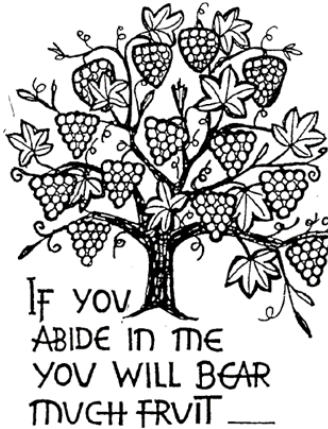


St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 28th April 2024, Easter 5

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: SP60 To God be the glory

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect(SPB) O Lord, from whom all good things do come, Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; though 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 158) Acts 8.26-40*
(SPB 1 St James 1.)

Responsorial Psalm: *22.24-30*

24. He does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering;
he does not turn away from them,
but answers when they call for help.”

**25. In the full assembly I will praise you for what you have done;
in the presence of those who worship you
I will offer the sacrifices I promised.**

26. The poor will eat as much as they want;
those who come to the Lord will praise him.
May they prosper forever!

**27. All nations will remember the Lord.
From every part of the world they will turn to him;
all races will worship him.**

28. The Lord is king,
and he rules the nations.

**29. All proud people will bow down to him;
all mortals will bow down before him.**

30. Future generations will serve him;
they will speak of the Lord to the coming generation.

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 305) 1 John 4. 7-21*

Gradual hymn: *SP62 What a friend we have in Jesus*

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**

Gospel: *(Page 114) John 15.1-8*
(SPB St John 16.23)

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: SP42 Lord for the years

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: SP9 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Prayer after Communion: **God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: SP33 I the Lord of sea and sky

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 1 st May	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 4 th May	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 continue on Friday 3rd May at 10.30am. All welcome.

Craft Group: The group will resume on Monday 29th 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 23rd May 2024 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.

Ascension: There will be a service to mark Ascension on Thursday 9th May at 2pm. All welcome.

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