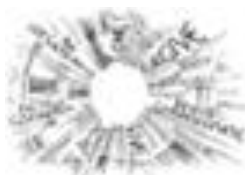


St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 23rd February 2025, Epiphany 7

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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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: 440 Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Collect: Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Collect(SPB) O Lord Gpd, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity. 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 49) Genesis 45.3-11,15
(SPB 2 Corinthians 11. 19)

Psalm: 37.1-12

1. Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
2. **for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.**
3. Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
4. **Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**
5. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:
6. **He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.**
7. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.
8. **Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.**
9. For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.
10. **A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.**
11. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.
12. **The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them;**

Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Second reading: (Page220) 1 Corinthians 15. 35-38, 42-50

Gradual hymn: 341 Blest are the pure in heart

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page 82) Luke 6. 27-38
(SPB St Luke 8.4)

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: 391 King of Glory, King of peace

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: 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Prayer after Communion: **Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that, strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Blessing: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: 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: 436 Praise my soul the king of heaven

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 12th February 10am Eucharist

Sunday 16th February 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 28th February 2025 at 10.30am in the hall.

Craft Group: The group will continue on Monday 24th February 2025 at 1.30pm. Cost £2 per session, includes refreshments. All welcome.

Fellowship Group: The fellowship group will meet on Thursday 27th February 2025 at 2pm in the hall

Study Group: The Lent Course starts on Wednesday 11th March at 11am prompt. The course will run for 5 weeks. Refreshments available before the start each week. All welcome

World Day of Prayer: The 2025 World Day of Prayer is on Friday 7th March 2025 at 2pm and is hosted this year by St Peter's. If you would like to volunteer to take part in the service or help with teas/coffees/ stewarding, please speak to the Rector.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday falls on 5th March this year and marks the start of Lent. Services of Imposition of Ashes and Communion will be held at 10am(said) and 2pm(sung). All welcome.

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.

Magazine: Jeeta and Richard Ouston will be delighted to receive any contributions for the magazine which will be due at Easter. Please email contributions to him at Richard.16@hotmail.co.uk or send to 1 Burts Wynd East Weymss KY1 4RF **before Sunday 16th March.**

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.

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