

*St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy*

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*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Easter Sunday*

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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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*Liturgy of the  
Paschal Candle*

Christ is Risen  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Collect:*

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages.  
To him be glory and power through every age and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Lighting of Candle:*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory banish all darkness from  
our hearts and minds.

*Procession:*

The Light of Christ  
**Thanks be to God**  
(Repeated 3 times)

*Exultet:*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,  
and let your trumpets shout Salvation  
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,  
bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness  
as been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,  
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,  
resound with the praises of your people.

*Renewal of  
Baptismal Vows:*

God calls the Church to reflect Christ's glory,  
in baptism to declare his new life,

in fellowship and mission to share it.  
We renew the promises made at our baptism,  
affirming our allegiance to Christ,  
and our rejection of all that is evil.  
Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you renounce evil?

**All: I renounce evil**

Do you repent of your sins?

**All: I repent of my sins**

Do you turn to Christ?

**All: I turn to Christ**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith  
into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven  
and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who  
was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of  
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third  
day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at  
the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: this is our faith. We believe in one God, Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit.**

*(The service liturgy continues using the yellow booklet)*

*Introit Hymn:*

110 Jesus Christ is risen today

*Collect:*

Lord of life and power, through the mighty  
resurrection of your Son you have overcome the old

order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Collect SPB:*

Almighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: we beseech thee that as by thy special grace preventing us, thou dost put into our mind's good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*First reading:*

*(Page 673)* Isaiah 65.17-25(SPB Hebrews 13.20)

*Second Reading:*

*(Page 162)* Acts 10.34-43

*Gradual hymn:*

121 This joyful Eastertide

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia, alleluia The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

*Gospel:*

Luke 24.1-12 (SPB St Mark 16).

*Sermon:*

The Revd Canon Christine Fraser

*Intercessions*

*Peace*

*Offertory hymn:*

120 Thine be the glory

*Communion hymn:*

115 Now the green blade riseth

*Prayer after Communion:*

**God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. 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:* 117 The day of resurrection

**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. 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*

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.00am Eucharist
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am Eucharist (SPB)
	10.30am 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 continues on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 10.30am in the hall.

**Craft Group:** The group will continue on Monday 28th April at 1.30pm. Norman and Marjorie Ward will be showing a film of their recent cruise. There will be refreshments and is open to the congregation. All welcome.

**Cheese Quiz:** The Social Committee are running a Cheese Quiz on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 which includes refreshments and entry to the quiz are available. There will also be a raffle and BYOB.

**Fellowship Group:** There will be no Fellowship meeting in April. The next one will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm due to Ascension falling on 29<sup>th</sup> May this year. All welcome.

**Study Group:** The Study Group will resume on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 after the 10am service in the small meeting room, commencing at 11am prompt. Refreshment available before the meeting.

**Vestry:** The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

**Bishops Lent Appeal:** Bishop Ian writes: We have been praying and working for the war in Gaza to end, for aid to reach its people, and for the hostages to be released. There is at last a temporary ceasefire, and we pray for it to become permanent.

Now is the time for reconstruction in Gaza. There is a desperate need for the rebuilding of ruined hospitals and communities. USPG is working with the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, to support the work of reconstruction and to give medical aid. Please support my Bishop's Lent Appeal, and through it the USPG Lent Appeal, as generously and sacrificially as you can. Your donation will enable people in Gaza to rebuild hope. There will be a retiring collection today for those who wish to support this. Thank you.

**St Peter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:** St Peter's present building was consecrated in September 1976 and so 2026 will be its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Vestry are planning a weekend of celebration on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026, and hopefully will be able to involve the local community to these events. Further details will be available in due course.

However, one of the commemorations needs a little longer to plan and achieve and as was intimated and voted at the 2024 AGM it was agreed to install a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary stained glass window. The Vestry are presently working with the designer of Jean Boland's window are awaiting a preliminary design for consideration.

In order to help raise funds for the window the Vestry have made the decision to launch a "Sponsor a Pane for £10" appeal starting today, Easter Sunday. Further details are in the latest edition of the magazine. A list of sponsors will be kept for historical purposes and there is no limit to the number of panes that anyone can sponsor. Perhaps you might like to sponsor one in memory of a loved one, or to remember past members of the congregation; everything is possible. This appeal will be running until the window is installed, so everyone has the opportunity to sponsor as and when they are able.

Please give any sponsorship to Judy Webster, clearly marking it for the window appeal. Thank you in advance for your generosity and let's make 2026 a year to remember.

**Health and Safety:** The Fabric Repairs Log, Risk Assessment Register, Accident Book and First Aid Kit are situated in the Kitchen.

**Post- Easter Break:** The Rector will be away from 20<sup>th</sup> April pm till 29<sup>th</sup> April. For pastoral emergencies, please phone the Rectory number where your call will be diverted to someone who can help.



