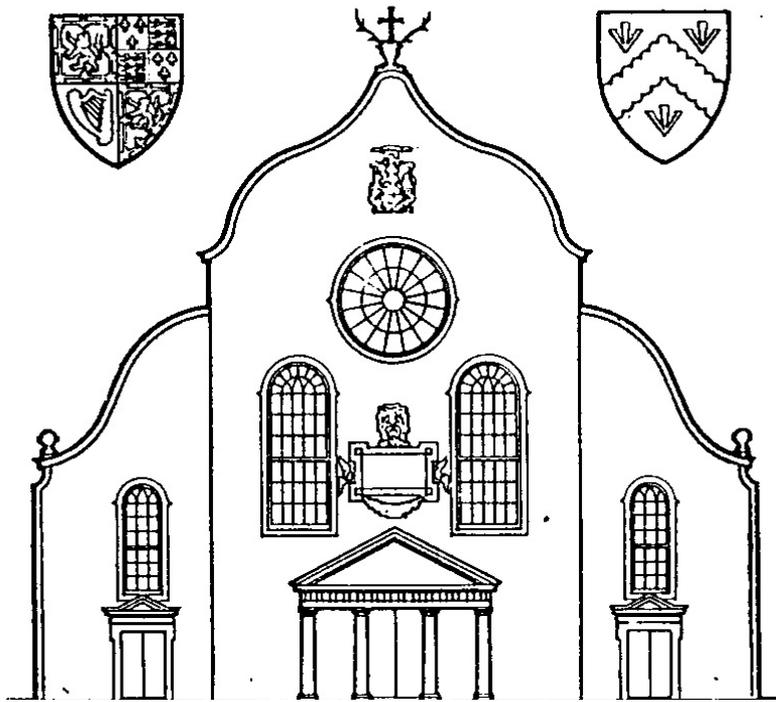


# CANONGATE KIRK THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE & EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter  
June 2017



## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

<b>4<sup>h</sup></b>	Pentecost	10:	Family Service
		11-15:	Parish Worship
		2.00:	Prayer and Reflection ( <i>outside Scottish Parliament</i> )
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Trinity	10:	Family Service
		11-15:	Parish Worship
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Trinity 1	10:	Family Service
		11-15:	Parish Worship, with Baptism
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Trinity 2	10:	Family Service
		11-15:	Parish Worship, with Holy Communion
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	July	10:	Family Service
		11-15	Parish Worship

## PARISH REGISTER

### Weddings

13<sup>th</sup> May Sarah McDowell & Piers Ballantyne *at St Mary's Dalmahoy*  
20<sup>th</sup> May Fiona Towns & Kelly Joseph Egan  
27<sup>th</sup> May Araminta Campbell & Jamie Birse-Stewart *at St Mary's Blairs*  
*"Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide."*

### Funeral

29<sup>th</sup> May Barbara Pollen Belleville Lodge Nursing Home  
*"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

## MINISTER'S LETTER

Later this month St Margaret's Chapel Guild will hold a special service in Canongate Kirk to mark and celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It all started with an advert placed in the Evening News in 1942! The Revd Dr Ronnie Selby Wright, Minister of Canongate Kirk and having a particularly close connection to Edinburgh Castle, realised that the tiny chapel in the upper reaches of the Castle complex had become rather neglected. So he put a piece into the local paper inviting women called Margaret to form themselves into a Guild to adorn the chapel with fresh flowers on a regular basis and revive it both as a place of worship and as a place where the memory and example of St Margaret – mother of King David I, the founder of our parish – would be especially honoured. He was inundated with responses and today there are over 200 members of the Guild, with a separate Fellowship in the USA. HRH The Princess Royal succeeded her aunt Princess Margaret as Royal Patron and continues to take a close interest in the Guild's activities and will be attending their annual service and meeting at the Castle later this year on St Margaret's Day (16<sup>th</sup> November). But this month we simply celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this unique organisation and as a congregation offer our congratulations and best wishes to "the Margarets!" And share one of their familiar prayers:

*O God, in whom sinners find mercy and saints find joy, we thank you for the life and labours of your servant Margaret, whom you called to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom. Grant that her example of zeal for your Church and charity towards all may continually increase divine love in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE REVD PETER SUTTON

Our congregation was well represented at our former Assistant Minister's service of Ordination and Induction in St Cuthbert's on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June. The service was led by the Moderator of Edinburgh Presbytery, the Revd Colin Sinclair of Palmerston Place Church, and our Minister preached the sermon. Peter looked

resplendent in a blue cassock and a newly commissioned St Cuthbert's stole and we wish him every blessing as he embarks on this new chapter of his ministry.

### **OPEN KIRK**

Open Kirk has got off to a very encouraging start this year, already raising over £2000 for church funds in the month of May. With more and more tourists and visitors descending on the Royal Mile from now on, it's really important to have the doors open as much as we possibly can. If you would like to volunteer to help with Open Kirk, please add your name to the board in the foyer or speak to Lesley Wallace or Ann Gibson for more information. This year, Eric Drake of Friends of the Canongate Kirkyard and the Old Town Association, is running free tours of the kirk and kirkyard every Sunday at 1pm until 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### **SOUP LUNCH**

Our last soup lunch before the summer break is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, at 12 noon in the Harry Younger Hall. Admission is £2, which includes a bowl of soup with crusty bread, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Also included is a game of bingo, a quiz and a good time. Why not come along? You're more than welcome.

### **FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

The last Fellowship Gathering before the summer break took the form of a tasty curry supper. The programme resumes for the Autumn Session, with the theme 'Relating to God', at the end of September when a panel will discuss questions and issues encountered along 'A Journey of Personal Faith'.

### **BBC RADIO 4 PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

The Minister's recently broadcast series of the early morning Prayer for the Day on BBC Radio 4 can still be heard on the BBC Radio iPlayer for the next few weeks at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08s2y0x> Alternatively the scripts can be found on a leaflet at the back of the church or requested from the church office.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Held in aid of the Kirk's Homeless Fund, a coffee morning will take place in the Harry Younger Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 10am until noon. Tickets costing £2 each are now available from John Fanning and Ann Gibson. Donations of good quality bric-a-brac, cake & candy and plants, together with items for our tombola stall and raffle can be handed in to church on Sundays, to the office during office hours or to the HYH after 1pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We are not collecting books on this occasion. We are sure you will agree that the Homeless Fund is a worthwhile venture and very deserving cause. As always we look forward to your support and hope that you will mark the date in your diary.

**MUSICAL RALLY** A special event including speakers and music in support of the campaign to move St Mary's Music School to the Old Royal High will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm. Admission free and all welcome.

**SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL** Our organist, David Goodenough, will be playing a selection of Baroque organ music in a free recital at Canongate Kirk on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm. All welcome.

### **CONCERTS IN CANONGATE KIRK**

Open Orchestra	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm	Free with closing collection
Calton Consort	Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm	Tickets £10/£8
Uni Brass Band	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June at 5pm	Admission Free

**GLORY ON EARTH** The world premiere of this new play by Linda McLean imagining conversations between Mary, Queen of Scots and John Knox at Holyroodhouse, is running until 10<sup>th</sup> June at the Lyceum Theatre, Grindlay Street.

### **MARIA MERIAN'S BUTTERFLIES**

This exhibition at The Queen's Gallery, Palace of Holyroodhouse, tells the story of the German artist and entomologist who set sail for South America in 1699. Her beautiful pictures of butterflies, plants and insects recorded on her trip have been selected from the Royal Collection. The exhibition runs until 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.

### **DUTY ELDERS FOR JUNE**

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

### **DUTY ELDERS FOR JULY**

Stuart McFarlane	Fiona Grant	Jane Stewart	Robert Watson
Colin Stewart	Roddy Gow	Jacky McFarlane	Rachel Wright
Ann Gibson			

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