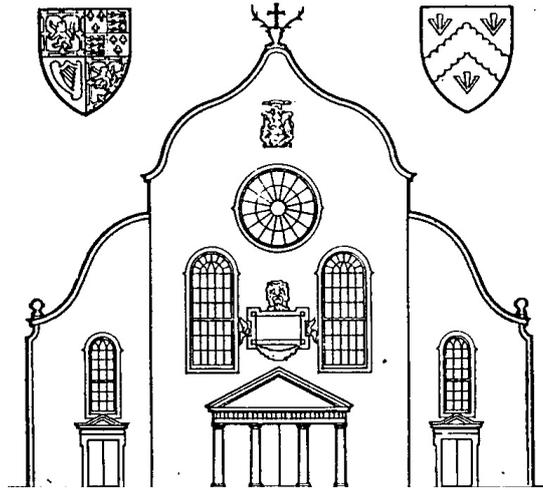


CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
& EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter
August 2018



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

5th August	10:	Family Service
Festival Sunday	11.15	Parish Worship
12th	10:	Family Service, with Baptism
Pentecost 12	11.15	Parish Worship, with Baptism
19th	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 13	11.15	Parish Worship, with Baptism
26th	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 14	11.15	Parish Worship, with Holy Communion
2nd September	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 15	11.15	Parish Worship

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PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

1st July Emilia Rose Cortina Monro London
22nd July Henry Alexander James Munro Switzerland
“Then he took them in his arms and blessed them.”

Weddings

14th July Claire Carmichael & Sam Halliday at Fowlis Wester
21st July Tian Gu & Peter Kwok
27th July Louise Humphrey & Captain Euan Irvine RE
“Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide.”

MINISTER’S LETTER

“There but not there” is the title of a commemorative project being rolled out across the country as the centenary of the Armistice that brought the First World War to an end draws near. It’s not easy to describe but involves fixing a number of transparent silhouettes to the pews of a church to represent those that might once have worshipped there but left to serve in the war and were killed in action and never came home. “There but not there.” I’m pleased to say that at its last meeting our Kirk Session agreed to our participating in this poignant project and very soon five silhouettes will appear in the pews of Canongate Kirk to represent the five local soldiers we set out to commemorate four years ago when the centenary first began, men whose names are inscribed on family gravestones in our Kirkyard but who were buried elsewhere. Over the last four years we have remembered them in Sunday services nearest to the centenary of their death and laid flowers by the gravestone, and now we will remember them and all the local men they represent during the last hundred days or so that will take us to Remembrance Sunday, falling so appropriately this year on Sunday 11th November. Come and see!

FABRIC AND FUNDRAISING UPDATES

The interim external work recently undertaken to the west of the front door has been successfully completed and the scaffolding removed. The wall has been repointed, the window frame repaired and work carried out to the edge of the roof above the staircase window to prevent further water ingress. Meanwhile the fundraising has continued apace and our very successful Summer Fayre in the Kirk on Saturday 28th July raised well over £2,000, taking our Appeal total in turn beyond £61,000. This was a great achievement and something of a break with tradition, using the church itself rather than the Harry Younger Hall. The general consensus was that the switch was worthwhile and certainly encouraged a far greater number of tourists and locals passing by to pop in and see what was going on. Huge thanks are due to everyone who contributed in so many ways. You can see an album of photos from the day on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/canongate.kirk>

You might like to come and browse the ongoing bookstall in the church pews for the next few weeks?! The next fundraising event will be a pair of Fringe concerts planned by our resident organist David Goodenough on Tuesday 21st August and Friday 24th August at 6pm. Tickets £5, available on the door. In the first concert, David will play music by Bach, Peeters and Handel. He will be joined in the second concert by oboist Rachel Curry and French hornist James Goodenough. Our Frobenius organ underwent lengthy cleaning and repair earlier this year and these concerts will be a perfect opportunity to hear how wonderful it is sounding again. All money raised will go towards the Kirk Appeal.

FRINGE CONCERTS 2018

Sun	5 th	2pm	Bach for Solo Violin -Tamas Fejes	£12/£10
Sun	5 th	7.30pm	Haffner Serenade - Edinburgh Festival Ensemble	£12/£10
Wed	8 th	7pm	Votadini Guitar Duo	£8.50/£7/£4.50
Sat	11 th	8pm	Scots Fiddle - Alastair Savage and Friends	£12/£10
Sun	12 th	7.30pm	Edinburgh Festival Ensemble - Mozart/Dvorak	£12/£10
Mon	13 th	1pm	Popular pieces - Violin and Cello duo	£10/£8
Mon	13 th	7.30pm	Bach Ensemble of Edinburgh - Concertos	£10/£8
Wed	15 th	7.30pm	Santa Ignace - Piano Recital	£12/£10
Thurs	16 th	7.30pm	Bach Ensemble of Edinburgh - Bach and Handel	£10/£8
Sat	18 th	12 noon	David Hamilton, Bach Organ Recital	£7/£5
Sat	18 th	6pm	Consort of Voices - Favourite pieces	£12/£8
Sun	19 th	2pm	Bach for Solo Violin -Tamas Fejes	£12/£10
Sun	19 th	6pm	Rock Festival Choir - Rachmaninov Vespers	£10/£8
Mon	20 th	7.30pm	Edinburgh Festival Ensemble - Soldier's Tale	£12/£10
Tues	21 st	6pm	David Goodenough - Organ Recital	£5
Fri	24 th	6pm	David Goodenough - Organ Recital	£5
Sat	25 th	7.30pm	Caritas Strings - Vivaldi and more	£8/£4

More information about all these concerts can be found in our own Fringe Programme leaflet at the back of the church.

HARRY YOUNGER HALL

Once again this year The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama have transformed the Harry Younger Hall beyond all recognition into Venue 13, with an exciting and varied programme of performances throughout the Fringe. Look out

for their special leaflet and come and check out this cosy little theatre on our doorstep.

PANMURE HOUSE

Directly across the road from the Harry Younger Hall, the newly restored Panmure House, home to Adam Smith for the last twelve years of his life, has temporarily become Venue 305 and will be showing *Adam Smith, The Invisible Hand* as part of the Fringe Programme at 4pm every day from 11th – 26th August. Based on the recent discovery of letters between Smith and his mother and his involvement with the French Revolution, the play documents the journey Smith took to reach the pinnacle of his success. More information and tickets from

<https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/adam-smith-the-invisible-hand>

Please be aware that we hope to arrange a visit for members of the congregation to be shown round Panmure House in due course, to see for themselves how stunningly the house has been rescued and restored.

OPEN KIRK

The volunteers' board remains in the foyer - please check your diary and add your name where you can, or speak to Lesley Wallace or Ann Gibson for more details.

There are times when the church needs to be closed for concerts but these are clearly marked on the board and it's important to be open as much as possible in Edinburgh's busiest month of the year. Eric Drake's free tours of the kirk and kirkyard continue every Sunday at 1pm. A new biography about Robert Fergusson, the poet buried in our kirkyard and depicted by the statue at the gate, is still available for purchase at £10 per copy, of which £3.50 goes to church funds.

DUTY ELDERS FOR AUGUST

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

DUTY ELDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Stuart McFarlane	Fiona Grant	Jane Stewart
Robert Watson	Colin Stewart	Daniel McKinney
Jacky McFarlane	Rachel Wright	Ann Gibson

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