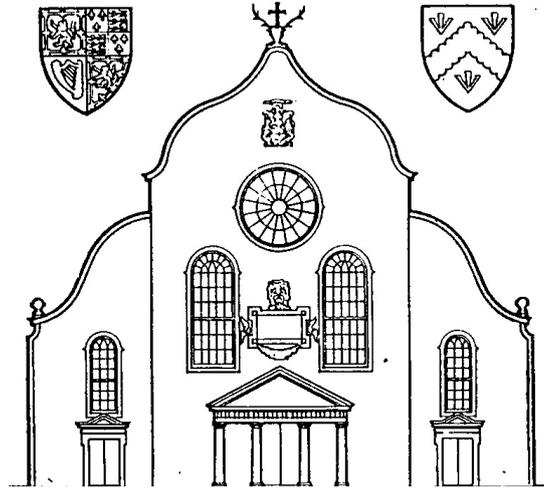


CANONGATE KIRK  
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE  
& EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter  
June 2018



**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	10:	Family Service + Baptism
Pentecost 2	11.15	Parish Worship
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 3	11.15	Parish Worship
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 4	11.15	Parish Worship
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 5	11.15	Holy Communion + Garden Party
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 6	11.15	Parish Worship + Baptism

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## PARISH REGISTER

### Weddings

19<sup>th</sup> May Lydia Reinhardt & Richard Tomlinson  
*“Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide.”*

### Memorial Service

5<sup>th</sup> May Gordon Webster *former Sovereign’s Piper*

### Funeral

31<sup>st</sup> May (Baby) Arabella Rose Phillips *Twynholm, Dumfries & Galloway*

## MINISTER’S LETTER

A new book has just been published about Robert Fergusson, the poet whose body lies buried in our Kirkyard and whose statue stands by the gate. It’s called ‘The Other Robert’ (Fergusson: The Poet who inspired Burns) and it’s by local author Rick Wilson. A deal has been negotiated whereby copies can be purchased at Canongate Kirk for the regular price of £10, of which £3.50 will go to church funds. More copies can be ordered if required. It’s very readable and a good chance to find out more about the man who has always been in the shadow of Robert Burns, though Burns described him as “my elder brother in the muse”. Together they form part of our strong sense of history and heritage in and around Canongate Kirk. We all have people who have inspired and influenced us in different ways, often unacknowledged, but whose example in life and faith helps to mould us into the people we ourselves become. As we recently sang in church: “...we, the heirs of their endeavour, tell the honour of their name.”

## OPEN KIRK (from the Session Clerk)

The Open Kirk season commenced only four weeks ago and already we have welcomed around 1500 visitors and received over £1400 in donations. We have introduced a Children’s Quiz for young visitors and weekly tours of the Kirkyard at 1pm on Sundays. To help us further promote our beautiful Kirk, even more volunteers would be welcome to cover vacant slots on the programme. **Promoting the Kirkyard:** One or two members have shown an interest in being part of a small group that would perhaps gather occasionally to tidy up the front of the Kirkyard, making it even more attractive to visitors and also a place where individuals might wish to come for peace and contemplation in their busy lives. Anyone interested in becoming involved should speak with the Session Clerk. We have also been looking to capitalise on our ever increasing social media presence and, as a start, have created a new ‘Kirkyard’ page on our website with downloadable themed kirkyard tours. The page also has audio tours narrated by Neil Gardner and Alexander McCall Smith amongst others. There is also a new page on the website called ‘Visitors’ to which we have begun adding the various translations of the Open Kirk information handed out to visitors.

## **FABRIC AND FUNDRAISING**

**External Fabric Repair Project** Following a formal tendering process, Stone and Lime Mason have been appointed to repair the serious deficiencies on and around the window area at the west side of the front of the Kirk (at the top of the stairs). The work identified will cost £8,890 excl. VAT and take three weeks to complete. We are now considering the least inconvenient period between July and August for the work to be done. Whilst we continue to investigate other sources of funding for the main project, we are at this stage prioritising the Heritage Lottery Fund and National Churches Trust with a view to submitting initial applications within the next two weeks. **Appeal Fund:** The overwhelming generosity of members and friends of Canongate has allowed the Appeal Fund to rise to just under £40,000 – 40% of our provisional target figure including grants. The number of people who have offered their efforts and talents has been humbling, including Ally Collins' wonderful Piano Recital which raised over £500 and Martin Baker's Antarctica talk which raised £600! Already tickets for the Manse Garden Party following the service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June are selling well in an effort to reach Jeremy Gilliard's target of £750, a figure up to which Barclays' Bank has agreed to match-fund as part of their Barclays' Pensioner Scheme. Admission to this event will be by ticket only at a cost of £10 each (£5 concessions/children free.) As already announced, the Social Committee is holding a fundraising Summer Fayre in the Kirkyard on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon until 3pm, aiming to attract members of the community and also visitors to the city. As well as presenting a real fundraising opportunity, the event will also present management challenges, given the number of people likely to come into the kirkyard and the kirk itself on the day. However, with the support of you all we know we can put on a show. By the end of June, we will be inviting members to donate good quality books, unused and unwanted fancy goods and gifts as well as baking to populate a cake and candy stall. Perhaps we could all keep an eye open at home and with friends now to ensure we have a good amount to sell? Further monthly fundraising events are being planned and so anyone out there who has a fundraising idea and who is interested in taking responsibility to independently or with assistance organise a fundraising event, should feel free to speak with the Minister or the Session Clerk.

## **SOUP LUNCH**

The next Soup Lunch will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June in the Harry Younger Hall at 12 noon and members of the congregation and their friends and neighbours are warmly encouraged to come along.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

The current series on 'Women in the Bible' concludes on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

The Spring series concludes on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm with a Fish n' Chip supper in the Harry Younger Hall. All welcome.

### CONCERTS IN JUNE

**Open Orchestra** Saturday 2nd June at 7.30pm *Overture to Ruslan and Lyudmila*  
Free admission. Closing collection.

**Indian Springs Chamber Choir** Wednesday 6th June at 7.30pm Classical and contemporary. Free admission. Closing collection

**St Margaret's Singers** Saturday 9th June at 3pm. Choral and piano music with conductor John Cranston. Tickets £10/£8 on the door or from [www.fortitervivamus.co.uk/contact-us](http://www.fortitervivamus.co.uk/contact-us)

**Calton Consort** Saturday 16th June at 7.30pm *Northscapes* - a moving exploration of Nordic landscapes. Tickets £10/£8 on the door. More information from [caltonconsort@gmail.com](mailto:caltonconsort@gmail.com)

**EdinBach** Sunday 17th June at 2pm *According to Bach* – two accordionists present music from J.S Bach. Tickets £10/£5 on the door or with discount from [www.edinbach.com](http://www.edinbach.com)

**St Andrew Camerata** Saturday 23rd June 7.30pm *Ein Deutsches Requiem* by Brahms. Tickets £12/£8 on the door or from [www.usherhall.co.uk](http://www.usherhall.co.uk)

### CONCERT STEWARDS NEEDED

We need more stewards for concerts at Canongate Kirk. This involves welcoming audience members, opening and locking up the church and generally being on hand to keep an eye on things. Stewards can be paid and also enjoy a free concert! If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with the office.

### DUTY ELDERS FOR JUNE

Stuart McFarlane

Fiona Grant

Jane Stewart

Robert Watson

Colin Stewart

Daniel McKinney

Jacky McFarlane

Rachel Wright

Ann Gibson

### DUTY ELDERS FOR JULY

Rie Stevenson

Anne Baker

Gavin Brydone

Kate Church

Anne Croft

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