

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 5th January 2025, 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: 332 All hail the power of Jesu's name

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, the Responsorial Psalm and the New Testament Reading are read by a member of the Readers Group.*

First reading: (Page 722) Isaiah 60.1-6
(SPB 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 ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

Second reading: (Page 241) Ephesians 3.1-12

Gradual hymn: Supplement We three kings of Orient are

Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!**

Gospel: (Page4) Matthew 2.1-12
(SPB St Matthew 2.1)

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: 48 Bethlehem of noblest cities

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: 40 What child is this?

Prayer after Communion: **Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Blessing: Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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: 235 Forth in thy name O Lord I go

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 8th January 10am Eucharist

Sunday 12th 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 in the hall at 10.30am.

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 7th January 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.