

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 29th December 2024, 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 266) 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26
(SPB 1 Galatians 4.1)

1. Praise the Lord from heaven,
you that live in the heights above.
2. **Praise him, all his angels,
all his heavenly armies.**
3. Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, shining stars.
4. **Praise him, highest heavens,
and the waters above the sky.**
5. Let them all praise the name of the Lord!
He commanded, and they were created;
6. **by his command they were fixed in their places forever,
and they cannot disobey.**
7. Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all ocean depths;
8. **lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
strong winds that obey his command.**
9. Praise him, hills and mountains,
fruit trees and forests;
10. **all animals, tame and wild,
reptiles and birds.**
11. Praise him, kings and all peoples,
princes and all other rulers;
12. **young women and young men,
old people and children too.**
13. Let them all praise the name of the Lord!
His name is greater than all others;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
14. **He made his nation strong,
so that all his people praise him—
the people of Israel, so dear to him.**

Praise the Lord!

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

Second reading: (Page 254) Colossians 3.12-17

Gradual hymn: 28 In the bleak midwinter

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 76) Luke 2.41-52
(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: 36 The first Noel

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: 35 Silent Night

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: 40 What child is this

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

Wednesday 1 st January	NO SERVICE
Sunday 5 th January	9.15am Eucharist 10.30am Sung Eucharist

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 Study Group meets at 11am on Wednesday 15th January 2025. Please watch the noticeboard for details.

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

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.