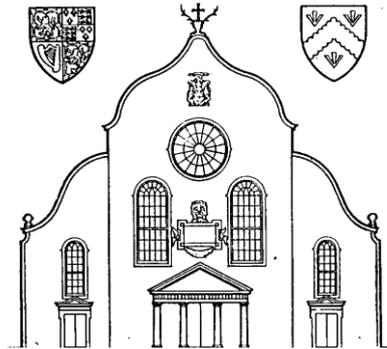


# CANONGATE KIRK THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE & EDINBURGH CASTLE

## Newsletter October 2019



### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

6th October *	10:	Family Service
<i>Trinity 16</i>	11.15	Parish Worship
13th	10:	Family Service
<i>Harvest</i>	11.15	Parish Worship
	4.00	Croft a Right
20th	10:	Family Service
<i>Trinity 18</i>	11.15	Parish Worship
27th	10:	Family Service
<i>All Saints</i>	11.15	Parish Worship, with Holy Communion
3rd November *	10:	Family Service
<i>4 before Advent</i>	11.15	Parish Worship
	6.00	Evening Service

\*Open Streets means closed streets from 11am onwards.

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## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptism

1<sup>st</sup> September                      Cienna Jasmine Alves Summers  
*“Then he took them in his arms and blessed them.”*

### Weddings

6<sup>th</sup> September                      Megan Jankowski & Jamie Maxwell  
14<sup>th</sup> September      Catherine Calderwood & Angus Loudon                      St Giles’ Cathedral  
21<sup>st</sup> September                      Camilla Morris & Timothy Daniels  
22<sup>nd</sup> September                      Ashley Hossack & Marc Blake                      Rosslyn Chapel  
*“Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide.”*

### Funerals & Memorial Services

13<sup>th</sup> September                      W. Iain McCarter                      Dalkeith  
20<sup>th</sup> September                      Donald Monro                      Kinlochmoidart  
*“Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”*

## MINISTER’S LETTER

“Infamy, infamy, they’ve all got it infamy...” is one of my favourite quotes from one of my favourite films, *Carry on up the Khyber*. Sorry it’s not more high-brow, but it kind of sums up how I’ve been feeling recently as one event after another on or around the Royal Mile has threatened to affect the smooth running of Canongate Kirk. Protest marches on consecutive days coinciding with a memorial service one day and a wedding the next, and something almost every Sunday morning throwing a potential spanner in the works one way or another. “Infamy, infamy...”

But then an e mail from the Barnabas Fund came in, which immediately put everything into perspective. The Barnabas Fund provides “hope and aid for the persecuted church” and in this one latest communication reference is made to persecution in Burkino Faso, Myanmar, India, Eritrea, Algeria and Iran, which in almost every case has resulted in Christians not only losing their church buildings and communities but often their lives in appalling acts of true infamy. It makes my persecution-complex seem rather exaggerated, and it makes me realise how much we still have to be thankful for. In the end the memorial service and wedding were largely unaffected by the protest marches, and sometimes – though not always – the anticipation of obstacles on Sunday mornings turns out to be more serious than what is actually the case. So please don’t be deterred in your efforts to come to Canongate Kirk Sunday by Sunday, and perhaps allow a little more time to get here. It could be a lot worse!

## SOUP LUNCH

October’s Soup Lunch will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</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. This month we have extended an invitation to members of the congregation of St Patrick's, Cowgate and it would be especially good to have our own congregation well represented. All welcome. Come along and bring a friend!

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The next series, on St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, begins on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. In addition to the regular morning gathering at 11am in the meeting room of the Manse, 95 Canongate, there will also be an evening session at 7pm. The latter may be fortnightly depending on those who are keen to attend. As always, these are not intended to be academic tutorials and last less than an hour. Limited parking should be available in the Manse courtyard. All are welcome.

### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

This year our Harvest Thanksgiving services will take place at 10am and 11.15am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **OPEN KIRK**

There will be a get-together in the Harry Younger Hall on Tuesday 22nd October at 6.30pm for all Open Kirk volunteers. This is a night to say a big 'thank you' for all your hard work, listen to your feedback from our summer season and maybe generate a few ideas. To make the most of 'Open Streets,' the Kirk will be open on the first Sunday of each month so volunteers continue to be needed. There is now a small notice board in the foyer with Open Streets dates for the next three months. Please sign up if you can.

### **FELLOWSHIP GATHERING**

Our next gathering is on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm in the Harry Younger Hall. The Minister will relate some of his experiences as an army chaplain, and this will be followed by a fish supper for which a charge will be made.

### **2019 MARION FRASER LECTURE**

The title of the lecture this year is 'The place of Church buildings in our emotions' and will be given by the current Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev. Colin Sinclair, at 7pm on 10<sup>th</sup> October in Palmerston Place Church, 10 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh EH12 5AA. Doors open at 6.30pm. This annual lecture is named in memory of Lady Marion Fraser, trustee and supporter of the Scottish Churches Trust as well as a former Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly.

## ECUMENICAL ROUNDUP

We send congratulations to Fr Philip Kerr, parish priest at our neighbouring church St Patrick's, Cowgate, who recently celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Also, there will be an installation service at Old St Paul's to welcome the new rector Fr John McLuckie on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

## NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

Action of Churches Together Scotland group are hosting their annual Human Trafficking Awareness Conference on 2nd November 2019 from 9:30am -5pm in Edinburgh City Methodist Church, with lunch provided. 'Selling out to Slavery' has a specific focus this year on exploring the ethical and faith based response to modern slavery for consumers and suppliers. Tickets can be purchased from [www.moderndayslavery.org.uk](http://www.moderndayslavery.org.uk) or [www.facebook.com/events/421200608470907/](https://www.facebook.com/events/421200608470907/)

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

An early reminder that 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.

## QUEEN'S GALLERY, HOLYROODHOUSE

The exhibition, *Russian, Royalty and the Romanovs*, tells the story of the familial, political, diplomatic and artistic associations between Britain and Russia and their royal families through portraits, sculpture, photographs and archival documents including miniature masterpieces by Fabergé. Open daily until 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## DUTY ELDERS FOR OCTOBER

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

## DUTY ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

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Robert Watson	Colin Stewart	Jacky McFarlane
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