

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 12th January 2025, Epiphany 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: 352 Crown him with many crowns

Collect: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; 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 Lord we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 705) Isaiah 43.1-7
 (SPB Romans 12.1)

Responsorial Psalm: 29

1. Praise the Lord, you heavenly beings;
praise his glory and power.
2. **Praise the Lord's glorious name;
bow down before the Holy One when he appears.**
3. The voice of the Lord is heard on the seas;
the glorious God thunders,
and his voice echoes over the ocean.
4. **The voice of the Lord is heard
in all its might and majesty.**
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,
even the cedars of Lebanon.
6. **He makes the mountains of Lebanon jump like calves
and makes Mount Hermon leap like a young bull.**
7. The voice of the Lord makes the lightning flash.
8. **His voice makes the desert shake;
he shakes the desert of Kadesh.**
9. The Lord's voice shakes the oaks[c]
and strips the leaves from the trees
while everyone in his Temple shouts, "Glory to God!"
10. **The Lord rules over the deep waters;
he rules as king forever.**
11. The Lord gives strength to his people
and blesses them with peace.

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 158) Acts 8.14-17

Gradual hymn: 52 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia Alleluia Some is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 77) Luke 3.15-17,21-22
(SPB St luke 2.41)

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: 420 O Jesus I have promised

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: SP46 Make me a channel of your peace

Prayer after Communion: **Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen**

Blessing: Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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: 394 Let all the world in every corner sing

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 15th January 10am Eucharist
Sunday 19th 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 in the hall.

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 after the 10am service. All welcome.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th February 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.

The Rector: The Rector will be attending the Annual Clergy Conference at St Mary's Monastery, Perth from 3rd-6th Feb and will have very limited access to email or calls. . For URGENT pastoral issues, please call the Rectory number where your call will be forwarded to someone who can help. Thank You.

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