

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



*Sunday 26th November 2023, Christ the King
(Sunday Next before Advent)*

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

Christine Fraser, Rector.

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Introit Hymn: 484 The Church's one foundation

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect(SPB) Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they; plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

First reading: (Page 835) Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24
(SPB Jeremiah 23.5)

Responsorial Psalm 100

1. Sing to the Lord, all the world!
2. **Worship the Lord with joy;
come before him with happy songs!**
3. Acknowledge that the Lord is God.
He made us, and we belong to him;
we are his people, we are his flock.
4. **Enter the Temple gates with thanksgiving;
go into its courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and praise him.**
5. The Lord is good;
his love is eternal
and his faithfulness lasts forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen**

Second reading: (Page 240) Ephesians 1.15-23

Gradual hymn: 357 Father hear the prayer we offer

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 38) Matthew 25.31-46
(SPB St John 6.5)

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: 205 Christ is made the sure foundation

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: 337 As pants the hart for cooling streams

Prayer after Communion: **Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Blessing: The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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: 9 Lo he comes with clouds descending

Notices:

All baptised Christians are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion. 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 29 th Nov	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 3 rd 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 continues on Friday 1st December at 10.30am.

Craft Group: The craft group continues on 27th November at 2pm. There will be a Christmas Sales Table after the services today.

Fellowship Group: The next meeting is on Thursday 30th November at 2pm in the lower meeting room. All welcome.

Prayers for Healing: The next service will be held after the 10.30am service on 10th December. There will also be an opportunity to come forward for anointing if desired.

Magazine: The next edition of the magazine will be published on 17th December. Richard Ouston would be pleased to receive articles by **today**, please send to Richard Ouston at Richard.16@hotmail.co.uk.

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of St Peter's Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy will be held after the 10.30am service on Sunday 3rd December 2023. Nomination forms for Vestry vacancies are available from the Vestry Secretary. Completed forms must be returned to the Rector, Vestry Chairperson or Vestry Secretary before the 10.30am service on 3rd December. Nominees must be Lay Communicant Members, proposed and seconded and be willing to stand for the position.

Advent Course: The Revd Bob Barrett will be facilitating an Advent Course commencing on Wednesday 29th November for 4 weeks after the 10am midweek service in the small meeting room. The discussions will commence at 11am and it is intended to finish each session by 12.30pm. Please sign up on the noticeboard in the hall if you are intending to come.

Carol Service: St Peter's Carol Service will be held on 17th December 2023. There will be refreshments after the service and the Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle will be held. If you would like to make a contribution to the hamper, please place in one of the baskets in the vestibule. Many thanks.

The Rector: The Rector generally takes a Friday as day off; phone calls and emails will not be responded to on that day unless in the case of an emergency

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.

Foodbank: If you are able, please put an extra tin or packet of dry goods in the basket, so the foodbank can replenish their stocks. Many thanks.

Flowers: Flowers enhance the beauty of our worship. If you would like to donate towards the cost or to arrange flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Jane Legge.

Health and Safety: The Risk Assessment Register, Accident Book and First Aid Kit are situated in the Kitchen. Instructions for the defibrillator are in a pouch in the vestibule.

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.

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