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THE KIRK OF HOLYROODHOUSE
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**Remembrance Sunday
10th November 2024**



**2Lt John Aymer Ainslie Grassie
(Killed in action 21st March 1918)**

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

Psalm 45: 17

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Nimrod by Edward Elgar

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 160

(Praise my Soul)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS *including*

All **We confess to God almighty,
to all the company of heaven, and to each other,
that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed,
by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault.
Therefore we beseech almighty God
to give us the grace of true repentance,
to have mercy upon us, and cleanse us from our sins.**

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

HYMN 161 vv.1 – 3

(St Anne)

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God
to endless years the same.

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.

We will remember them

LAST POST

LAMENT

SILENCE

REVEILLE

HYMN 161 vv. 4 – 6

(St Anne)

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

FIRST READING

Romans 8: 31 – 39

(Major General Bob Bruce CBE DSO, Governor of Edinburgh Castle)

SECOND READING

St John 15: 9 – 17

(Squadron Leader Derek Read, OC 603 (City of Edinburgh) Squadron, RAuxAF)

SUNG RESPONSE

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness, but rising to reign. (H. Bonar)

PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies:**

we, your unworthy servants,

give you most humble and hearty thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all people.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.

Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,

and that we show forth your praise,

not only with our lips but in our lives,

by giving up ourselves to your service,

and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory,

now and for ever. Amen.

INTIMATIONS

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
 Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
 The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
 That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
 The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
 The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
 Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
 We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
 Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
 And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
 And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

SERMON

The Saviour died, but rose again
 triumphant from the grave;
 and pleads our cause at God's right hand,
 omnipotent to save.

Who then can e'er divide us more
 from Jesus and his love,
 or break the sacred chain that binds
 the earth to heaven above?

Let troubles rise, and terrors frown,
 and days of darkness fall;
 through him all dangers we'll defy,
 and more than conquer all.

Nor death nor life, nor earth nor hell,
 nor time's destroying sway,
 can e'er efface us from his heart,
 or make his love decay.

Each future period that will bless,
 as it has blessed the past:
 he loved us from the first of time,
 he loves us to the last.

OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYERS

end with *The Lord's Prayer*

HYMN 702

(*Blaenwern*)

Lord, in love and perfect wisdom
times and seasons you arrange,
working out your changeless purpose
in a world of ceaseless change;
you have formed our ancient nation,
guiding it through all the days,
to unfold in it your purpose
to your glory and your praise.

To our shores remote, benighted,
barrier of the western waves,
tidings in your love you sent us,
tidings of the cross that saves.
Saints and heroes strove and suffered
here your gospel to proclaim;
we, the heirs of their endeavour,
tell the honour of their name.

You maintain your ageless purpose
every change and chance above;
still your holy Church is bearing
witness to your changeless love.
Grant us vision, Lord, and courage
to fulfil your work begun;
in the Church and in the nation,
King of kings, your will be done.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E flat major (BWV 552) by J S Bach

Welcome to Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh's military church, on Remembrance Sunday. We extend an especially warm welcome to representatives of the Armed Forces, Regular and Reserve, and military veterans. In leading our Act of Remembrance, we are grateful for the support of our piper, Cpl McWhinnie, The Royal Regiment of Scotland (2 SCOTS), and our bugler, Cpl Neshum Tamang, 1st Bn Royal Gurkha Rifles, who come to us via the Army School of Bagpipe Music and Highland Drumming based at Colinton. As in previous years there will be a retiring offering in aid of Poppy Scotland. After the service there will be a short wreath-laying ceremony at the Parish War Memorial on the Canongate Tolbooth next door. A livestreamed video of this service will be available on our website www.canongatekirk.org.uk - feel free to share the link with others who might be interested. The November edition of our newsletter is available at the back of the church and on-line. The regular monthly service at Croft an Righ takes place at 4pm this afternoon. All welcome. Next Sunday our 10.30am service in Canongate will incorporate the Sacrament of Baptism.

Canongate Kirk Christmas Supper Tickets for our congregational festive gathering for supper and carols on Thursday 12th December at 6.45pm in the Harry Younger Hall are now available from David Croft at £12 each. All welcome!

Season of Reflection and Renewal Last year this ran from Harvest to Remembrance and gave members and friends an opportunity to identify ways in which they could help with the smooth running of Canongate Kirk Sunday by Sunday, and at other times too. If you're new to the congregation, or feeling more confident about volunteering this year, copies of the original form can be found once again at the back of the King David Aisle - feel free to fill one in and leave it in the box and we'll get back to you!

Craft Club The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November from 6.30 – 8.30pm in the Harry Younger Hall. The group is open to crafters and non-crafters, skilled and non-skilled alike – you can be sure of a friendly welcome.

St Margaret's Day A special service is to be held in Canongate Kirk at 11.30am on Saturday 16th November, St Margaret's Day. Supported by the St Margaret's Singers and shared with representatives of the Scottish Episcopal Church and of the Roman Catholic Church, it will reinforce our connections with St Margaret's Chapel Guild and the tiny chapel that bears her name in Edinburgh Castle in the upper reaches of our parish. All welcome.

Evening Service In place of our usual monthly evening service in Canongate, members of our congregation are encouraged to attend a service of Choral Evensong at St Giles' Cathedral at 6pm on Sunday 24th November 2024. The service will be sung by the combined choirs of St Giles', Paisley Abbey and St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral and some of the service will be recorded for radio. Free tickets are available on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). The Congregation is asked to be seated by 5.45pm. Please

note there will be no evening service in Canongate on Sunday 24th November or Sunday 29th December 2024.

St Andrew's Day The annual service organised by the Society of Friends of St Andrew's Jerusalem will take place in St Cuthbert's Church at 2pm on Saturday 30th November. The guest preacher will be The Very Reverend Sally Foster-Fulton, ex Moderator and chair of Christian Aid. All welcome.

Washbags for Crisis at Christmas We have once again been asked to help supply washbags to Crisis, the local charity for the homeless. These can be brought to church or handed in at the church office up to and including Sunday 22nd December. Gender neutral washbags are preferred however this isn't always easy to achieve so male and female washbags would also be welcome. These can be filled with any selection of toiletries, but no razors, or hand sanitisers which contain alcohol. A suggested list of items includes shower-gel, soap, shampoo/ conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, flannel and anything else you would usually find in a washbag.

Lessons and Carols for Christmas Although our schedule of services has yet to be finalised it is likely that this year's traditional service of Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday 22nd December, when we will also be joined by members of the Edinburgh Royal Warranholders Association. With this in mind our usual 'home-grown' choir is invited to gather round the piano for rehearsals at 9.30am from Sunday 1st December onwards. First timers welcome!

Christmas Carol Services

You might like advance notice of the fact that members of the congregation would be welcome to attend any of the following charity carol services:

Thursday 5th December	6pm	Armed Forces' Charities
Sunday 8th December	4pm	Royal British Legion Scotland
Thursday 12th December	6pm	Crisis Homelessness Charity
Thursday 19th December	7pm	The Order of St John

CONCERTS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Friday 22nd Nov	2pm	Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland	<i>Free</i>
Saturday 23rd Nov	7.30pm	Scottish Chamber Choir	£15/£7
Saturday 30th Nov	7.30pm	St Andrew Orchestra	£10/£5
Saturday 7th Dec	7.30pm	Open Orchestra	<i>Free</i>
Saturday 14th Dec	5pm	Calton Consort	£15/£12
Saturday 21st Dec	7.30pm	St Andrew Camerata	£12/£10

St Giles at Six Weekly free concert **tonight:** The Waverley Consort

<https://www.stgilescathedral.org.uk/events>