

CANONGATE KIRKYARD TOURS 2024

Take a free guided tour to discover secrets of this fascinating historic space. Tours take place on the FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH between May and September starting at the front of the church at 11.30am and lasting about an hour. Each tour explores a different theme.

Tours are FREE but donations to Kirk funds welcome.



Sunday 5th May Canongate's Royal Connections

From David I to Charles III. Legends and facts, royal gifts, royal servants and more.



Sunday 2nd June Canongate and the Enlightenment

The father of the New Town. The father of modern economics. Together with glimpses of both the dark and light sides of Enlightenment Edinburgh.



Sunday 7th July Canongate and the Arts

Writers, painters, musicians and more. A pioneer female novelist, two artist brothers, three Scottish writers called Robert... and a mysterious sculpture.



Sunday 4th August Canongate and the World

A well-travelled son of a farm labourer, an enterprising Greenlander, a Scot in the American Revolution – and many more.



Sunday 1st September Canongate Soldiers and Sailors

From the 18th to the 20th century. Wars, death at sea and an accident at Portobello.