

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 14th December 2025, Advent 3

On behalf of the Vestry and congregation we welcome you to St Peter's Episcopal Church to our service today.

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The words in **Bold Type** are said or sung by everyone.

There is no offertory collection during the service; if you wish to give an offering, please place in the plate at the right-hand side of the door as you enter the church. Many thanks

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Introit Hymn: 15 The Lord may come and not be slow

Lighting the

Advent Candle:

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true,
to you be praise and glory for ever!
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.
Blessed be God for ever.

The candle is lit.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near:
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.**

Collect:

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect(SPB)

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found a acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Readings:

The Old Testament Reading and the New Testament Reading are read by a member of the Readers Group

First reading:

*(Page 697) Isaiah 35.1-10
(SPB 1 Corinthians 4. 1)*

Second reading:

(Page 292) James 5.7-10

Gradual hymn:

453 Stand up stand up for Jesus

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel:

*(Page 16) Matthew 11.2-11
(SPB Matthew 11.2)*

Sermon:

The Revd Canon Christine Fraser

Intercessions: Composed and prayed on behalf of the congregation by a member of the Intercessors Group

Peace: A sign of the peace is exchanged with our immediate neighbours

Offertory hymn: 500 Thy kingdom come on bended knee

Administration of Communion: Communion will be offered in two kinds. In order to assist the chalice administrators please GUIDE the chalice by the bottom(not take the vessel from them) to receive wine.

Communion hymn: 5 Hark a herald voice is calling

Prayer after Communion: **Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen**

Blessing: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 16 Wake O wake with tidings thrilling

Notices:

All baptised Christians are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion, to receive bread alone, or to receive bread and drink from the chalice. Intinction is not permitted in this Diocese. All are welcome to receive a blessing at the altar. Gluten free wafers are available; please advise a sidesperson if you require this.

An Induction Loop is installed in church. Hearing aid users should adjust their aid to the T position. Large-print copies of the liturgy are available on request

Worship:

Wed 17 th Dec	10.00am	Midweek Eucharist
Sun 21 st Dec	9.15am	Eucharist (SPB)
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (1982 liturgy)

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is installed in the building. Passwords and access codes are available. Please ensure though that any mobile devices are switched off or on silent mode during services and meetings. Many thanks.

Zumba: Zumba will resume after the Christmas break

Craft Group: Craft Group will resume after the Christmas Break.

Gowrie House: The next service is a Carol Service on Wednesday 17th December at 2pm. All welcome.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on Sunday 4th January 202 after the 10.30 service

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 29th January 2026 at 2pm in the small meeting room. All welcome.

Study Group: The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 11am. The next meeting is on 17th December.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

Flowers: If you would like to donate towards the cost of flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one or a special anniversary, please speak to Janie Legge. There is no requirement to arrange the flowers, although Janie is always happy to advise anyone who would like to.

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 20th Dec at 10am.

Prayer Group: If you, or someone you know would like prayers said then please complete a slip and place in the woven box. Your request will be responded to.

Health and Safety: The Fabric Repairs Log, Risk Assessment Register, Accident Book and First Aid Kit are situated in the Kitchen.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn on 21st December after the Carol Service. Donations most welcome. Please place in the boxes provided. Many thanks.

Please pray for:

All those in our own congregation, their families or friends who are ill, housebound or whose year's mind falls this week. Archbishop Stephen and the Karen people in Burma, Thailand and Sheffield
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