

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 28th December 2025 Christmas 1

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: 32 O little town of Bethlehem

Collect: Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect SPB: Almighty God, who hast given us the only begotten son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by the Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same spirit, ever one God, world without end **Amen.**

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

First reading: (Page 725) Isaiah 63.1-6
(SPB 1 Galatians 4.1)

1. Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
2. **May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.**
3. May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.
4. **May he defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.**
5. May he endure[a] as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
6. **May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.**
7. In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.
10. **May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores
bring tribute to him.
May the kings of Sheba and Seba
present him gifts.**
11. May all kings bow down to him
and all nations serve him.
12. **For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.**
13. He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.
14. **He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia Alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 4) Matthew 2.13-23
(SPB St Matthew 1.18)

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: 39 Unto us a child is born

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: 40 What child is this

Prayer after Communion: **Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Blessing: Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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: 34 Once in Royal David's city

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 31st December

NO SERVICE

Sun 4TH January

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 on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 2pm.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on Sunday 4th January 2026 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 21st January 2026.

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.

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.

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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