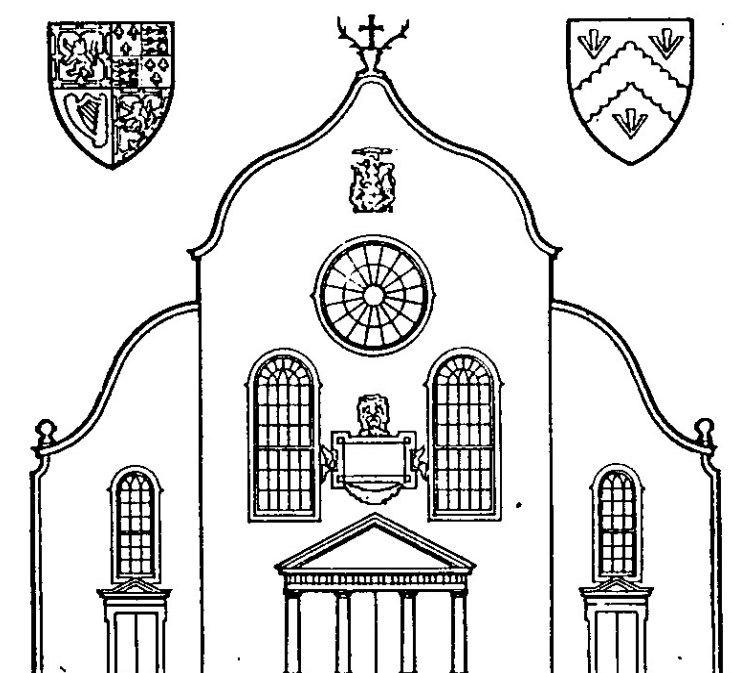


CANONGATE KIRK
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
& EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter
October 2017



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

1 st	Trinity 16	10: Family Service, with Baptism 11-15: Parish Worship
8 th	Trinity 17 <i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>	10: Family Service 11-15: Parish Worship, with Baptism
15 th	Trinity 18	10: Family Service 11-15: Parish Worship
22 nd	Trinity 19	10: Family Service 11-15: Parish Worship, with The Moderator
29 th	Trinity 20 <i>All Saints</i>	10: Family Service 11-15: Parish Worship, with Holy Communion

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

10th September Luke Terry John Curry
“Then he took them in his arms, and blessed them.”

Wedding

2nd September Joanna Hamilton & Jamie le Bert-Francis
“Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide.”

Funerals

11th September Sheila Smith Mountcastle Green
“Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

MINISTER’S LETTER

Visiting the fascinating exhibition on Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites in the National Museum of Scotland in Chambers Street recently, I was struck – as so often – by the many connections to our own history and heritage in Canongate Kirk. In services I sometimes refer to the Baptismal and Communion silver that the congregation brought with them when our Kirk was built so that King James VII & II could have the Abbey at Holyroodhouse for himself and for the Order of the Thistle – and there in the museum are some of the silver vessels brought from London in 1686 to replace them for use in the Roman Catholic Masses celebrated on the King’s altar. The King’s son was James Francis Edward, the Old Pretender, and his grandson Charles Edward Stewart, the Young Pretender better known as Bonnie Prince Charlie, who himself spent six weeks in residence at Holyroodhouse in 1745. But the term Jacobite seems to have been in use long before that famous year of rebellion, for as early as 1689 people were described as Jacobites or Williamites, the latter in connection with support for William of Orange whose coat of arms was superimposed over that of King James VII & II high above the front door of Canongate Kirk, and who was firmly on the throne by the time that door was first opened in 1691. The exhibition continues until 12th November and is definitely worth a visit. Mercifully these days Jacobites and Williamites, Catholics and Protestants work together as Christian people, naming our common faith after Christ the King of Kings and together finding our inspiration in His life of service and sacrifice.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This year our Harvest Thanksgiving services will take place at 10am and 11-15am on Sunday 8th October, and as in previous years our main focus will be on supplying non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletries to help resource those working amongst the homeless in the city-centre. There will also be an opportunity to make donations in cash to support our own congregation’s commitment to feeding the homeless in the coming winter months.

SOUP LUNCH

This month's soup lunch is at the Harry Younger Hall on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 12 noon. Come and join us for soup, fun bingo and good company – all for £2!

OPEN KIRK

Now that the season has ended, and well over £12,000 has been generated for church funds, thanks are due to all our willing volunteers who have welcomed visitors all through the summer. They are reminded of the get-together planned for Thursday 5th October at 6.30pm in the Harry Younger Hall by way of a thank you and also an opportunity to raise thoughts and suggestions. Although the season is now officially over, anyone who wants to operate Open Kirk at weekends should feel free.

MODERATOR TO PREACH

On Sunday 22nd October 2017 we are to be honoured by a visit from The Right Revd Dr Derek Browning, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, who will preach the sermon at the 11.15am service.

FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Fellowship Gathering next meets in the Harry Younger Hall on Thursday 26th October at 7pm for a showing of the film 'The Pianist', the extraordinary true story of a Jewish radio pianist's survival in Warsaw during WW2. It's a poignant film with a haunting piano accompaniment - soothed by popcorn and ice-cream.

ALL SAINTS COMMUNION

This will be celebrated at both services on Sunday 29th October, and letters of invitation will be ready for distribution by District Elders in due course. If for any reason you don't receive one, please get in touch with the office.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS

We continue to collect donations of non-perishable food, particularly canned food, and toiletries for the Streetwork Crisis Centre all year round, not just at harvest time. These can be placed in the basket in the kitchen area. Why not add an extra item to your own shopping basket? We also continue to support Fresh Start, an Edinburgh based charity that helps people who have been homeless get established in their new home. They welcome donations of goods such as plates, glass tumblers (no stemmed glasses please), bed linen and curtains. They are also looking for volunteers to help with some of their projects. www.freshstartweb.org.uk

T: 0131 476 7741 Donations can be dropped off at the church or the office. They can also be delivered direct to Fresh Start's warehouse at 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, EH4 4BR between 9am-4pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-1pm on Friday. We continue to collect all used stamps for the World Mission stamp appeal. Stamps

can be placed in the box in the vestibule. The posters on the box and the board give more details. Collecting tins are still available in the foyer for those who like to gather their loose change and pass it on to benefit the Kirk.

FREE CONCERT AT CANONGATE KIRK

Hymers College Junior School's choir of sixty children aged 10 to 11 years will sing a variety of secular and religious songs at 7pm on Friday 20th October. All welcome. Closing collection.

CONFERENCE AT GREYFRIARS KIRK

'At the Heart. On the Edge' is the title of a conference hosted by Revd Dr Richard Frazer, Minister of Greyfriars Kirk, and Revd Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London which includes theology, ideas, solutions and support. The day, to be held at Greyfriars Kirk on Tuesday 21st November, will explore mission and ministry in relation to congregation, commerce, compassion and culture. For registration please go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for 'At the Heart'.

SHADOWS OF WAR

This latest 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 until 26th November 2017.

DUTY ELDERS FOR OCTOBER

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

DUTY ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

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Martin Baker	Mark Peel		

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