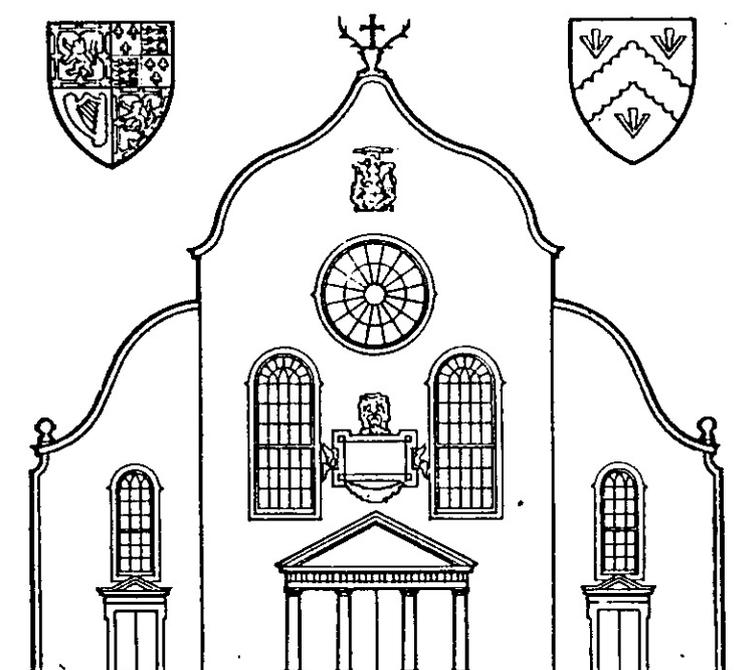


CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
& EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter

November 2018



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

4th November	10:	Family Service
4 th before Advent	11.15	Parish Worship
11th		
Remembrance	10.45	Remembrance Sunday Service
18th	10:	Family Service
2 nd before Advent	11.15	Parish Worship
25th	10:	Family Service
Christ the King	11.15	Holy Communion, with Kirking of High Constables
2nd December	10:	Family Service
Advent 1	11.15	Parish Worship

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

13th October Archie Henry George Callander *at Prestonhall*
14th October Ysobel Tibbetts *by Rev Dr Joe Morrow*
21st October Adam Robert Henry Young
“Then he took them in his arms and blessed them.”

Weddings

6th October Merete Thorsen & Benjamin Dudley
20th October Ailsa Ross & Charles Stewart *at Southwick*
27th October Adelaide Knott & Ruaraidh Menzies *at Glenalmond*
“Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide.”

Funeral

22nd October Major General Sir John Swinton *at Melrose*

Memorial services

8th October Major James Scott
13th October Professor Joseph Thomson
“Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Services of Thanksgiving for the late Leonie Noble will be held at 1pm on Saturday 24th November and for the late Captain Robert Mackenzie RN at 2pm on Monday 26th November.

MINISTER’S LETTER

In a reluctant concession to the inevitable onset of middle age, I have bought my first pair of reading glasses! I’m not yet at the stage of peering over them at the congregation mid-sermon from the pulpit, but sometimes if I’m tired and the light’s not great I do find them quite helpful. I first realised I might need them when struggling with the concise crossword in The Times. The clue was “Cavalry” and I couldn’t get it at all until I took the paper to the window and discovered it wasn’t “Cavalry” but “Calvary”. Given my background in military chaplaincy, surely this was a sign I should get my eyes checked?!

If ever there’s to be a connection between Cavalry and Calvary, it must surely be in this season of Remembrance. But there’s a clear distinction too, and not just in the spelling. Because it was at Calvary that Jesus fulfilled his declaration that “greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” And it’s for the cavalry and the infantry and every other type of Christian soldier to march onwards as to war, fighting for everything that is right and good and true in our world today, with the cross of Jesus going on before. That must be worth a closer look?!

REMEMBRANCE 2018

This year Remembrance Sunday coincides with the centenary of the Armistice on 11th November 1918. As usual there will be one service at Canongate Kirk beginning at 10.45am. There will be a retiring offering in aid of Poppy Scotland and after the service a short wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial.

FABRIC AND FUNDRAISING UPDATES FROM THE SESSION CLERK

With a projected target date of 8th April 2019 for commencement of the project, invitations to tender have been issued to five contractors with all indicating their intention to submit tenders by 9th November 2018. Members of the Fabric Committee will carry out the formal tender opening process in time for a subsequent comparative assessment to allow recommendations to be made to the Kirk Session at its next meeting on 26th November. Grant applications have now been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the National Churches Trust, with responses expected by mid-November 2018 and March 2019 respectively.

The Appeal has now attracted donations in excess of £104,000, a superb achievement on behalf of everyone associated with Canongate Kirk. Individual members and other friends of Canongate have continued to make their own efforts to support the fund, including an "At Home" coffee morning (£100+), a Sponsored Walk/Run (£2,000+) and the Rugby Discipline Talk (£500+). The fundraising programme will now cease until after the festive season, recommencing in January with a talk from Martin Baker on "*Canongate's links with The Enlightenment*" and ending on 8th March, the anniversary of the launch of the Appeal, with an "End of Appeal Concert" led by some of the younger adults from the congregation. Matched funding of up to £750 has already been committed for this event. More information on this to follow!

SOUP LUNCH

This month's soup lunch is at the Harry Younger Hall on Tuesday 6th November at 12 noon. Come and join us for soup, fun bingo and good company – all for £2!

BIBLE STUDY

We have resumed a weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11am in the Manse Meeting Room, 95 Canongate. The theme of this new series is Songs in the Bible.

FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

November 29th is our next meeting, and is the last one for this year. It is a social occasion, with time to chat and enjoy supper together. We encourage you to bring your views about our past meetings, and help us to plan the next six gatherings, starting in March. We have some ideas, but look forward to hearing yours. You are asked to put your name on the list that will be available in the visitors' centre from Sunday November 4th or phone Helen Aitken 0131 2291435 or Jane Stewart 0131 5380102. The price will be £7.50

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Two new cards showing views of the church from the Royal Mile and Regent Road, are now in stock and available for purchase at £3.50 per pack of ten.

CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Advance notice that the CHRISTMAS SUPPER will be held in the Harry Younger Hall on Thursday 13th December 7pm. Tickets at £12 will be on sale soon.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Once again we shall form a congregational choir this year, to participate in the annual service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 23rd December. Rehearsals will take place between services in Advent starting at 10.30am on Sunday 2nd December. You don't need to be an experienced singer to join, and all are welcome.

ST ANDREW'S DAY

The annual service hosted by the Friends of St Andrew's Jerusalem will take place in St Cuthbert's on Friday 30th November at 2pm. All welcome.

CONCERTS IN NOVEMBER

Scottish Chamber Choir *To the Field of Stars* Saturday 24th at 7.30pm £12
Dunedin Consort *The Golden Age* Friday 30th at 7.30pm £20/£15

QUEEN'S GALLERY EXHIBITION

A new exhibition, *Charles II: Art & Power*, opens on 23rd November 2018 and runs until 2nd June 2019. Old master paintings and spectacular silver-gilt furniture show the rich material world of Charles II's court and the role of the arts in the re-establishment of the Stuart monarchy.

DUTY ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

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

DUTY ELDERS FOR DECEMBER

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

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