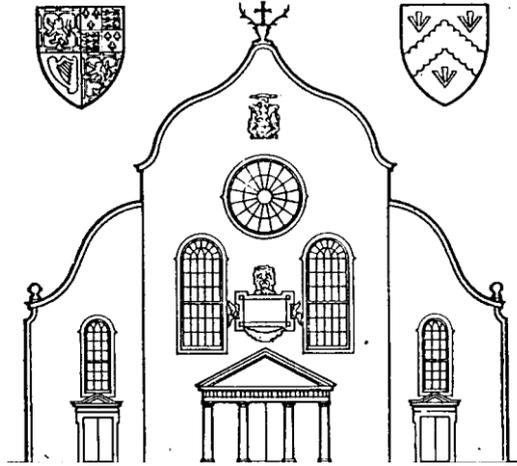


CANONGATE KIRK  
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE  
& EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter  
September 2018



**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

2nd September	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 15	11.15	Parish Worship
9th	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 16	11.15	Parish Worship
16th	10:	Family Service
Battle of Britain	11.15	Parish Worship
23rd	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 18	11.15	Parish Worship
30th	10:	Family Service
Pentecost 19	11.15	Parish Worship, with Holy Communion

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## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptisms

12 <sup>th</sup> August	Nelly Munro	London
12 <sup>th</sup> August	Josh Joe Robertson	Edinburgh
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Amelia Morrigan Yanru Sim	Kuala Lumpur

*“Then he took them in his arms and blessed them.”*

### Funerals

1 <sup>st</sup> August	Raymond Muir	Whitefoord House
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Donald Johnstone	Wilson’s Court
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Edie Jolly	Restalrig
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Major James Scott	late of The New Club

*“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 8<sup>th</sup> October; for the late Professor Joe Thomson at 11am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October and for the late Captain (RN) Robert Mackenzie of Balerno at 2pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## MINISTER’S LETTER

This month we welcome Katherine Taylor to the ministry team at Canongate Kirk – Katherine will be our first full-time Assistant Minister in many years. That means she will exercise her ministry through the week as well as on Sunday mornings and will be helping with visits to members of the congregation at home as well as in hospital or nursing home. I know you will make her feel welcome wherever you encounter her and I look forward very much to working with her as part of the team. Talking of the team, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who played their part during the exceptionally busy month of August: stewards at all our Fringe concerts and at Open Kirk too, and not least Imogen in the office doing her best to co-ordinate everything! The end of the Festival always brings a sigh of relief, but a sense of satisfaction too after a successful season. Thanks everyone!

## FABRIC AND FUNDRAISING UPDATES

**External Fabric Repair Programme:** Preparations for work on the more substantial aspects of the project continue, with the imminent submission of a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and completion of the tender preparation process in time for invitations to tender being issued later this month.

**Fundraising:** The Fund currently stands at over £80,000 and grateful thanks are due to everyone who has contributed in any way thus far. Donations can still be made at any time and details can be found on a blue flyer by the model of the church in the chancel, or on our website. Following David Goodenough’s thrilling Fringe recitals, the next fundraising event is a sponsored walk on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September

starting at 10am from the Harry Younger Hall and going down to Queen's Park, round Arthur's Seat and back to HYH for refreshments. Even if you are unable to take part, please consider giving a donation. Sponsor forms for walkers or those who simply want to donate are available from John Fanning, Etta Geekie, Fiona Grant, Julie Burns, Dinah Croy, Lucy Scillitoe or the Church office during office hours. The following weekend, a harp recital – also in aid of the appeal fund – will take place at 12.30pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October. More details to follow.

### **A DATE FOR THE DIARIES OF ALL RUGBY ENTHUSIASTS**

Douglas Hunter, one of our Elders, will give a talk on the Mysterious World of Rugby Discipline in the Harry Younger Hall on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 beginning at 6.45pm. Douglas has been a member of the SRU Disciplinary Panel for over 25 years and is currently Chairman. He has been a Citing Commissioner at 5 Rugby World Cup (RWC) tournaments, 4 RWC Sevens and 4 Commonwealth Games Sevens. Tickets, priced at £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 4<sup>th</sup> September 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!

### **FELLOWSHIP GATHERING**

The Autumn Sessions of the Fellowship Gathering will resume on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the Harry Younger Hall at 7pm. It will be a Songs of Praise evening. We will be hearing from invited members of the congregation about their favourite hymn, which we will then sing. The evening will be led and accompanied by our Minister.

### **OPEN KIRK AND DOORS OPEN DAY**

The volunteers' board remains in the foyer until the end of this month - please check your diary and add your name where you can. Eric Drake's free tours of the kirk and kirkyard continue every Sunday at 1pm. We have ordered further copies of *The Other Robert*, the new biography of Robert Fergusson which has been well received. So far we have sold more than a couple of dozen and £3.50 of every £10 paid goes to church funds. This year's **Doors Open Weekend** takes place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September. The theme is the Year of Young People and the church will be open from 10.30am to 4.30pm on the Saturday and 1.30pm

to 4.30pm on the Sunday. Extra volunteers welcome. Eric Drake will be running theme related tours. There will also be visual displays and a children's quiz.

### **FREE CONCERT**

The Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland will be giving a short recital of original wind band music featuring guest conductor Nigel Boddice, MBE at 1pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome.

### **RIDING OF THE MARCHES**

This year's event will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September with riders starting up the Royal Mile at 3.40pm and finishing at the Mercat Cross.

### **VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FAIR**

Scotland's largest recruitment fair will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 11am – 7pm at St Paul's and St George's Church on York Place. You can find hundreds of volunteer opportunities under one roof. It's well worth a visit.

### **WW1 INSTALLATIONS**

In addition to our There But Not There silhouettes in the pews, you might like to visit the permanent exhibition of the work of Britain's first official war artist, Muirhead Bone, at Summerhall Gallery in the Long Corridor, open daily 11am – 6pm. Muirhead Bone trained at Glasgow School of Art and was posted to France in 1916, arriving during the battle of the Somme. The drawings on display are just some of hundreds that he made on the spot, conveying the destruction of the western front and its effect upon the men who fought there.

### **CANALETTO AND THE ART OF VENICE**

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

### **DUTY ELDERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Stuart McFarlane

Fiona Grant

Jane Stewart

Robert Watson

Colin Stewart

Daniel McKinney

Jacky McFarlane

Rachel Wright

### **DUTY ELDERS FOR OCTOBER**

Rie Stevenson

Anne Baker

Gavin Brydone

Kate Church

Anne Croft

Dinah Croy

Alexis Moyer

Etta Geekie

Martin Baker

Mark Peel