

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 7th April 2024, Easter 2

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

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Introit Hymn: SP2 Give thanks to the risen Lord

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect(SPB) Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

First reading: (Page 153) Acts 4.32-35
(SPB 1 John 5.4)

Responsorial Psalm: 133

1. How wonderful it is, how pleasant,
for God's people to live together in harmony!
2. **It is like the precious anointing oil
running down from Aaron's head and beard,
down to the collar of his robes.**
3. It is like the dew on Mount Hermon,
falling on the hills of Zion.
That is where the Lord has promised his blessing—
life that never ends.

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 302)1 John 1.1-2.2

Gradual hymn: SP60 To God be the glory

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 145) John 20.19-31
(SPB St John 20.19)

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: SP33 I the Lord of sea and sky

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: SP6 As pants the deer for cooling streams

Prayer after Communion: **Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Blessing: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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: SP16 Christ triumphant

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 10 th April	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 14 th April	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: The group will resume on Friday 19th April at 10.30am. All welcome.

Craft Group: The group will resume on Monday 22nd April at 2pm. All welcome.

Fellowship Group: The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th April at 2pm. All welcome.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

Study Group: Following on from the Advent and Lent Groups, it has been suggested that a monthly Study Group be formed. The first meeting is at 11am on Wednesday 17th April in the small meeting room, after the 10am midweek service. At the meeting, a regular monthly date will be set and the format of the Study Group be discussed. This is open to anyone in the congregation, all welcome.

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: Whilst traditionally there are no flowers in church during Lent, the beauty of flowers enhance our worship. 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 Easter on Sat 30th March at 10.00am.

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 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.

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