to the work being carried out between April and July 2019.

**Fundraising:** At the time of writing, the provisional cost of the foregoing work, including fees, is estimated to be in excess of £200,000. This equates to almost all of the Kirk's financial reserves and for that reason an Appeal Fund was formally launched at the Annual Congregational Meeting last month. The appeal is likely to run for 12 months from now and an ideal outcome from everyone's efforts would be for us to have raised £100,000 (including grants) to restore our financial reserves to safe levels. The early responses from members of the congregation have been encouraging, with generous donations already coming in and fundraising ideas being offered in abundance. At this time, we are restricting ourselves to one fundraising event per month, with the following so far confirmed:

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April** Ali Collins a Theology Student from within our congregation, will perform a 30-minute Piano Recital immediately following the end of the service. Ali has asked that all voluntary donations should go to the Appeal Fund.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May** Our Elder, Martin Baker (a retired atmospheric physicist and Antarctica base commander) is giving a talk "Antarctica and Global Climate Change" in the Harry Younger Hall at 7pm. Martin is providing refreshments and nibbles at his expense, in return for voluntary donations.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June** Members of the congregation Jeremy and Vivienne Gilliard, have secured "matched funding" of up to £750 from Barclays Bank for any charitable cause and so we are working with them to plan a Manse Garden Party to take place immediately following the 11.15am service. Admission to this event will be by ticket only at a cost of £10 each (£5 for students and unemployed with free admission for children). A variety of other fundraising events are being considered by other members of the congregation. Any questions or suggestions on any matter relating to Fabric and Fundraising are welcome! **David Croft – Session Clerk**

## **SOUP LUNCH**

Soup Lunch will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the Harry Younger Hall at 12 noon. There is always a choice of two home-made soups, crusty bread and butter, tea, coffee and biscuits. Also included in the small charge of £2 is a game of bingo and a quiz. It is appreciated that not everyone wants to play bingo and if that is the case there will be no problem if you decide to leave after tea/coffee. Looking forward to seeing a few new faces!

## ARMY BAND CONCERT

The Lowland Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland will give a free concert on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm. All welcome.

## FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

With the theme, Women in the Church, the 2018 Fellowship Gathering Programme commences on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Church Foyer with a showing of the powerful documentary, *Pray the Devil back to Hell*. In the West African Republic of Liberia, civil war has torn the nation apart. We see how a coalition of Christian and Muslim women rise up and put pressure on their government to pursue peace talks. Can love and faith counter the violence of war? This extraordinary film proves that it is possible. Ice cream and Pop Corn will be served.

## BIBLE STUDY

The recent series on Parables ended before Holy Week but a new series will begin on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11am in the Manse Meeting Room. All welcome.

## QUEEN'S GALLERY EXHIBITION

The exhibition 'Splendours of the Sub-continent' finishes at the Queen's Gallery on 22nd April 2018. It tells the story of the Prince of Wales' grand tour of the Indian Subcontinent in 1875 through some of the finest Indian treasures from the Royal Collection. It's well worth visiting before it disappears.

## DUTY ELDERS FOR APRIL

Rie Stevenson	Anne Baker	Gavin Brydone	Kate Church
Anne Croft	Dinah Croy	Alexis Moyer	Etta Geekie
Martin Baker	Mark Peel		

## DUTY ELDERS FOR MAY

Donald Davidson	Rosemary Bowe	Stuart Ramsay
Christina Coltart	Alastair Bowe	Lesley Wallace
Mary Craig	Helen Aitken	Roddy Gow

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