

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 15th December 2024, 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:

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The Lord will come and not be slow

Lighting Advent Wreath

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 Jesus 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 an 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 911) Zephaniah 3.14-20
(SPB 1 Corinthians 4. 1)

Second reading:

(Page 250) Philippians 4.4-7

Gradual hymn:

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We have a gospel to proclaim

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 continue on Friday 17th January 2025 at 10.30am.

Craft Group: The group will continue on Monday 13th January 2025 at 1.30pm. Cost £2 per session, includes refreshments. All welcome.

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 30th January 2025 at 2pm in the hall

Study Group: The Advent Study Group meets at 11am on Wednesday 18th December 2024

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

Christmas Hamper Raffle: The annual Christmas Hamper Raffle will take place after the Carol Service on 22nd December 2024. Judy Webster would be delighted to receive any donations. Many thanks.

Church Decoration: The church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 21st December at 10.00am. If you are able to help, please come along. Cuppa provided at half-time.

Foodbank: Kirkcaldy Foodbank are always delighted to receive donations of dry goods and toiletries. Please place in the basket in the vestibule. They are also desperate for carrier bags, if you have some that you can spare, please also fold flat and place in the basket. Many thanks.

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 bookstall in the hall raises much needed funds for the Flower Fund; please support it if you can. 2 books for £1.

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.

Hospital Visits. The local hospitals no longer allow access to their in-patient lists. If you, a relative or friend are admitted to hospital, please contact the Rector on 01592 204208 or cnfraser@btinternet.com and visits will be arranged.