CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
AND EDINBURGH CASTLE

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Sunday 22nd November 2026

Christ the King

Sacrament of Baptism

Kirking of the High Constables
&
Guard of Honour of Holyroodhouse

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Ciaccona in E minor* by Buxtehude

OPENING SENTENCE The Lord has become King, clothed with majesty; the Lord is robed, girded with might.

Psalm 93: 1

HYMN 63 All people that on earth do dwell *(Old 100th)*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO PRAYER The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

PRAYERS including

We confess to God almighty, to all the company of heaven, and to each other, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault. Therefore we beseech almighty God to give us the grace of true repentance, to have mercy upon us, and cleanse us from our sins.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

ANTIPHONAL PSALM 95: 1 – 7

[1] O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
[2] Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
[3] For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
[4] In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
[5] The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
[6] O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
[7] For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now
And ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMANT 1 Kings 7: 51 – 8: 4

NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 1: 15 – 23

SUNG RESPONSE Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness, but rising to reign. (H. Bonar)

PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies: we, your unworthy servants, give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all people.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN 465 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart *(Slane)*

ADDRESS

HYMN 636 Baptized in water *(Bunessan/212)*

BAPTISM Isabelle Ruby Hope Duncan

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The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS *ending with* The Lord's Prayer

HYMN 468 Son of God, eternal Saviour *(Blaenwern)*

THE BENEDICTION *ends with sung* **Amen**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in F major BWV 540* by J S Bach

Welcome to Canongate Kirk! Today we are glad to welcome the family and friends of Isabelle Duncan who is to be baptised into the wider family of the Church. Also incorporated in this morning's service is the annual Kirking of the High Constables and Guard of Honour of Holyroodhouse, and we are glad to welcome their newly installed Moderator, Tim Hall and some of his fellow Constables and families. We extend a special welcome to all visitors - please join us in the foyer for tea and coffee after the service. Please be aware we have an induction loop system for the benefit of those who use hearing aids. A livestreamed video of today's service is available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk - feel free to share the link. The latest edition of our monthly newsletter is available on the website and paper copies can be found at the back of the church. If you would like to receive it by e-mail, please get in touch with the office. After the problems we've had with the sound system over the last few Sundays, this morning we have a sound engineer with us, who might move around checking speakers during the service.

Next Sunday our morning service will incorporate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, followed later that day with our monthly united Evening Service with St Giles' here at 7pm. As usual a quartet of singers from the Cathedral choir will be in the gallery.

Kirk Session The Kirk Session meets TOMORROW, Monday 23rd November, at **6.30pm** in the Harry Younger Hall. (Please note new start time.)

Parking We have had complaints about members of the congregation parking without due consideration for local residents in Lochend Close. Please note that Old Tolbooth Wynd is now available for parking once again and that cars may be parked on the single yellow line on the Canongate until 12.30pm on Sundays.

Community Ceilidh All are invited to a St Andrewstide Community Ceilidh jointly hosted by St Giles' Cathedral and Canongate Kirk on Friday 27th November from 6.30pm – 10.30pm at the Scottish Storytelling Centre, Royal Mile. Tickets at £20 (free for accompanied under-18s) include a welcome drink and haggis supper. The event is not BYOB as the bar will be open all evening. Tickets available on Eventbrite https://bit.ly/47K9pnN

Christmas Craft Fair Many thanks to everyone who organised and supported last weekend's event, which raised over £1000 for church funds.

Christmas Choir In anticipation of our service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 20th December, our home-grown choir will meet for its first rehearsal at 9.30am next Sunday, 29th November, the first Sunday of Advent. Please come if you can, previous experience not necessary!

Christmas Supper Our annual Christmas Supper will take place in the Harry Younger Hall on Thursday 10th December at 6.45pm. Tickets priced £15 are available today. Looking further ahead , on Tuesday 26th January the award-

winning Scottish singer Robyn Stapleton will lead a celebration of Robert Burns in Canongate Kirk. Not to be missed!

Scottish Parliament Christmas Service On Wednesday 16th December the Scottish Parliament will be holding its annual carol service. The evening will consist of traditional Christmas carols and readings and include contributions from Members of the Scottish Parliament and community groups and will take place in the Parliament from 6.15pm to approximately 7.30pm. Festive cheer will also be provided in the form of traditional Christmas fare, including mulled wine/fruit juice and mince pies served in the Main Hall following the service. Ten places have been reserved for members of the congregation. Please add your name and contact details to the form at the back of the church if you would like to attend.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

You might like advance notice of the fact that members of the congregation would be welcome to attend any of the following charity carol services here in Canongate Kirk:

Wednesday 2nd December 6pm	Tri Service Charities (ABF)
Monday 7th December 7pm	Order of St John
Sunday 13th December 4pm	Royal British Legion Scotland
Wednesday 16th December 6pm	CRISIS – local charity for the homeless

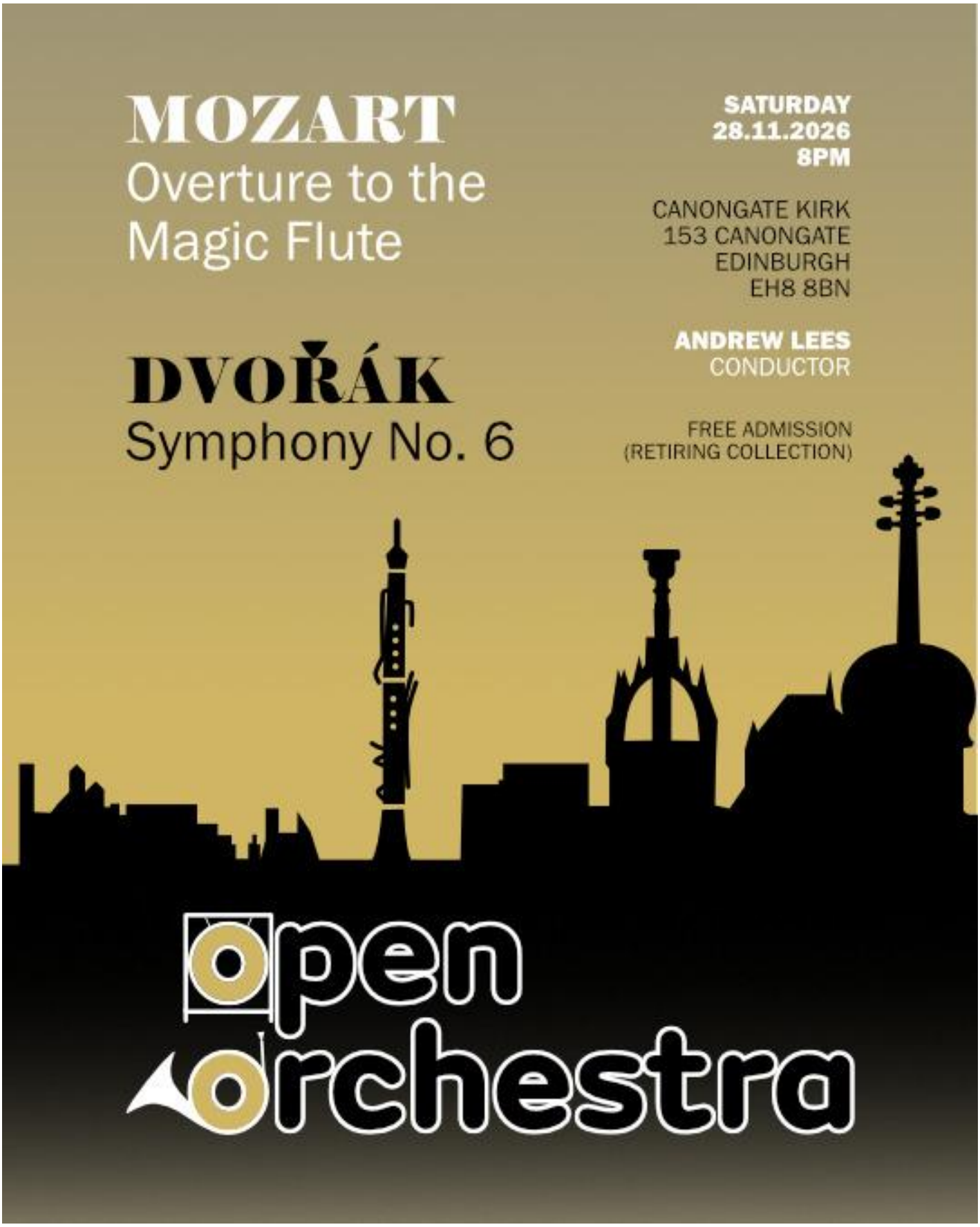
Washbags for Crisis at Christmas We have once again been asked to help supply washbags to Crisis, the local charity for the homeless. These can be brought to church or handed in at the church office up to and including Sunday 20th December. Crisis say that washbags should contain no alcohol (including wipes, mouthwash etc.) or glass containers. No medications/painkillers either please. For hygiene reasons they ask that everything is new and unopened. Razors/nail cutters etc. which previously were not allowed are fine now. A suggested list of items includes shower-gel, soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, flannel and anything else you would usually find in a washbag.

Sunday Rotas Please sign up to help if you can with tea/coffee after the service, reading lessons, arranging flowers or being part of a Sunday welcome team.

Stamps and Food Please continue to bring any used stamps along to church and put them in the box at the back of the church. And don't forget the basket for food bank donations in the foyer.

Palace Exhibition Time is running out to visit the current exhibition at the King's Gallery, Holyroodhouse: The Edwardians – Age of Elegance, exploring the opulence and glamour of the Edwardian age through the lives and tastes of two of Britain's most fashionable royal couples – King Edward VII & Queen Alexandra, and King George V & Queen Mary. Until 6th December 2026.

St Giles' at Six TONIGHT - Sangstream Folk Choir present **A Concert of Seasonal Folk Song.** *Free entry with optional donation. Register on Eventbrite.*





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Classic carol texts reimagined
by 21st Century composers
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