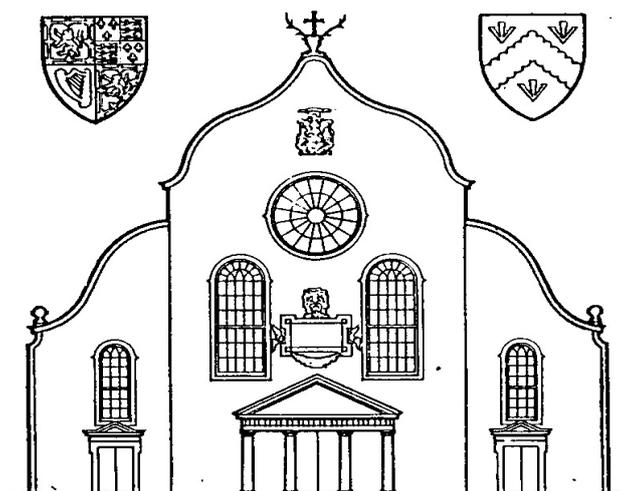


# CANONGATE KIRK THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE & EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter  
February 2017



## SUNDAY SERVICES

<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Candlemas	10am: Family Service 11.15: Parish Worship
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> before Lent	10am: Family Service 11.15: Parish Worship
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	10am: Family Service 11.15: Parish Worship
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> before Lent	10am : Family Service 11.15: Parish Worship with Holy Communion

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## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptism

28<sup>th</sup> December Elena Elizabeth Ana Hardie  
*“Then he took them in his arms and blessed them”.*

### Weddings

10<sup>th</sup> December Clare Henderson & Peniasi Moceivei  
28<sup>th</sup> December Meredyth Whitford & Sebastien Schultz  
*“Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide”.*

### Funerals

6 <sup>th</sup> December	Margaret Nisbet	Old Tolbooth Wynd
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nessie Green	Cramond Brig
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Anne Misselbrook	Baro, Gifford
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Dorothy McKinlay	Croft an Righ
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Kathy McLaren	Ferniehill Drive
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Jean Luke	Ferniehill Drive

### Interment of Ashes

1<sup>st</sup> December Helen & Stewart Liggat  
24<sup>th</sup> January Jack Storie MC  
*“Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”.*

## MINISTER’S LETTER

Our Christmas Appeal raised nearly £2400 to be shared between two great causes, one local and the other global. The local charity nominated by the Kirk Session was COMAS, based across the road from the Kirk in Jackson’s Entry and supporting families facing a variety of problems and challenges in and around Dumbiedykes. Ruth Campbell, their CEO, writes *“As a small organisation we get very few donations of this kind and I can assure you that we are very grateful indeed.”* Meanwhile Saramine Mukute, of World Vision, writes *“We are so grateful that you chose World Vision as your global cause to support through your Christmas Appeal. You are helping ... farmers in Sudan to provide a healthy and varied diet for their children all year round. Your gift will enable us to unlock £13,230 of grant funding from the European Commission. Thank you, we really appreciate your support and your prayers”.* That’s not a typing error, she really means £13,230 unlocked, and isn’t that a tremendous knock-on effect, that our donation has been multiplied so many times to enable so many more children to benefit from a healthy varied diet? It’s a modern-day equivalent of some of the Biblical parables, where Jesus encouraged his followers to take the first steps, however tentative, in showing kindness and tolerance towards those who might easily be overlooked and forgotten, only to find their gestures multiplied many times over and new resources of faith and hope and love unlocked.

## **CHARITY LINKS**

In thanking everyone who supported our Christmas appeal, thanks are also due to those who brought wash-bags for Crisis at Christmas, nearly sixty were transferred to the charity in time for their Christmas Day and Boxing Day events. Don't forget that we continue to collect used stamps, non-perishable food stuffs and household items for charitable purposes all year round. We also have collecting tins for anyone willing to gather their loose change for church funds.

## **NEW ORGANIST**

We are delighted to announce that David Goodenough, Director of Music at Fettes College, has been appointed our new organist with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. David was born and raised in the North of England and, following his early musical education at Hutton Grammar School, he read for a degree in Music at the Guildhall School of Music in the City of London, graduating in 1990. Following a postgraduate year studying organ improvisation at GSMD, David was appointed Sub-Organist of Blackburn Cathedral in the Autumn of 1991. During five enormously enjoyable and informative years at the cathedral, he shared responsibility for the direction and training of the cathedral choirs alongside his duties as principal organist and accompanist for all the services on the cathedral's famous Walker Organ. During this time, he also frequently broadcast and recorded for BBC radio and television. In 1996, David moved to Chetham's School of Music in Manchester as Music Department Manager, before he was appointed as Director of Music at Fettes College in Edinburgh in 1998, a position he continues to hold today. At Fettes, David heads a large and busy department of nearly forty staff, teaches academic music and trains the Chapel Choir, with whom he frequently tours (most recently to Italy and Hong Kong) and broadcasts on BBC radio. He has also conducted them for five CD recordings. Away from Fettes, David continues a busy freelance career as an organist and accompanist, and his recent engagements have included recitals in St John the Divine in New York and in Westminster Abbey, London. He is particularly noted for his organ improvisations. He holds Fellowship Diplomas in organ playing from The Royal College of Organists and Trinity College, London, alongside two Associateship Diplomas in Pianoforte (for both solo and duet playing) from the London College of Music, and his musical portfolio is completed by his work as an Examiner for ABRSM. When he's not busily immersed in music of some kind, David is a keen amateur radio enthusiast who can usually be found in his radio shack twiddling the knobs on various old radios or in his garage surrounded by motorcycle parts as he completes the restoration of his classic Triumph Daytona motorcycle.

We look forward to seeing his motorbike parked outside Canongate Kirk on a regular basis and to welcoming him warmly among us.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

We continue to look at extracts from the Book of Isaiah every Thursday throughout February in the Manse Meeting Room at 11am. This series will be followed by a Lent study group starting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and looking at the story of Holy Week as outlined in Stephen Cotterell's book 'The Things He Did'. These are not intended to be academic tutorials and all are welcome.

## **TRANSPORT TO THE KIRK**

The Kirk Session has for some time been considering how to support those members who need help to get to church on an occasional basis. With this in mind we need to identify both those who would benefit from such a service and those who could help by driving them to church and back. It is envisaged that this help would be strictly on an occasional basis and that volunteer drivers would only be asked to provide driver services about once every two months. Anyone from the congregation who would be willing to participate in the scheme should provide their name to the Session Clerk. Confirmation of the scheme will be dependent upon sufficient driver volunteers coming forward.

## **MEETING FOR OPEN KIRK VOLUNTEERS**

In advance of the forthcoming Open Kirk season, the Kirk Session has recently undertaken a review of how we deliver and manage Open Kirk arrangements with a view to further standardising and streamlining related processes. Prior to this season's commencement around Easter time, potential and current volunteers are invited to an Open Kirk Gathering Meeting in the Harry Younger Hall on Thursday 16 March 2017 at 6.30pm. Those intending to be present should give their name to either the Session Clerk, Lesley Wallace or Ann Gibson.

## **PANMURE HOUSE**

The final stage of conservation for Panmure House has been underway since November and aims to be completed by March 2018. You can see more about the progress of this project by visiting <http://www.panmurehouse.org/>

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## **DUTY ELDERS FOR FEBRUARY**

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

## **DUTY ELDERS FOR MARCH**

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|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Rie Stevenson | Anne Baker | Gavin Brydone | Kate Church |
| Anne Croft    | Dinah Croy | John Fanning  | Etta Geekie |