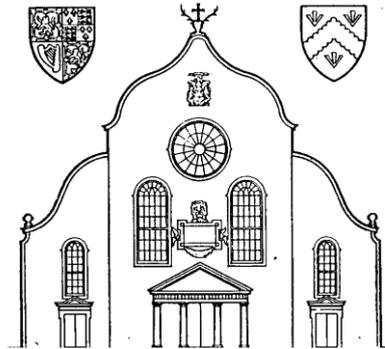


# CANONGATE KIRK THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE & EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter  
November 2019



## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

3 <sup>rd</sup> November *	10:	Family Service
<i>4 before Advent</i>	11.15:	Parish Worship
	6:	Evening Service
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.45:	Family Service
<i>Remembrance</i>	4:	Croft an Righ
17 <sup>th</sup>	10:	Family Service
<i>2 before Advent</i>	11.15:	Parish Worship
24 <sup>th</sup>	10:	Family Service
<i>Christ the King</i>	11.15:	Parish Worship, with Holy Communion
1 <sup>st</sup> December *	10:	Family Service
<i>Advent 1</i>	11.15:	Parish Worship

(\*Open Streets/Closed Streets)

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## PARISH REGISTER

### Funerals & Memorial Services

16 <sup>th</sup> October	Ian MacIntyre	Regent Terrace
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Anne Barrett	Brunton Terrace

*“Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”*

### ASSISTANT MINISTER’S LETTER

One of my favourite places in the Canongate is Dunbar’s Close Garden, next to the church. I discovered it on a walk with children from the local primary school up and down the Royal Mile. The aim of the walk was to chat to someone new, so I not only did that but found a new garden when the children went there to play games before returning to school. Despite having lived in the city of Edinburgh for over 30 years, I had never been there. Since then, it has been a delight to visit. I have particularly enjoyed the smell of the honeysuckle in summer and the sight of the nearly black sweet peas as well as the peace of simply sitting still on one of the stone benches. It is the sort of garden which seems to have been there always. Created in the nineteen-seventies, it is thought to have been associated with Sir Patrick Geddes, who, though born in the 1850’s, was a man ahead of his time. He believed that people living in cities need green spaces and he talked rather of “folk planning” instead of town planning, insistent that people should be able to flourish and thrive right where they live. I think that he would be pleased to find local children still playing in the garden today. Encouraging each other to grow and flourish in our faith is part of our life as Christians as we live in the hope that when we follow Jesus, slowly but surely, we will become a little more like Him. I leave you at the end of November, moving on to new things, and would like to thank you for all your kindness and hospitality to me over the past months. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be part of the Canongate family for a time. I wish you every blessing, *Katherine*.

### HARVEST THANKS

Grateful thanks are due to everyone who contributed one way or another to our annual appeal for food, toiletries and cash to help the homeless. Over £400 was raised to help support Canongate Kirk's commitment to feeding the homeless in the coming winter months, and Streetwork, the resource centre in Holyrood Road, was delighted to receive our substantial donations of food and toiletries. Don't forget the ongoing opportunity week by week to support Streetwork by placing non-perishable food and toiletries in the wicker basket in the foyer.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There will be one service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 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. Poppies and donation tins are now available at the back of the church.

## **SOUP LUNCH**

November's Soup Lunch will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. All welcome. Come along and bring a friend!

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The annual not-to-be-missed Canongate Kirk Christmas Dinner is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Harry Younger Hall. Tickets costing £13 each are now available from John Fanning or Etta Geekie. They sell out fast so hurry to get yours!

## **TEA AND COFFEE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Our Sunday morning refreshments recently featured in an American Church newsletter after visitors from California were impressed by both the welcome and hospitality they received. Maintaining this tradition after Sunday services is dependent upon having sufficient volunteers to take their turn on a four-week rota basis. Ideally, each team should have at least four volunteers to ensure that on every fourth weekend at least three of them are available. The commitment involves preparing the refreshments table before the 11.15 service, serving teas and coffees and clearing up afterwards. The task is normally completed by 12.45pm. A small contribution of either sandwiches, biscuits or cakes would be welcome but not absolutely necessary. Anyone prepared to volunteer should give their names to either Dinah Croy or the Minister.

## **CITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Business Matters Trust is holding a Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30am at Dine Restaurant, Cambridge Street, 10 Cambridge Street, 1st floor, Edinburgh, EH1 2ED. Elaine Duncan from the Scottish Bible Society will be talking on the subject of 'Life transformed through the Bible.' There is no charge for the breakfast but a contribution towards the cost will be much appreciated. The event will end promptly at 8.45am enabling guests time to get to their offices. Please book via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/edinburgh-city-prayer-breakfast-tickets-74829138969>

## **FELLOWSHIP GATHERING**

*'At time to be born, and a time to die.'* Our next gathering is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Harry Younger Hall. David Oxenham, Consultant in Palliative Care, County Durham and Darlington and former Medical Director of the Marie Curie Hospice, Edinburgh, will give a talk on the subjects of hospices and 'end of life care.' David is an experienced hospice doctor whose talks have a light touch with an informal atmosphere. There will be time for questions and discussion afterwards.

## MEMORIAL STONE FOR 'CLARINDA'

In September 2019, the Ninety Burns Club erected an additional information stone on the grave of Agnes Craig or McLehose, or 'Clarinda', a close friend and inspiration of Robert Burns. The stone identifies who she was and commemorates her links to Burns. There are photos and more information about the Ninety Burns Club on <https://www.facebook.com/canongate.kirk/>

## CONCERTS IN NOVEMBER

James Goodenough's newly formed French Horn 'Cortet' will give a concert on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Free entry with a retiring collection for our church music fund. Please come along to support James (who, if you don't already know, is the son of our organist David Goodenough.) Dunedin Consort perform *Requiem Aeternam, Music of Loss and Consolation* on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 - £22.

## ST ANDREW'S DAY SERVICE

The Society of Friends of St Andrew's, Jerusalem is holding a service at 2pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lothian Road. The retiring collection will go towards the Near East Council of Churches. Tea and coffee will be available after the service. All welcome.

## QUEEN'S GALLERY, HOLYROODHOUSE

*Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing* opens from 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and marks the 500th anniversary of the death of the Renaissance master by bringing together 80 of his greatest drawings in the Royal Collection, forming the largest group of Leonardo's work ever shown in Scotland.

## DUTY ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

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

## DUTY ELDERS FOR DECEMBER

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

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