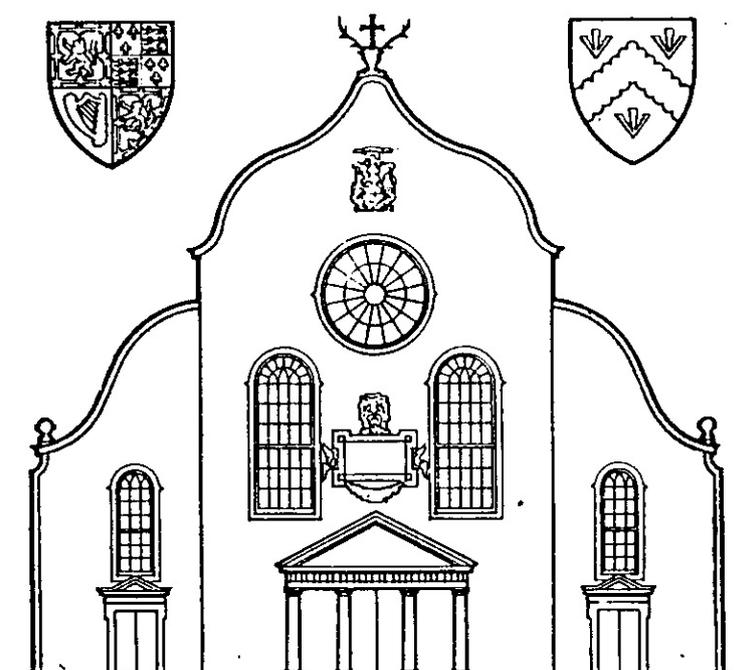


CANONGATE KIRK  
THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE  
& EDINBURGH CASTLE

Newsletter  
September 2017



**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Trinity 12 <b>(September)</b>	10: 11-15:	Family Service Parish Worship
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity 13	10: 11-15:	Family Service, with Baptism Parish Worship
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity 14 <i>Battle of Britain</i>	10: 11-15:	Family Service Parish Worship
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Trinity 15	10: 11-15:	Family Service Parish Worship, with Holy Communion
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Trinity 16 <b>(October)</b>	10: 11-15:	Family Service, with Baptism Parish Worship

## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptisms

20<sup>th</sup> August Basil George Douglas-Hamilton  
William Frederick Douglas-Hamilton (*at Lennoxlove*)  
*“Then he took them in his arms and blessed them”.*

### Weddings

5<sup>th</sup> August Joanna Ritchie & Fausto Marino  
19<sup>th</sup> August Kate Cadzow & Peter Ogilvy-Wedderburn (*on Luing*)  
*“Those whom God has joined together, let not man divide.”*

### Funerals

1 <sup>st</sup> August	Lady Antonia Dalrymple	Cluny Lodge
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Dorothy Bathgate	Claremont Grove
8 <sup>th</sup> August	(Baby) Ella Robertson	
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Jane Duff	Simpson Loan
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Jeanette Reid	<i>Interment of Ashes</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> August	Marion Ireland	Dunbar
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Peggy Adderley	Bridge of Cally

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

## MINISTER’S LETTER

It was a great pleasure to welcome Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex and their family to our Family Service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Prince Edward has become Patron of the Edinburgh International Festival and that weekend had already attended the opening concert in the Usher Hall and the opening night of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo at the Castle as well as giving the family a taste of the Fringe. After the service several members of the congregation commented on how glad they were to see the Wessex children, James and Louise, coming to church with their parents, and how normal they all seemed! I know how hard the Earl and Countess try to give their family as normal an upbringing as possible, within the inevitable constraints of being part of the Royal Family.

The Holy Family is often how Mary, Joseph and Jesus are referred to and it is important to remember how Jesus had as ordinary a family upbringing as possible for as long as he was able to stay out of the limelight. We don’t hear much about it in the Bible but we can assume that for years life went on much as it does for normal families doing their best to bring up children safely and successfully. One of my favourite children’s hymns focuses on the humanity of Jesus:

*And yet I know that it is true:  
He chose a poor and humble lot,*

*And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died,  
For love of those who loved him not.*

As the new academic session begins, we look forward to welcoming another candidate for the ministry to join us on Sundays and at other times and become part of the family of our congregation, and I've asked Julia to introduce herself in the following paragraph:

My name is Julia A.Cato and I am excited to be a first year Candidate in Ministry to become a Full Time Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Church of Scotland. I hold a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City and will be brushing up my academic studies at New College in the coming year. I grew up in Germany and speak fluent German and English (American). My background includes women's issues, human rights, multifaith relations, communications and development, and writing. I have lived in Edinburgh for almost 7 years and have worked here as a freelance development consultant for local charities. I currently sit on the Church of Scotland's Violence Against Women Task Group. I live in Fairmilehead with my husband, Ian, and our two sons Hamish (4 years) and Max (16 months). I look forward to being part of the Canongate community, meeting you at church and events, and learning from you.

### **SOUP LUNCH**

The monthly soup lunch at the Harry Younger Hall will resume on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 12 noon. Come and join us for soup, fun bingo and good company – all for only £2!

### **FELLOWSHIP GATHERING**

With the theme 'Relating to God', the Autumn programme of the Fellowship Gathering starts with 'A Journey of Personal Faith' at 7pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Harry Younger Hall. A panel, invited from the Congregation, will discuss some of the thorny questions about faith and life you've always wanted to ask. The session will be followed by a finger buffet. Subsequent sessions continue until November on the last Thursday of the month, with details on a separate leaflet.

### **OPEN KIRK**

After a particularly busy August, Open Kirk has now generated around £10,000 for church funds. Huge thanks are due to all our willing volunteers who have coped not only with the influx of Festival visitors and tourists but also a hectic programme of Fringe concerts and rehearsals. Although the Festival is now over and the streets a little quieter, our Open Kirk season continues until the end of September. If you would like to volunteer to help during this final month please add your name to the board in the foyer or speak to Lesley Wallace or Ann Gibson for more information.

Eric Drake of Friends of the Canongate Kirkyard and the Old Town Association, will also continue to run free tours of the kirk and kirkyard every Sunday at 1pm until the end of September.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

### **SUCCESS FOR DOGSTAR THEATRE**

Rehearsals for *The Sky is Safe*, a Dogstar Theatre production about the Syrian refugee tragedy, took place in the Harry Younger Hall earlier in the year. Performed at Summerhall as part of the Fringe, the play won the first of Summerhall's 2017 Lustrum awards. It has also been longlisted for Amnesty International's Freedom of Expression Award 2017. You can find tour dates and information about the play on their website <http://www.dogstartheatre.co.uk/>

### **AND FINALLY...SOME QUOTES FROM OTHER NEWSLETTERS**

- *The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.*
- *The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'*
- *Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*

### **DUTY ELDERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

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

### **DUTY ELDERS FOR OCTOBER**

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

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