

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 21st April 2024 Easter 4

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: 130 Hail the day that sees him rise

Collect: O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect(SPB) O almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesús Christ our Lord. Amen.
Amen.

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

First reading: (Page 152)) Acts 4.5-12
(SPB 1 St James 1.17)

Responsorial Psalm: 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

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 304) 1 John 3.16-14

Gradual hymn: 296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 114) John 10.11-18
(SPB St John 16.5)

Sermon: The Revd Bob Barrett

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: Supplement My every prayer

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: SP52 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Prayer after Communion: **God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of 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: 478 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

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:

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| Wed 24 th April | 10.00am | Eucharist |
| Sun 28 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 26th April at 10.30am. All welcome.

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

Study Group: The first meeting was held on Wednesday 17th April in the small meeting room, after the 10am midweek service. Further details and dates to follow. This is open to anyone in the congregation, 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 7th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

Christian Aid Week: 12th – 17th May. There will be a hunger lunch on Sunday 12th May in aid of Christian Aid. Donations from the lunch will be for Christian Aid.

West Fife Area Council: Thursday 16th May 2024 at St Paul's Kinross at 7.30pm – Speaker James Gardner and representatives from the Diocesan/Provincial Youth Network on their Pilgrimage to Iona.

Sea Sunday: On Sunday 9th June at the 10.30am service. Jeremy Hawkings Chairman to Mission to Seafarers Scotland will speak on the work of Mission to Seafarers. There will be an opportunity to hand over the hats which have been knitted, over 200 and a retiring collection taken for its work.

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.

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