

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 4th January 2026, Epiphany

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: 47 As with gladness men of old

Collect: Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son, guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; 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 God, who by the leading of a star did'st manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; 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 722) Isaiah 60.1-6
(SPB 1 Ephesians 3.1)*

Responsorial Psalm: 72.1-7,10-14

1. Teach the king to judge with your righteousness, O God;
share with him your own justice,
2. **so that he will rule over your people with justice
and govern the oppressed with righteousness.**
3. May the land enjoy prosperity;
may it experience righteousness.
4. **May the king judge the poor fairly;
may he help the needy
and defeat their oppressors.**
5. May your people worship you as long as the sun shines,
as long as the moon gives light, for ages to come.
6. **May the king be like rain on the fields,
like showers falling on the land.**
7. May righteousness flourish in his lifetime,
and may prosperity last as long as the moon gives light.
10. **The kings of Spain and of the islands will offer him gifts;
the kings of Sheba and Seba will bring him offerings.**
11. All kings will bow down before him;
all nations will serve him.
12. **He rescues the poor who call to him,
and those who are needy and neglected.**
13. He has pity on the weak and poor;
he saves the lives of those in need.
14. **He rescues them from oppression and violence;
their lives are precious to him.**

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

<i>Gradual hymn:</i>	48	Bethlehem of noblest cities
<i>Gospel acclamation:</i>		Alleluia! Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!
<i>Gospel:</i>		(Page 117) John 1.29-42 (SPB St Matthew 2.1)
<i>Sermon:</i>		The Revd Canon Christine Fraser
<i>Intercessions:</i>		<i>Composed and prayed on behalf of the congregation by a member of the Intercessors Group</i>
<i>Peace:</i>		<i>A sign of the peace is exchanged with our immediate neighbours</i>
<i>Offertory hymn:</i>	49	Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
<i>Administration of Communion:</i>		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.
<i>Communion hymn:</i>	295	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
<i>Prayer after Communion:</i>		God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognise Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen
<i>Blessing:</i>		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.
<i>Recessional Hymn:</i>	235	Forth in thy name O Lord I go

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 7 th January	10.00am	Eucharist
Sun 11 th January	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: Zumba will resume 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 14th January 2026 at 2pm.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing: The next service will be today 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.

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the lower meeting room.

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.

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
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