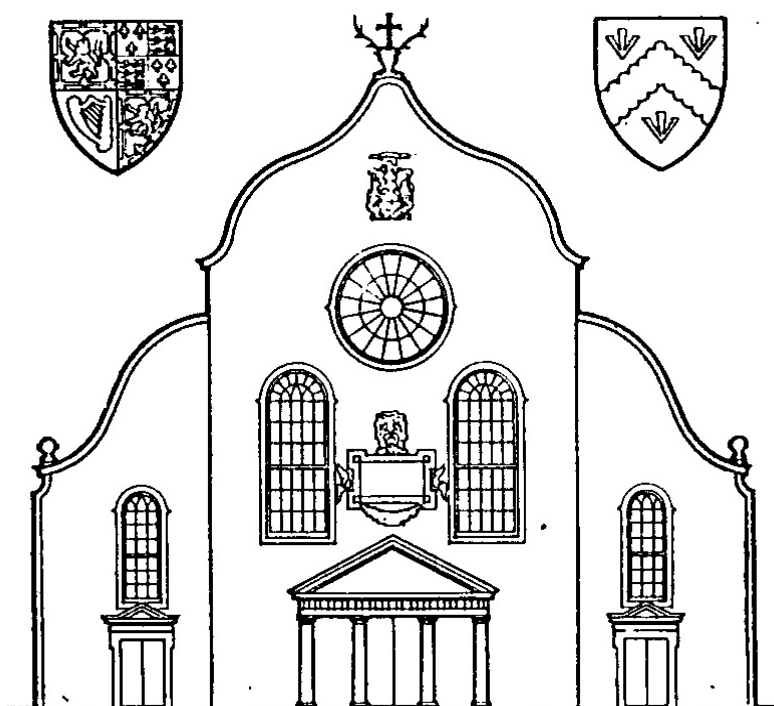


CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
& EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter
August 2017



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

6th	Trinity 8	10:	Family Service
		11-15:	Parish Worship
13th	Trinity 9	10:	Family Service
		11-15:	Parish Worship
20th	Trinity 10	10:	Family Service
		11-15:	Parish Worship
27th	Trinity 11	10:	Family Service
		11-15:	Parish Worship, with Holy Communion
3rd	Trinity 12	10:	Family Service
(September)		11-15:	Parish Worship

PARISH REGISTER

Weddings

- 7th July Ruth Collins & Robert Phillips
22nd July Alexandra Meikle & Harry Callander (at Gladsmuir, East Lothian)
28th July Caroline Cowan & Patrick Urwin
29th July Jo Morrison & Adam Kennard

“Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide.”

Funeral/Memorial Service

20th June Walter Grant *Late Queen’s Own Highlanders*

“Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

MINISTER’S LETTER

Perhaps the most striking painting in the current exhibition “Beyond Caravaggio” at the Scottish National Gallery this summer is entitled “The Taking of Christ”. Painted by the Italian master in 1602 and depicting in vivid detail the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, it is described as unquestionably his most important painting to have been rediscovered in recent decades. In the early nineteenth century it was part of a job-lot of paintings casually bought in Rome by William Hamilton Nisbet, whose father William Nisbet of Dirleton had a town house here on the Canongate, almost directly opposite the Manse, and two country residences in East Lothian – Archerfield, near Dirleton, and Biel, near Dunbar.

It was in the dining room at Biel that “The Taking of Christ” would hang for well over a century, wrongly attributed to another artist altogether and generally unrecognised for what it really was. It was disposed of in 1920 after the death of Nisbet’s last direct descendant – sold for a modest price at auction in Edinburgh after being rejected as a copy by the Trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland. Now rediscovered, recognised for what it really is and who it’s really by, Caravaggio’s masterpiece is on indefinite loan to the National Gallery of Ireland but has returned to Scotland as the centre-piece of the stunning exhibition on the Mound.

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.*

Ironically when Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, the disciples didn’t really fully understand who or what he was either. “The Taking of Christ” came about as a result of their sleepy indifference. Is it not time He too was rediscovered?!

OPEN KIRK

Thanks to our team of willing volunteers we have already raised well over £7500 for church funds this season and with more and more tourists and visitors descending on the Royal Mile during the Festival and Fringe, it's really important to have the doors open as much as we possibly can, even when concert rehearsals are underway. If you would like to volunteer to help with Open Kirk at any stage, please add your name to the board in the foyer or speak to Lesley Wallace or Ann Gibson for more information. Eric Drake is continuing to offer free tours of the kirk and kirkyard every Sunday at 1pm. Why not stay one Sunday and join him?!

HARRY YOUNGER HALL

We have none of our usual events in the hall during August, as it has been transformed into a theatre once again by the students of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. They are now putting on several shows a day, check out their schedule under Venue 13 in the Fringe programme. Our monthly Soup Lunch resumes on Tuesday 5th September, and the Fellowship Group on Thursday 28th September when an invited panel will answer some of the questions you've always wanted to ask!

CONCERTS AT CANONGATE KIRK IN AUGUST

Edinburgh Festival Ensemble	Sunday 6 th	7.30pm	£12/£10
Werbeck Ensemble	Saturday 12 th	6.00pm	FREE
Tamas Fejes – Solo Violin	Sunday 13 th	2.00pm	£12/£10
Edinburgh Festival Ensemble	Sunday 13 th	7.30pm	£12/£10
Bach Ensemble of Edinburgh	Monday 14 th	7.30pm	£10/£8/£5
Alastair Savage – Scottish Fiddle	Tuesday 15 th	8.00pm	£12/£10
Bach Ensemble of Edinburgh	Thursday 17 th	7.30pm	£10/£8/£5
Yi Dong – Traditional Chinese	Friday 18 th	7.00pm	£12/£10
David Hamilton – Organ Recital	Saturday 19 th	12 noon	£5
Consort of Voices	Saturday 19 th	6.00pm	£12/£8
Tamas Fejes – Solo Violin	Sunday 20 th	2.00pm	£12/£10
Whistlebinkies – Scottish Trad	Friday 25 th	6.00pm	£10/£8
David Hamilton – Organ Recital	Saturday 26 th	12 noon	£5
Caritas Strings Orchestra	Sunday 27 th	7.30pm	£10/£5
Music for Chinese Lovers' Day	Monday 28 th	12 noon	£12/£10
Chinese Music Recital	Monday 28 th	7.00pm	£12/£10

Tickets for all the concerts are available on the door and from the Fringe Box Office on www.edfringe.com Further details for each concert can be found on the separate leaflet at the back of the church.

HANDS-ON MESSIAH

A new one-woman Fringe show presents insights into the life of Jesus featuring 'live reports' from John's Gospel is showing at St Patrick's Cowgate (venue 408) from August 17 – 27. Each show will be followed by refreshments on sale and Q&A with author F. Mary Callan and local clergy. Tickets £7/£4.

SHADOWS OF WAR

This brand new exhibition at The Queen's Gallery, Palace of Holyroodhouse, features the pioneering war photography of Roger Fenton and his images of the Crimea in 1855. The exhibition runs from 4th August to 26th November 2017.

HOST FAMILIES FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

Basil Paterson Language School is looking for families to host international students. Families can earn between £120 and £169 per week by offering a home-from-home experience. Its a great opportunity to share your language and culture and meet people from all over the world. For more information contact Helen Crompton info@basilpaterson.co.uk T: 0131 225 3802

DUTY ELDERS FOR AUGUST

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

DUTY ELDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Donald Davidson	Rosemary Bowe	John Smith	Ann McCarter
Alastair Bowe	Lesley Wallace	Mary Craig	Helen Aitken
Christina Coltart			

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