

**CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
AND EDINBURGH CASTLE**

www.canongatekirk.org.uk

Email:canongatekirk@btinternet.com

Tel: 0131 556 3515

Minister: The Revd Neil Gardner LVO MA BD DL

Organist: Mr Simon Leach FISM GMusRNCM



**Sunday 16th August 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Thanksgiving for the Redecoration of Canongate Kirk

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Nemo Me Impune Lacessit* by Helen M R Leach
(dedicated to the people of Canongate following the redecoration of the Kirk in 2026)

OPENING SENTENCE And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3: 15

HYMN 200 Christ is made the sure foundation (*Westminster Abbey*)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO PRAYER The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

PRAYERS including

We confess to God almighty, to all the company of heaven, and to each other, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault.

Therefore we beseech almighty God to give us the grace of true repentance, to have mercy upon us, and cleanse us from our sins.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

ANTIPHONAL PSALM 122

I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’

² Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

**⁴ To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

⁵ For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

**⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
‘May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.’

**⁸ For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’**

⁹ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now
And ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2: 1 – 10

GOSPEL

St Matthew 16: 13 – 20

SUNG RESPONSE Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness, but rising to reign. (H. Bonar)

PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies: we, your unworthy servants, give you
most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to
us, and to all people.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by
our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.**

**Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be
unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our
lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking
before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now
and for ever. Amen.**

Welcome to Canongate Kirk! We extend a special welcome to all visitors - please join us in the foyer for tea and coffee after the service. Please be aware we have an induction loop system for the benefit of those who use hearing aids. A livestreamed video of today's service is available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk - feel free to share the link. The latest edition of our monthly newsletter is available on the website and paper copies can be found at the back of the church. If you would like to receive it by e-mail, please get in touch with the office. A leaflet with a list of all our upcoming Fringe events can also be found at the back of the church.

THIS WEEK'S FRINGE CONCERTS AT CANONGATE KIRK

Sunday 16th August – 6pm £13/11

Alastair Savage and Friends A Fringe favourite, Alastair returns with Scots fiddle old and new and a stellar cast of Scotland's finest musicians.

Monday 17th August – 1.15pm £12

Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival Young Composers' Competition

The Sacred Arts Festival Singers perform the winning compositions.

Monday 17th August – 7.30pm £15/12

Bach Ensemble of Edinburgh An all-Bach programme featuring soprano Angela Hicks and trumpeter Aaron Akugbo.

Wednesday 19th August – 1.15pm FREE

Edinburgh Sacred Arts Festival Young Poets' Competition Winning entries from the 2026 competition and poetry by Robert Crawford and Christine De Luca.

Thursday 20th August – 2pm £15/12

The Moon is Distant from the Sea An afternoon of song and poetry readings inspired by Emily Dickinson. Supporting Canongate Kirk.

Thursday 20th August – 7.30pm £15/12

Bach Ensemble of Edinburgh Returning with concertos by JS Bach, CPE Bach, Handel and Vivaldi.

Friday 21st August – 7pm £11/9

Flute and Harpsichord Concert Baroque music with Canongate Kirk's organist Simon Leach and flautist Hannah Foster.

Saturday 22nd August – 3pm FREE

Great Yorkshire Chorus

Pop and rock favourites with a superb choral twist by this outstanding dynamic choir.

Sunday Rotas Please sign up to help if you can with tea/coffee after the service, reading lessons, arranging flowers or being part of a Sunday welcome team. And we still encourage Open Kirk volunteers at weekends.

St Giles' at Six TONIGHT - William Jack. Australian cellist and songwriter.
Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.