

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 18th January 2026, Epiphany 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: SP36 Jesus is Lord

Collect: Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect(SPB) Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us peace all the days of your life; through 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 712) Isaiah 49.1-7
(SPB 1 Romans 12.6)

Responsorial Psalm: 40.1-11

1. I waited patiently for the Lord's help;
then he listened to me and heard my cry.

2. **He pulled me out of a dangerous pit, out of the deadly quicksand.
He set me safely on a rock and made me secure.**
3. He taught me to sing a new song,
a song of praise to our God.
Many who see this will take warning
and will put their trust in the Lord.
4. **happy are those who trust the Lord,
who do not turn to idols
or join those who worship false gods.**
5. You have done many things for us, O Lord our God;
there is no one like you!
You have made many wonderful plans for us.
I could never speak of them all—their number is so great!
6. **You do not want sacrifices and offerings;
you do not ask for animals burned whole on the altar
or for sacrifices to take away sins.
Instead, you have given me ears to hear you,**
7. and so I answered, “Here I am;
your instructions for me are in the book of the Law.[b]
8. **How I love to do your will, my God!
I keep your teaching in my heart.”**
9. In the assembly of all your people, Lord,
I told the good news that you save us.
You know that I will never stop telling it.
10. **I have not kept the news of salvation to myself;
I have always spoken of your faithfulness and help.
In the assembly of all your people I have not been silent
about your loyalty and constant love.**
11. Lord, I know you will never stop being merciful to me.
Your love and loyalty will always keep me safe.

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 205) 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9

Gradual hymn: 360 Firmly I believe and truly

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessing on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

Gospel: *(Page 117) John 1.29-42*
 (SPB St John 2.1)

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: 296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

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: 353 Dera Lord and Father of mankind

Prayer after Communion: **God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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: 271 Alleluia sing to Jesus

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. Intinction is not permitted in this Diocese. 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:

Wed 21 st January	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 25 th January	9.15am	Eucharist (SPB)
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist(Celtic)

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 resume after on Friday 23rd January 2026 at 10.30am.

Craft Group: Craft Group will resume on Monday 19th January at 2pm.

Gowrie House: The next service is on Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 2pm.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be on Sunday 1st February after the 10.30am service

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 29th January 2026 at 2pm in the small meeting room. All welcome.

Study Group: The group will meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 11am. The next meeting is on 21st January 2026.

Candlemass: Christingle making for Candlemass on Saturday 31st January at 10am in the small meeting room. All materials provided. There will be a retiring collection for The Aberlour Trust at the service on 1st February.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th February 2026 at 7.00pm in the lower meeting room.

West Fife Area Council: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th February at Holy Trinity Dunfermline at 7.30pm. Speaker to be confirmed. All Welcome.

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

Kirkcaldy Foodbank: Perhaps you might consider contributing an extra tin or two. Collection basket in the vestibule.

Clergy Conference: The Rector will be attending the annual clergy conference from 3-5th February.

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.