

**CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
AND EDINBURGH CASTLE**

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11.15am Parish Worship
Sunday 15th March 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

Royal Naval Association
25th Anniversary City of Edinburgh Branch

Frail mortals are filled with the rich plenty of your house, and you give them to drink from the stream of your delights; for with you is the fountain of life.

Psalm 36: 7 – 8

Coronavirus and Canongate Kirk

In the light of the latest escalation in concerns over the spread of coronavirus in the United Kingdom, and in line with the latest guidelines issued both by the Church of Scotland and by the Government, we have decided to suspend for the time being the weekly opportunity for fellowship over tea and coffee after the 11-15am service and our monthly celebrations of Holy Communion. Otherwise, and until further guidelines are issued, Sunday services will continue as usual, with the exception that the 10am service will be held in the main body of the Kirk so that – as at 11-15am - members of the congregation can choose to sit in any part of the building as close to, or as far from, others as they choose.

Welcome to Canongate Kirk. We extend a special welcome to visitors and encourage you to sign the visitors' book which can be found by the south pillar in the King David Aisle. Today we welcome members and friends of the City of Edinburgh Branch of the Royal Naval Association, marking their 25th anniversary. Standards will be brought in during the first hymn and a ship's bell blessed as part of the service. There will be a Retiring Offering in aid of the Lord Provost's nominated charity, OneCity Trust <https://www.onecity.org.uk/>

Ways to Give Following last week's Annual Congregational Meeting to note the accounts, copies of the new information card giving details of different ways to support the church financially are available at the back. Don't forget we still have a supply of collecting cans for loose change.

Antarctica Talk Come and hear about what it's like to live and work in one of the most remote places on earth with a short, photo filled talk by Ray Funk who has spent over 30 years working for NASA projects. This event is supporting fundraising efforts by our own Polly Burns, a member of the congregation, who will be swimming the English Channel in a team relay to raise money for Aspire, a charity which supports people with spinal cord injuries. The talk will be on Monday 16th March at 6pm in the Harry Younger Hall. Suggested donation £5 - £10.

Lent Study Group Lent Study Group continues to meet every Wednesday morning at 11am and also at 7pm on 25th March, at the Manse Meeting Room, 95 Canongate. We are following the study book *The Radical Reconciler (Lent in all the Scriptures)* by Chris Wright and John Stott. As previously, these are not intended to be academic sessions and won't last longer than an hour. All welcome. Also on Wednesday mornings during Lent, members of the congregation are welcome to attend the weekly 8am service of Morning Prayer at Old St Paul's, Jeffrey Street.

EDFAS The Edinburgh Decorative and Fine Arts Society annual lecture will be given by Deborah Clarke MVO on 'The Palace of Holyroodhouse: A House of Many Memories' at the Hawthornden Lecture Theatre, National Galleries of Scotland, at 6.30pm on Wednesday 18th March 2020. See notice board for details. Tickets £22.

Calton Consort: Spring Concert *Miserere* on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm. Tickets £12/£10

Open Orchestra: Music by Cunningham, Saint-Saëns and Dvořák on Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm. Free entry (retiring collection.)

Edinburgh University Chamber Choir: *Bach and Beyond* on Monday 30th March at 8pm. Tickets £10/£5

City of Cardiff Concert Band: Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm. Free entry.