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THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE AND EDINBURGH CASTLE

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Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2026



Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory for your love, for your faithfulness.

Psalm 115:1

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Nimrod* (from Enigma Variations) by Elgar

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 153 *(Faithfulness)*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided –
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and seed-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS *including*

All **We confess to God almighty,**
to all the company of heaven, and to each other,
that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed,
by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault.
Therefore we beseech almighty God
to give us the grace of true repentance,
to have mercy upon us, and cleanse us from our sins.

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

HYMN 161 vv.1 – 3 *(St Anne)*

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God
to endless years the same.

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.

We will remember them

LAST POST LAMENT SILENCE REVEILLE

HYMN 161 vv. 4 – 6 *(St Anne)*

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies: we, your unworthy servants, give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all people.**

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 103: 8 – 18

NEW TESTAMENT Romans 8: 31 – 39

SUNG RESPONSE

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness, but rising to reign. (H. Bonar)

SERMON

HYMN 425 *(St Andrew)*

The Saviour died, but rose again
triumphant from the grave;
and pleads our cause at God's right hand,
omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more
from Jesus and his love,
or break the sacred chain that binds
the earth to heaven above?

Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,
and days of darkness fall;
through him all dangers we'll defy,
and more than conquer all.

Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,
nor time's destroying sway,
can e'er efface us from his heart,
or make his love decay.

Each future period that will bless,
as it has blessed the past:
he loved us from the first of time,
he loves us to the last.

INTIMATIONS

PRAYERS end with *The Lord's Prayer*

HYMN 580 *(Eventide)*

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and other comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:
where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in E flat major (St Anne)* by J S Bach

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Welcome to Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh's military church, on Remembrance Sunday. We extend an especially warm welcome to representatives of the Armed Forces, Regular and Reserve, and military veterans. In leading our Act of Remembrance, we are grateful for the support of our piper, Cpl Gillies and our bugler, Cpl Dixon, who come to us via the Army School of Bagpipe Music and Highland Drumming based at Colinton. We are grateful too, to Major General Bob Bruce CBE DSO, Governor of Edinburgh Castle, for reading the lessons. After the service there will be a retiring offering to be shared between Canongate Kirk and Poppy Scotland, and a short wreath-laying ceremony at the Parish War Memorial on the Canongate Tolbooth next door. A livestreamed video of this service will be available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk - feel free to share the link with others who might be interested. The November edition of our newsletter is available at the back of the church and on-line.
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The regular monthly service at Croft an Righ, Abbeyhill, takes place at 4pm this afternoon. Members of the congregation are more than welcome to attend and stay for a chat afterwards. All welcome.

Scottish Parliament You might like to know that the Minister was invited to lead 'Time for Reflection' at the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday 3rd November. A video is available at https://bit.ly/4yULwF3

Christmas Craft Fair Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 14th , from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and enjoy an afternoon of holiday shopping in the Kirk! Explore handcrafted gifts, festive Christmas décor, and delicious baked treats made with care. All proceeds will go to the Kirk. We look forward to seeing you!

Craft Club There will be no Craft Club this Monday 9th November or in December. It will recommence in January with a new afternoon slot – more details later. New members will be most welcome - the group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike.

Community Ceilidh All are invited to a St Andrewstide Community Ceilidh jointly hosted by St Giles' Cathedral and Canongate Kirk on Friday 27th November from 6.30pm – 10.30pm at the Scottish Storytelling Centre, Royal Mile. Tickets at £20 (free for accompanied under-18s) include a welcome drink and haggis supper. The event is not BYOB as the bar will be open all evening. Booking early is recommended as this is sure to be a very popular event! Tickets available on Eventbrite https://bit.ly/47K9pnN

Christmas Supper Our annual Christmas Supper will take place in the Harry Younger Hall on Thursday 10th December at 6.45pm. Tickets priced £15 are available from today. Looking further ahead , on Tuesday 26th January the award-winning Scottish singer Robyn Stapleton will lead a celebration of Robert Burns in Canongate Kirk. Not to be missed!

Washbags for Crisis at Christmas We have once again been asked to help supply washbags to Crisis, the local charity for the homeless. These can be brought to church or handed in at the church office up to and including Sunday 20th December. Crisis say that washbags should contain no alcohol (including wipes, mouthwash etc.) or glass containers. No medications/painkillers either please. For hygiene reasons they ask that everything is new and unopened. Razors/nail cutters etc. which previously were not allowed are fine now. A suggested list of items includes shower-gel, soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, flannel and anything else you would usually find in a washbag.

Sunday Rotas Please sign up to help if you can with tea/coffee after the service, reading lessons, arranging flowers or being part of a Sunday welcome team. Sunday afternoons.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

You might like advance notice of the fact that members of the congregation would be welcome to attend any of the following charity carol services:

Wednesday 2nd December 6pm	Tri Service Charities
Monday 7th December 7pm	Order of St John
Sunday 13th December 4pm	Royal British Legion Scotland
Wednesday 16th December 6pm	CRISIS – local charity for the homeless

St Giles' at Six TONIGHT - The Singers of Newcastle on Tyne with music by Chesnokov, de Monte, Oades, Saunder, Tavener, Victoria, and Wesley. The choir draws its members from all over the North East.
Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.



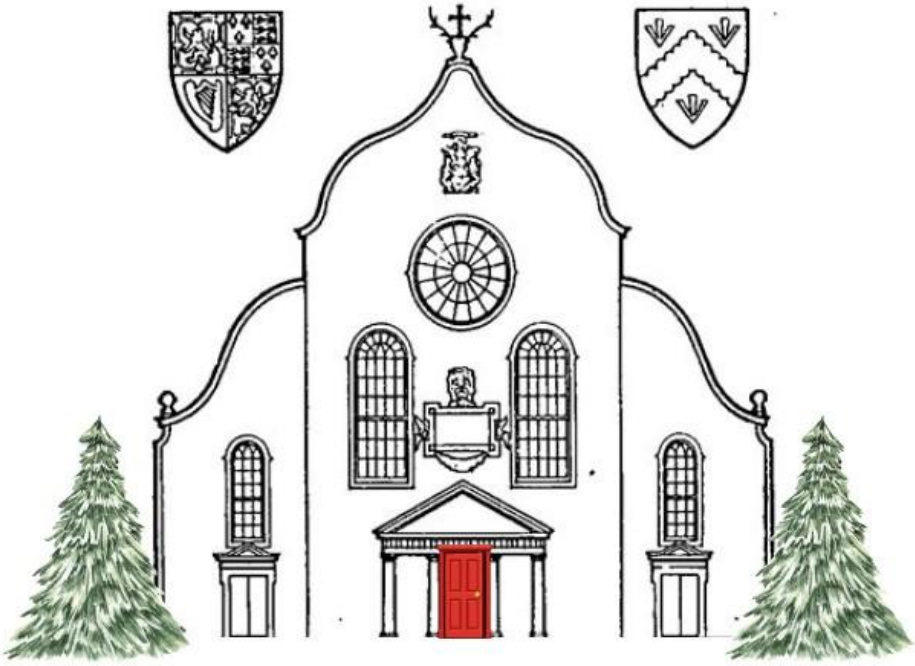
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Christmas Craft Fair

Canongate Kirk

Saturday Nov. 14 2026

11-2pm





Handmade crafts

Festive baked goods

Christmas decor

