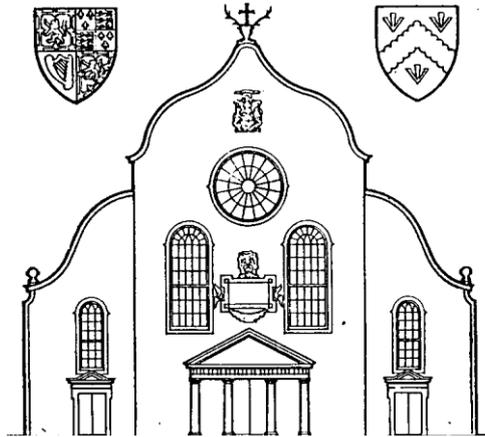


CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
& EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter
October 2018



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

7th October <i>Pentecost 20</i>	10: 11.15 12.30	Family Service Parish Worship Harp Recital
14th <i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>	10: 11.15	Family Service Parish Worship
21st <i>Trafalgar Day</i>	10: 11.15	Family Service Parish Worship
28th (Clocks back an hour!)	10: 11.15	All Saints Communion All Saints Communion
4th November <i>4th before Advent</i>	10: 11.15	Family Service Parish Worship

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PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

1st September Ava Layla Alves Summers
“Then he took them in his arms and blessed them.”

Wedding

15th September Ailsa Monro & Paddy Alexander
“Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide.”

Funeral

11th September Ann Gibson Moredunvale Way
“Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Services of Thanksgiving for the late Major James Scott will take place in Canongate Kirk at 2.30pm on Monday 8th October; for the late Professor Joe Thomson at 11am on Saturday 13th October and for the late Captain (RN) Robert Mackenzie of Balerno at 2pm on Monday 26th November.

ASSISTANT MINISTER’S LETTER

I would like to say a big thank you for the warmth of the welcome which I have received here at the Canongate. I am very much looking forward to my time with you. I have spent time training in other Edinburgh churches- most recently at Marchmont St Giles’ and before that Priestfield Church, St Margaret’s in Restalrig and Drylaw Parish Church. Before training for ministry, I worked here in Edinburgh as an employment lawyer then took time out of work to look after my children, who are now aged, 20, 17 and 14. This gave me the space to become more involved in my home church, Duddingston Kirk, to work as a Sunday Club leader and elder and also as a leader in the longstanding Parent and Toddler group there. I also have a great interest in a method of storytelling called Godly Play which encourages children and adults to experience and explore the life of Christian faith in a creative and imaginative way. I am looking forward to sharing in the ministry and life of the congregation in the coming months.

FABRIC AND FUNDRAISING UPDATES FROM THE SESSION CLERK

With us now having reached the half way stage of our Fabric Appeal year, the rate of donations and contributions has been overwhelming, to the extent that we have already received just over £90,000 towards the eventual cost of the repairs. The nature of the contributions has been through the financial generosity of many members and friends of the Canongate family and also through the extraordinary efforts of a host of people who have given so much of their talents and energy by organising a variety of fundraising events. What had at first appeared to be a very expensive and daunting problem for the Kirk has turned out to be a galvanising one

where people have come together with one single objective, to safeguard the fabric of our wonderful Kirk building now and for generations to come. In the process, the members of the Canongate family have become even closer; the life of the Kirk is ever vibrant and the whole atmosphere is one of positivity.

An initial estimate of what needed to be done to the areas around the roof and the front of our Kirk building indicated a likely spend of about £200,000. We have just invited tenders for the work and by October should be even clearer about what needs to be done and how much it is likely to cost. We have also included in the tender invitations some additional work relating to harling repairs and redecoration of the harling around the outside of the building. We will not necessarily take this area of work forward but we are anxious to ensure that we do not miss potentially valuable opportunities that might exist, to maximise the use of scaffolding that will already be in place and which is usually the most expensive component of any work at height. Please be assured that the Kirk Session will only take additional work forward if the funds are available to do so.

We are also about to submit our Grant Application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and if this is in any way successful then that would help us to prioritise and to make up our minds about what work we should take forward. As we have progressed the work, the members of the Kirk Session have been considering how we might turn our building problems into an opportunity, by enhancing the services we provide to members of the local community and to the many thousands of visitors who come through our doors every year. The scope for promoting our Kirk, its history and our work is limitless. One of the requirements of HLF Grant provision is to demonstrate how the work being done adds value to what services the Kirk currently provides and if successful, they occasionally provide financial support to help with the development of such services. To that end we are already working up ideas that might have the potential to meet these requirements.

As you can see, some uncertainty still remains in terms of the work that needs to be done, other work that might benefit from being done with builder resources already on site and how much it is all going to cost. At this stage we are concentrating on delivering exactly what we agreed earlier in the year and due to the generosity of you all, it looks like we will have the funds to do that. However, to improve the condition of our building as much as we can, the Kirk Session is hopeful that the members of the Kirk will continue with their fund raising efforts for the previously stated duration of the appeal (March 2019), so that we might be better placed to take advantage of some of the opportunities outlined in this message. In the meantime, thank you all so much for everything you have done so far to help us in our

fundraising mission and please do not hesitate to speak with either myself, the Minister or Martin Baker about any aspect of the foregoing communication.

OUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR THE APPEAL:

COFFEE MORNING

Anne Millar has kindly offered to host a coffee morning in her flat in Lower Granton Road on Saturday 6th October from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Anne has approximately 20 tickets available and she will be grateful for your support.

HARP RECITAL

On Sunday 7th October, a short harp recital will be given by Erin J. Bennett immediately after the 11.15am service. "Erynn" on stage, was born in Orem, Utah. A harp player since she was a child, she is now studying towards a Bachelor of Music at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, in Glasgow. She has performed in several Renaissance Fayres and with youth orchestras in Scotland and in the United States. The performance at Canongate will show the evolution of harp music from the classical era until today through seven different pieces and tunes-- including a rendition of a well-known Christian hymn.

RUGBY TALK

Douglas Hunter, one of our Elders, will give a talk on the Mysterious World of Rugby Discipline in the Harry Younger Hall on Tuesday 30th October 2018 beginning at 6.45pm. Tickets @ £5, are likely to be highly sought after both within and beyond the congregation and can be obtained from the Session Clerk. All proceeds from the event will go to the Kirk's Building Repair Appeal Fund.

SOUP LUNCH

The next Soup Lunch will be held on Tuesday 2nd October in the Harry Younger Hall at 12 noon. 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. It is appreciated that not everyone wants to play bingo and if that is the case there will be no problem if you decide to leave after tea/coffee. Looking forward to seeing a few new faces!

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This year our Harvest Thanksgiving services will take place at 10am and 11-15am on Sunday 14th October, and as in previous years our main focus will be on supplying non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries to help resource those working amongst the homeless in the city-centre. There will also be an opportunity to make donations in cash to support our own congregation's commitment to feeding the homeless in the coming winter months.

LECTURE

The inaugural lecture of the Bill McDonald Lectureship will be delivered by Allan Little, former researcher, reporter and special correspondent with the BBC, on Sunday 7th October, 2018 in Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church at 7.00pm. During his career, Allan reported from Baghdad on the 1991 Gulf War; on the break-up of Yugoslavia; became the BBC correspondent in South Africa and reported on the aftermath of the Rwandan genocide. He also served as the BBC's Moscow correspondent. Since 2015, Allan has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Edinburgh International Book Festival. All welcome.

THE MARION FRASER LECTURE

Venue: Glasgow University Chapel

Date: Oct 25th 6.30pm

Speaker: Sir Kenneth Calman, Chancellor of the University of Glasgow

Sir Kenneth Charles Calman, KCB DL FRCP FRCS FRSE FRCGP HonFACadMed is a Scottish doctor who formerly worked as a surgeon, oncologist and cancer researcher and who held the position of Chief Medical Officer of Scotland, and then England. Title: "What's the use of Churches."

SCOTTISH CHURCHES TRUST

Professor John Hume's latest series of books on the history of Scottish churches is now available. John Hume, who is a long serving Trustee of SCT, is also former chief inspector of Historic Buildings at Historic Scotland, an academic and an author of many books on Scottish architecture and industrial history published over the last decades. His new series '1000 Years of Scottish Churches' in six volumes priced at £10.95 (plus P&P) are expected to sell out fast! Please email info@scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk to order your copy/copies now!

EDINBURGH WORLD HERITAGE LECTURE

Sir Geoff Palmer O.B.E., Professor Emeritus at Heriot-Watt University and human rights activist, will give a lecture entitled 'Edinburgh and the Slave Trade – the True Cost of the New Town' here at Canongate Kirk at 6pm on 25th October. Tickets at £10/£5 are available at www.ewh.org.uk

THE RIGHT REVD IAN PATON

We are asked to pray for our friend Ian Paton, Rector of Old St Paul's, Jeffrey Street who is to be consecrated as Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane on Saturday 20th October at 12 noon in St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth. Ian has been a good friend and neighbour to Canongate Kirk over the years and we certainly wish him and Carrie every blessing as they move to a new home and Ministry. The service of consecration will be live streamed on www.scotland.anglican.org

FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

The next Fellowship Gathering will be on Thursday 25th October in the Harry Younger Hall at 7pm with a showing of the film *Joyeux Noel* to coincide with the centenary of the end of the First World War. With the advent of WWI, Europe is thrown into a brutal and vicious chaos as men are forced to kill or be killed. As Christmas approaches, the men in the trenches of the Western Front face a transformation, however fleeting, toward peace and goodwill. Against all odds, four unlikely individuals from opposing sides bond during this bloodless respite to experience the hope and goodness in humanity. Popcorn and ice-cream will be served. All welcome.

BLYTHSWOOD BOXES

The Kirk Session has agreed to support the Shoe Box Appeal this year, marking its 25th anniversary. Leaflets will soon be available giving more details but boxes will need to be brought to church by Sunday 4th November at the latest. The Kirk Session has also approved two new Kirk Christmas cards which will soon be available.

CANALETTO AND THE ART OF VENICE

The largest ever exhibition of Canaletto's paintings in Scotland is at The Queen's Gallery, Palace of Holyroodhouse until 21st October 2018. Open daily.

DUTY ELDERS FOR OCTOBER

Rie Stevenson	Anne Baker	Gavin Brydone
Kate Church	Anne Croft	Dinah Croy
Alexis Moyer	Etta Geekie	Martin Baker
Mark Peel		

DUTY ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

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Christina Coltart	Alastair Bowe	Lesley Wallace
Mary Craig	Helen Aitken	Roddy Gow

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