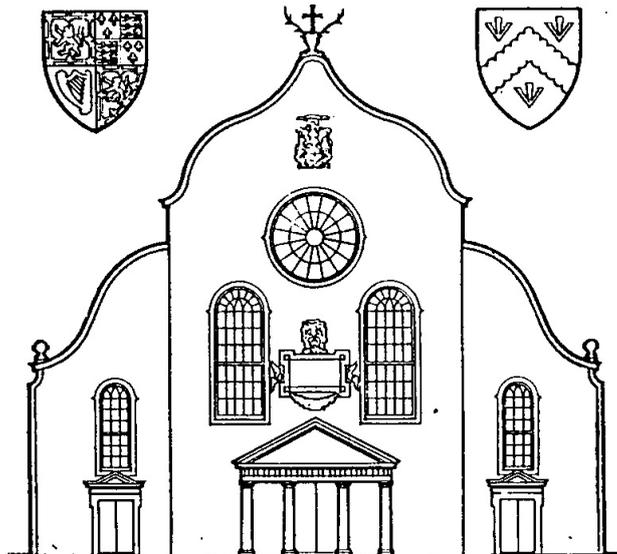


CANONGATE KIRK THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE & EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter
May 2018



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

29th April	10:	Family Service
Easter 4	11.15	Holy Communion & Piano Recital
6th May	10:	Family Service
Easter 5	11.15	Parish Worship
13th	10:	Family Service
Ascension	11.15	Parish Worship
20th	10:	Family Service
Pentecost	11.15	Parish Worship
27th	10:	Family Service
Trinity	11.15	Holy Communion
3rd June	10:	Family Service
Trinity 1	11.15	Parish Worship

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

21 st April	Francis Toivo Arthur Potter	<i>in St Margaret's Chapel</i>
21 st April	Julian Arvo Tuomas Potter	<i>in St Margaret's Chapel</i>
28 th April	James Dante Lucca Heyne Stirling	<i>in Canongate Kirk</i>

"Then he took them in his arms, and blessed them."

Wedding

14 th April	Flora Monro & Jack Turley	<i>in Canongate Kirk</i>
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"Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide."

Renewal of Vows

24 th April	Edward & Deborah Dunlap	<i>in St Margaret's Chapel</i>
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FABRIC AND FUNDRAISING

Adams Napier Partnership (ANP) last week conducted a survey to establish the scope of works for the interim repair package. The schedule of works is now being prepared for the Fabric Group's approval, after which ANP will submit to appropriately experienced masonry contractors, invitations to tender. This interim phase is likely mainly to involve the ongoing treatment of wet rot above the staircase window. ANP is also liaising with Local Authorities and Church of Scotland Building Agencies to ensure List A building compliance in relation to the intended wider work. Initial Grant Searches have attracted interim positive responses from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), National Churches Trust and Listed Places of Worship, all with contrasting and moderate levels of possible funding. Grant applications are now being prepared, with the most likely but demanding application being HLF, which requires an ongoing commitment to sharing a variety of information with visitors. The invitation to tender process for the more substantial work will take place in October this year, with a view to the work commencing in April 2019 and finishing around 4 months later. Meanwhile, donations towards the Appeal Fund have so far been very encouraging with just over £25,000 having already been donated - **25% of our target figure!** We are immensely grateful to those who have made donations so far, just as we are to those who are volunteering in overwhelming numbers to give of their time and talents to help raise funds for the appeal. For example, following Ally Collins' Piano Recital on Sunday 29th April, Martin Baker's Antarctica talk on 10th May and the Manse Garden Party after the services on Sunday 24th June, these additional fundraising events are currently being planned:

Saturday 28th July from noon until 3pm. The Social Committee is holding a Summer Fayre in the Kirkyard. This will obviously be a larger than normal event designed to attract members of the local community as well as visitors to the city. Having the event in and around the Kirk presents opportunities for larger than usual baking stalls and refreshment services but to do this well and gain maximum impact, we would need more than the usual number of volunteers to participate in the venture. To that end we would invite any member of the congregation who would be willing either to provide baking or to help on the stalls, to give their name to John Fanning or Ann Gibson. Then, during the Fringe in August David Goodenough has kindly arranged a series of concerts in the Kirk, and on **Saturday 29th September** there will be a Sponsored Walk/Run around Holyrood Park. And on **Sunday 30th September** Erin Bennett, a student at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland who performs with the Scottish National Youth Orchestra, will give a short Harp Recital immediately following the service. Please add these dates to your diary. Anyone 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. In the meantime, your support for all of these events is strongly encouraged - **we really are beginning to turn adversity into an opportunity, not least for us all to work together for a cause so dear to us all!**

PIANO RECITAL On Sunday 29th April, Ally Collins, one of the younger members of our congregation, has kindly offered to give a 30-minute piano recital following the 11.15 service, with a retiring collection for the Appeal Fund. Ally is an excellent pianist and well worth staying on to listen to. Don't miss it!

MARTIN BAKER TALK On Thursday 10th May, Martin Baker (a retired atmospheric physicist and Antarctica base commander) is giving a talk "Antarctica and Global Climate Change" in the HYH at 7pm. Martin is providing refreshments at his expense, in return for donations to our Appeal.

GARDEN PARTY 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 concessions/children free.)

SOUP LUNCH

The next Soup Lunch will be held on Tuesday 1st May in the Harry Younger Hall at 12 noon and members of the congregation and their friends and neighbours are warmly encouraged to come along. 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.

BIBLE STUDY

The next series on 'Women in the Bible' begins on Wednesday 2nd May at 11am in the Manse Meeting Room when we will be considering the Old Testament Book of Ruth. All welcome.

YEHUDI MENUHIN SCHOOL CONCERT

At 3pm on Friday 4th May pupils from the Yehudi Menuhin School in Cobham, Surrey will give a concert in Canongate Kirk to show their school's support for the proposed move of St Mary's Music School to the Old Royal High School on Regent Road. The students range in age between 10 and 18. There will be 4 pianists, 1 violinist, 1 cellist and 1 guitarist. This will be a delightful event filled with talent. Tickets at £10 will be available on the door, children free. Come and bring your friends!

FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

After a successful start in April with a fascinating film evening, the new series of Fellowship Gatherings continues with an Ecumenical Women's Panel at 7pm on Thursday 31st May in the Harry Younger Hall. During this year's General Assembly, the Church of Scotland will celebrate the historic 50th anniversary of the decision to ordain women as ministers of word and sacrament. In celebration of women's leadership within the wider Church, all are warmly invited to come and listen to women tell the stories of their journeys within the Church of Scotland and other denominations. There will be time to ask questions and enter into a

conversation with the panel, which will comprise Revd Dr Harriet Harris MBE, University Chaplain, (Priest, Scottish Episcopal Church); Elspeth McPheat, CrossReach (Deaconess, CoS); Rev. Anne Logan (Retired minister, CoS); Fiona Buchanan, Christian Aid (Elder, CoS); and Dr. Sara Parvis, Senior Lecturer in Patristics, New College (Catholic). Chaired by: Julia Cato (Candidate in Training, CoS). All welcome.

OTHER CANONGATE CONCERTS IN MAY

Thursday 3rd May at 7.30pm: Andrew Pennycook and friends perform modern and classical works on the tuba, piano, trumpet and trombone. Tickets £7/£4

Saturday 26th May at 6pm: Consort of Voices give their Spring Concert. Tickets £10/£7

HEART AND SOUL 2018

The annual outdoor gathering organised by the Church of Scotland for General Assembly Sunday will take place this year on 20th May between 12.30pm and 6pm in Princes Street Gardens. The theme is *Peace be with You*, it's free to attend and everyone is most welcome to come along and join in the friendly atmosphere as you explore the event from east to west, and back again! There's a wide variety of presentations, exhibitions and conversations to enjoy.

GIFFORD LECTURE

Professor Elaine Howard Ecklund will present this year's Gifford Lecture, on Tuesday 29th May at 5.30 - 6.30pm, at Meadows Lecture Theatre, William Robertson Wing (Doorway 4), Old Medical School, Teviot Place, Edinburgh, EH8 9AG. Professor Ecklund's lecture is entitled, "Science and Religion in Global Public Life". There will be a drinks reception after the lecture in the Jim McMillan Room, located in the same building. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

QUEEN'S GALLERY PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

The next exhibition 'Canaletto & the Art of Venice' opens on Friday 11th May and represents the largest ever exhibition of the artist's paintings in Scotland.

DUTY ELDERS FOR MAY

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

DUTY ELDERS FOR JUNE

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